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Hon. Tyisha Walker-Myers, President
New Haven Board of Alders
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President Walker-Myers:

I am writing to formally request consideration from the Board of Alders regarding the City's application for an exception to the City Charter requirement concerning resident elector status for the Acting City Assessor, Mr. Alex Pullen.

As you are aware, the City Charter mandates that all appointed officials must hold resident elector status unless a case-specific exception is granted pursuant to the criteria outlined in Sec. 2-221 of the New Haven Code of Ordinances. Based on the recommendation from the Mayor and the certification of the City's Personnel Director as outlined by Ordinance, an exception is being sought for Mr. Pullen in his role as the Acting City Assessor.

Mr. Pullen possesses highly specialized qualifications, specifically the Certified Connecticut Municipal Assessor Level II (CCMA II) designation. This designation is only held by a **small** number of professionals in the State of Connecticut, and the only known New Haven resident with this designation is the current Deputy/Assistant Assessor who has declined consideration for the City Assessor role. Furthermore, candidates interested in the role of City Assessor must at minimum possess a CCMA I to sign the City's annual grand list. Mr. Pullen has served in this acting capacity since December of 2011. His dedication, expertise, and commitment to the betterment of our City have been exemplary.

However, it is also pertinent to note that Mr. Pullen's family home is situated in North Haven. This home has been in Mr. Pullen's home for three generations and represents a significant financial and personal investment. Selling this home would result in significant economic and personal loss for Mr. Pullen.

In light of these circumstances, we believe that granting an exception to the resident elector status requirement for the current Acting City Assessor is not only justified but also crucial for the continued progress and prosperity of our City.

Therefore, I urge the Board of Alders to carefully consider this application and to grant the necessary exception to allow Mr. Pullen to continue serving our City in his capacity as the Acting City Assessor. Doing so will not only acknowledge his exceptional contributions but also ensure the continued success and advancement of New Haven.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I am confident that your careful consideration will lead to a decision that is in the best interest of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sean Matteson', is written over the typed name and title.

Sean Matteson
Chief of Staff