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Richmond City Council  
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Dear Members of City Council,

Over the past weeks and months, I have had the opportunity to meet with many of you to share my passion for public service and, more importantly, for Richmond's East End community. Although I live in Union Hill, I come from a small community in rural Virginia called Appomattox. Appomattox is a place that *looks* very different from the place I now call home. However, despite their surface differences, I've found a sense of community in the East End that is very much the same. Neighbors here care for each other, live together, worship together, work together, and struggle together. I believe they also want representatives on City Council, and at all levels of government, to do the same. I also believe my East End neighbors are willing to look past surface differences and to measure those who would seek to serve them solely by each individual's ability and the content of their character.

My neighbors deserve a representative who will work to bridge our community and to carefully and intelligently consider the issues that will confront us in the coming months. To that end, and with all humility, I have enclosed with this letter my resume and a notarized certificate of candidate qualification for the position of interim City Council Member for the Seventh District of Richmond. I look forward to meeting with each of you as you work toward selecting someone to fill the void left by Rev. McQuinn's departure for the General Assembly. For many years, she worked tirelessly for the citizens of the Seventh and did her best to serve the interests of the entire community. I hope that you will find me worthy of that same opportunity.

Please feel welcome to contact me at any time with questions you may have.

Respectfully,

Matthew A. Conrad