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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my interest in becoming a voting member of the "Go Greener West Lafayette" commission. My interest in the position lies in both my personal ethos of a sustainable lifestyle and professional background in sustainability consulting and environmental science. An interdisciplinary Master's Degree in Ecological Science & Engineering makes me an ideal candidate for this position.

Experience pertinent to this position includes, but is not limited to, graduate coursework in: The Future of Water Resources, Global Environmental Issues, Environmental Health, Communicating Global Climate Change, Ecology, and Community Involvement in Natural Resource Management. During the past year, I have used my interdisciplinary environmental training as an independent consultant, with special focus on incorporating sustainable practices within the framework of small business. I have also taught natural science with an environmental focus for The Art Institute of Indianapolis. During my academic career, I have worked on environmentally related topics such as updating floodplains for FEMA using GIS software, developing a sustainability training program for businesses, and contributing to West Lafayette's "Go Greener" city committee.

I have always had a passion for nature. Running through ethereal early-morning fog, or cowering in the might of a late-afternoon thunderstorm provided the foundation for understanding dew-point, isobars, and tropical cyclones. Fascination over volcanism and earthquakes led to a more intricate understanding of plate tectonics and geologic hot spots. Digging canals in a stone driveway during winter's thaw led to a thorough investigation of runoff and avulsion. Encyclopedic memorization of various flora and fauna in led to a greater understanding of ecological food webs, and evolutionary processes.

The aforementioned qualities and skills make me a well-suited candidate for this position. Furthermore, I am eager to contribute to the Go Greener West Lafayette committee and building upon my breadth of knowledge in sustainability and conservation

Sincerely,

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