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Dear Selectboard,

I would like to be considered for a seat on the Development Review Board.

I have been a resident of Charlotte for 6 ½ years. I am retired.

I am currently the secretary of the CVFRS Board. I was previously on the Energy Committee.

I have a BA in Environmental Design from the University of Pennsylvania.

While my career path veered to the more technical, my interests are always anchored in thinking about design and the environment.

My career focused on optimizing energy use in new and existing buildings. Over the course of 40 years, my roles were:

Manager of a smart buildings program for a national non-profit

Director of product management for manufacturers promoting efficient use of lighting

Construction project manager for building automation contractors

Energy auditor in a state-funded program

Design intern for 2 architecture firms

I have spent my career working with plans, specifications and technical construction requirements. My work was closely tied to understanding, interpreting and anticipating changes in the building codes.

Other experience

Two years ago, I designed a garage and worked through the permitting process in Charlotte.

While living in an affluent urban community in Northern California, I completed the design and received approval from the town's design review board for a major addition to a historic house. I was the only homeowner in anyone's memory who successfully presented to the town's design review board and completed the extended process, representing myself, without hiring a design team. I know what it is like to sit on the other side of the table.

How I think about development?

I would be an impartial decisionmaker considering each application on its own merits. On the one hand, I believe in development and am personally drawn to the built environment and get excited about construction. On the other hand, I am a conservationist and care deeply about preserving this beautiful landscape we are fortunate to share.

My wife and I have found a home in this community and I seek opportunities to give back to the community. I believe that I could be a fresh voice on the DRB.

Thank you for your consideration,

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