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Berlin City Council
c/o City Clerk
168 Main Street
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Dear Members of the Berlin City Council,

I am writing to express my strong interest in the open citizen position on the Berlin Police Commission, as advertised recently. My extensive experience, commitment to community service, and background in behavioral science make me a well-suited candidate for this vital role.

My professional journey, encompassing roles such as an Adolescent Clinician at Easter Seals and a Program Coordinator at the Northern NH Correctional Facility, has equipped me with a unique skill set and a profound understanding of community dynamics. In these positions, I refined my abilities to assess, plan, and implement initiatives that positively influence individuals and communities. I have provided both inpatient counseling services and intense outpatient services that focused on families and youth involving both the Department of Children, Youth and Families, and the Department of Juvenile Justice, and have been called to testify in several court cases.

I wish to underscore my previous role as a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC), as outlined in my resume. Although I am no longer actively certified, the skills and insights acquired during my tenure in this capacity significantly shape my approach to behavioral science and community engagement.

As a LADC, I gained a deep understanding of substance abuse issues, honed my counseling abilities, and collaborated with diverse individuals seeking support and recovery. This experience provided valuable insights into the complexities of human behavior and the social dynamics crucial for community well-being. While I may not currently hold the LADC certification, the knowledge and empathy acquired during that period continue to guide my commitment to community service.

My tenure as an Adjunct Faculty Member at White Mountains Community College enriched my understanding of diverse perspectives and reinforced my dedication to education and

community engagement. Although no longer affiliated with the college, I leverage the knowledge and skills acquired during my tenure to contribute meaningfully to community-oriented initiatives.

Moreover, my background as a Behavioral Science Specialist in the United States Army has equipped me with the expertise to navigate complex situations, provide counseling services, and facilitate critical incident stress debriefings. Contributing to military and civilian operations during times of conflict, I take pride in my ability to remain steadfast and effective in challenging environments.

My academic achievements, including an M.S. in Human Services with a focus on Organizational Management and Leadership, underscore my commitment to ongoing professional development and leadership excellence.

I am excited about the opportunity to bring my skills and dedication to the Berlin Police Commission. My diverse experiences and my passion for community service align well with the commission's goals. I look forward to discussing how my unique background and skills can contribute to the commission's mission.

Thank you for considering my application. I am eager to discuss further my qualifications and how I can contribute to the commission during an interview.

Sincerely,

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