

To Mayor and Council,

This letter is express interest in serving the remainder of Yvonne Ridge's Term on City Council. My name is Liz Hoogstra, and I live at 3465 Daryls Way, in District 1.

I moved to Charlotte nearly 15 years ago, when I took a job as a probation officer for Eaton County. My husband Jason is a Sergeant with the Michigan State Police and we have three amazing children. Our oldest and only daughter attends Davenport University and my two sons are attend Charlotte Public Schools.

I have BA in Criminal Justice/Social Science from Michigan State University and have more than 20 years of experience as the Probation Officer and Chief Probation Officer. I have the ability to communicate and have established great relationships in the community. I have the experience to continue to move Charlotte in a positive direction. I believe in empowering people and being up front about my expectations.

I have never held public office, but I have served as a board member on several committee's over the years, including Families Against Narcotics and the Sandstone Board Association. I am comfortable with learning new things and making recommendations for action. I am not afraid of making tough decisions and know I have the ability to reason but at the same time remain in compliance with laws, rules and regulations. I do not claim to know everything and I am not afraid to ask questions.

I would welcome the honor and privilege of working with you and serving the City of Charlotte, and feel my background and experience makes me well qualified. I do not have any preconceived notions about what may be best for Charlotte and I will always do what I believe is right for the community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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