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Mary Hagan  
Clerk of Council  
City of Lakewood, Ohio  
12650 Detroit Rd.  
Lakewood, OH 44107

Dear Ms. Hagan,

Please share with members of council my cover letter and resume expressing interest in the position of ward 1 council member.

I am the former Program Director of the Catholic Charities Family Center of Lorain and have 22 years experience in the non-profit social service sector. I hold a masters degree in Public Administration from the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Studies at Cleveland State University. I also have experience teaching Political Science and Public Administration courses at the college level, as well as training and lecturing as a consultant. I currently operate a small business in Lakewood (My Life Media DJ Services) and continue to be involved with a variety of charity organizations throughout northern Ohio.

Perhaps most significantly, I am a lifelong resident of Lakewood, growing up on Brockley Avenue and attending Lakewood public schools. For the last 20 or so years I have lived in ward 1 almost all of that time at our current residence on the corner of Northwood and Webb. I feel confident that I can effectively represent the concerns of those living in ward 1.

I look forward to discussing with members of council how I might be of benefit to the needs of council, residents of ward 1 and, of course, the city as a whole.

Thanks and best wishes –

James E. Gepperth, MPA

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## EXPERIENCE

### Program Director

2000 - 2008

CATHOLIC CHARITIES FAMILY CENTER OF LORAIN  
Diocese of Cleveland, Cleveland Ohio

- Direct emergency services and family support activities for multi-purpose family center serving city and county of Lorain, Ohio
- Serve on System Directors Team for Catholic Charities Health & Human Services of the Cleveland Diocese
- Manage a budget of \$280,000 for the Family Center of Lorain, housed within a \$1.4 million county budget
- Secure funding for programs through grant writing, public contracting, special events and other initiatives
- Recruit, train, and supervise employees and over 70 volunteers for Family Center
- Speak and train locally and at national forums

### Adjunct Professor

2005 - 2007

CAPITAL UNIVERSITY, POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT  
Cleveland, Ohio

- Provided class instruction to adult learners pursuing undergraduate degree
- Designed coursework in following: Introduction to American Government & Politics, Introduction to Public Policy, Public Personnel Administration, Introduction to Public Administration
- Planned and facilitated student experiences such as in-class guest speakers and field projects
- Advised students during final project and coursework

### Program Coordinator

1995 - 2000

CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DISABILITY SERVICES  
Diocese of Cleveland, Cleveland Ohio

- Directed Adult Education Program for adults with mental retardation and developmental disabilities.
- Directed summer programs at 6 sites for children, young adults, and adults with mental retardation and developmental disabilities.
- Directed social/recreation programs for persons with & without mental retardation and developmental disabilities.
- Developed In-Home Supported Living Program for persons with mental retardation and developmental disabilities.

### Teacher's Assistant

1986 - 1995

APOSTOLATE FOR PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES  
Diocese of Cleveland, Cleveland Ohio

- Served as Teacher Assistant at OLA/St. Joseph Center, a grade school for children ages 6 to 16 with developmental disabilities

### Small Business Owner/Operator

1990 - Present

MY LIFE MEDIA DJ SERVICES

## AREAS OF EFFECTIVENESS

Leadership - Management - Communication - Public Relations - Grant Writing

## EDUCATION

LEVIN COLLEGE at CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY: Master's Degree, Public Administration, 2002

CAPITAL UNIVERSITY: B.A. Degree, Public Administration with Professional Politics concentrate, 1996

CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE: A.A. Degree, 1989

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Served as Board Chair of Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio, Served as member of strategic planning committee and curriculum review committee for Lorain Public Schools, Served as board member of Lorain County Homeless Taskforce, Served as

member of Lorain County Uninsured Coalition (Healthcare advocacy and service delivery), Served as appointed member of Planning Committee for Lorain County Department of Job & Family Services, Also involved in a variety of charity organizations and fundraising efforts in Northern Ohio.