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Hi,

My name is Sean Buskey, i'm writing you today in regards to my interest in joining the New Haven Peace Commission. i apologize for the delayed response, i have been dealing with a death in the family and lost track of certain tasks that i had due. So, i am 34, single male, born and raised in and around New Haven County, i have spent the majority of my adult life living in New Haven itself. I paint houses for a living, but have always been very interested in things such as politics, activism, & social justice movements. I am currently living at the New Haven Zen Center on Mansfield St, which is a zen buddhist temple that offers residential training for those who are serious about their spiritual practice, as i am. i was first made aware of the Peace Commission by our Abbott, Paul Bloom, who's wife, Millie, is a member. She invited me to sit in on some of the commission's Zoom meetings to see how it works and what they do and i was immediately interested in seeking membership and becoming more involved. though i have always been interested in finding ways to make a positive impact in my community, that interest and desire has only grown stronger as i have become more rooted in my spiritual practice, and i feel that the Peace Commission offers a great opportunity to do just that. i have done a lot of non-political volunteer work over the years, as well some volunteer work with a few local political campaigns during recent election seasons, as well as always showing up and showing support for demonstrations by local activist groups within the peace movements or racial justice movements. As much as i do believe in grassroots movements, i also believe that it is still always vital that there are people willing to do the less glamorous behind the scenes work with city officials in order to make sure that these ideas actually get somewhere. i really love the concept of the commission, as well as it's stances, ideas, and goals, and the people involved. it would be a great honor to join in, to learn from those who have come before me, and to continue the great work that the commission has done thus far, as well as bringing new ideas and new energy moving forward!

thanks,

-Sean

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