



May 10, 2017



Dear Mike McQuaid,

This letter is to state my interest and desire to serve on the South Lake Union Community Council in a Board appointed position.

Pursuing Union/Kakao/415's mission of seeking to be a Third Place in the neighborhood has provided a ring side seat to both the physical and community changes in the neighborhood and has deepened my desire to foster a healthy and thriving community. By hosting a wide variety of local corporate events in our venue, getting to know neighbors through the café and walking alongside those in need through Union's partnerships with both local social service agencies and other faith communities I have a growing and integrated understanding of the South Lake Union community that hopefully would be an asset to the work of the council.

Besides thirty years as an entrepreneurial pastor my experience in strengthening communities includes providing houses and educational services to homeless families Tijuana though founding the non- profit Doxa (Homes without Boundaries) , participating on the board of Big Table which is committed to supporting workers in the hospitality industry and serving as President of the Nathan Hale High School Foundation.

Having childhood history that ties me to the neighborhood I look forward to helping create vibrant life affirming South Lake Union community for the future.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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