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## Selectboard opening

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Josh, Linda, members of the Selectboard,

I'd like to be considered as the temporary fill-in for the Selectboard seat vacated by Cody Quattrochi. I am sure that you'll get any number of qualified applicants and am more than happy to see the seat filled by one of them, but if on the off chance that no one else wants the slot ... well, as I said, I'd like to be considered. I understand that this position would run until the next town meeting or until any special town meeting that might be called pursuant to a petition bearing the signatures of 5% of town voters.

I have lived in Richmond since 2002. I am a current Justice of the Peace for Richmond. I have a master's degree in public administration from Virginia Tech (1990) and pursued, but wound up not completing, a PhD in public administration. I work as a software trainer, consultant, analyst, programmer, and jack-of-all-trades for athenahealth, a software company that evolved out of IDX Systems Corporation via GE Healthcare; I've been there since 1998.

I spent most of 2020 attending Selectboard meetings each week so I have a pretty good idea of what sort of work the position entails (although obviously I don't get to see the hours and hours of work you routinely put in to be prepared for the meetings). I haven't made it to very many meetings in 2021 because, as it happens, NAMI Vermont (National Alliance on Mental Illness - Vermont chapter) started a Monday evening peer support group that I lead on the first and third Mondays of each month. If I were to be appointed to fill the Selectboard seat, I'd swap with the people who do 2nd and 4th Mondays so I could attend the Selectboard.

I've been very active as part of the Richmond Racial Equity group since we started up in June of 2020, serving as webmaster, Zoom coordinator, and pretty much everything else IT-related.

Thank you for your time and for considering my application.

Cordially,

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