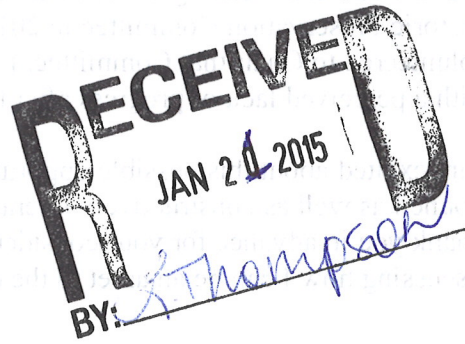


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**Subject: Letter of Interest in vacant City Council seat appointment**

This letter is intended to express my interest in appointment to fill the current vacancy on the City of Texarkana City Council (Ward 5).

I, my wife, and our two teenaged children have been residents of Texarkana's Ward 5 since moving to this area in 2008. My children have attended school at every campus of the Pleasant Grove School District since that time, and my wife is currently employed in Ward 5 as well.

I am a pediatrician at Collom & Carney Clinic, having practiced there since moving from Tyler, Texas. My education includes a Bachelor of Arts degree from Hardin-Simmons University (in Abilene, Texas) and a Doctorate of Medicine from University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio. I received my MD there in 1995, and completed three years of Pediatric Internship/Residency training at Saint Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center (in Phoenix, Arizona) in 1998.

In the six years since opening my practice in Pediatrics here in Texarkana, between the two local hospitals I have had the opportunity to serve on medical Quality Improvement Council, as well as Medical Ethics, Graduate Medical Education, Medical Records, Infection Control, and Credentials committees. I have also served a year as Chief of Staff as well as acting Chairman of the Medical Executive Committee. While each of these opportunities involved overtly medical issues and circumstances, I have learned much regarding the interaction of various personalities and how to motivate change in the pursuit of improvement. Furthermore, the training process for serving as Chief of Staff involved multiple national seminars dealing with management and liability issues. The year of serving in that position also involved dealing with disciplinary and interpersonal issues amongst the medical staff.

My family relocated to Texarkana in 2008 mainly due to the success of local businesses, the growth rates in this area, and the friendliness of the people in and around this unique city. Since my arrival here, I have developed an avid interest in the history of our city

and its structures, leading to my membership in the Texarkana (Texas) Downtown Historic Preservation Committee in 2012. When the acting Chairman resigned in 2013, I volunteered to Chair that Committee, leaving the position in 2014 due to my frustration with a perceived lack of progress after two years of involvement.

I am excited about this possible opportunity to collaborate with the members of the Council as well as constructively interact with the constituents of the Ward I reside in. Thank you in advance for your consideration. I look forward to meeting with you and discussing how I can be an asset to the city of Texarkana.

Respectfully,



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