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SUB: Membership On Board of Directors

Ms. Whitethorn,

The current membership of the Board of Directors rests at five members for a seven member board. A full board provides flexibility to meeting schedules, discussions, and decisions - especially in situations when a quorum is required. I would like to be considered to fill one of the vacancies on the Board of Directors for the remainder of the existing term.

I will objectively determine whether or not to seek any vacancies that might be available after October, 2017, understanding such a decision must be made earlier than that month in order to be placed on the ballot.

The importance of a quality clinic and hospital is extremely essential to the health of the citizens of Petersburg and the Borough, and those visiting the community and outlying areas. Without a quality clinic and hospital there are young professionals with strong resumes who retain mobility in their fields who will seek to leave Petersburg. They will take with them needed skills, talent, and perhaps young family members. The voids they leave may be difficult to refill. There are also government agencies that may choose to relocate if the community no longer has a quality hospital and medical clinic. The outstanding employees of the clinic and hospital are a stable and significant portion of the economic engine that supports the community.

In summary, I feel strongly about the importance of a viable community hospital and medical clinic and given existing vacancies, would like to serve as a member of the Board of Directors. I have past experience as a member of the board for about 8 years, and as an EMT-1 with the Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department for 20 years. I have been a permanent resident of the city since September, 1974 with two exceptions. An eight-month deployment with the Alaska Army National Guard after September 11, 2001 to supervise airport security, and a five-month deployment to Fort Richardson in 2003 to station the Missile Battalion in Ft. Greely.

Thank you for your consideration, and the consideration of your board members.

Respectfully,

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cc: Ms. Liz Woodyard, CEO, Petersburg Medical Center