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September 24, 2024

To: Alderpersons, City of Annapolis

From: Mayor Gavin Buckley

Re: Board of Supervisors of Elections

I respectfully submit for your approval the appointment of Mr. Liam Mercer to the Board of Supervisors of Elections. Mr. Mercer is a resident of Ward 1, a registered Democrat and was recommended by the Annapolis Democratic Central Committee. This appointment fills a vacancy on the Board. His letter of interest is attached.

Liam Mercer 43 Dean St. Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Thank You.

Recommended Favorably - 10/4/24 KAJ Sheila M. Finlagen

Dear Annapolis City Council:

My name is Liam Mercer, and I am a resident of Ward One in Annapolis. I am a registered Democrat voter, and I am submitting this letter of interest to serve on the Board of Supervisors of Elections fulfilling the duration of the term of the outgoing board member.

I take my civic duty as a voter very seriously. I have voted in every election that I have been an eligible voter, including in person on election day and by mail. I believe every eligible voter should have a reasonable opportunity to register and vote in all elections. As such, I have volunteered since 2020 with the non-partisan voter engagement organization Reclaim Our Vote. I have written over 1,500 postcards to voters across the United States notifying them of key voting dates and requirements in their jurisdiction with the goal of improving voter participation.

Voters deserve a transparent and organized election. To achieve a successful election, voters must have a streamlined and predictable experience at the polls. Likewise, I feel strongly that all eligible candidates have a fair and equal opportunity to attain ballot access. I previously worked on a presidential campaign in 2019 securing ballot access in the 2020 primary election, and I understand the importance of a fair and transparent process.

Professionally, I work in affordable housing development in the Mid-Atlantic Region. I have experience responding to requests for proposals with comprehensive detail in an organized fashion. I will bring the same attention to detail to the Board of Supervisors of Elections.

If appointed, I look forward to serving the residents of Annapolis according to local laws and regulations enacted by the City Council.

Sincerely,

Liam Mercer