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David Cullison
DeKalb County Department of Planning & Sustainability
330 W. Ponce de Leon Avenue
Third Floor
Decatur, Georgia 30030

Dear Mr. Cullison,

I am writing a letter of interest in regard to the DeKalb County Historic Preservation Commission position. I was made aware of this position through Sarah C. Pitts, a current member of the DeKalb County Historic Preservation Commission.

Currently, I am a resident of DeKalb County and have resided here since June of 2020. In an effort to begin engaging with my community, I joined the Kirkwood Neighborhood Association and became a member of the Zoning Review Committee in late summer. I am also a registered architect, specializing in Historic Preservation with 8+ years of experience. I have prior experience of submitting applications and plans to Historic Preservation Commissions, including DeKalb County, City of Atlanta and City of Birmingham, so I am familiar with the application and approval process. Being able to leverage my experience as a preservation architect to serve as a member of the Historic Preservation Commission would be a great learning experience and provide a new perspective for me.

Please consider my attached resume and this letter as a sincere intent of interest. Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Olivia Hallquist

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EDUCATION Georgia Institute of Technology 2011 - 2013

Master of Architecture

Highest Honors

Miami University 2006 - 2010

Bachelor of Arts in Architecture

Minor in Spanish and Latin American Studies

Architectural Association

Summer Semester Program Summer 2009

EXPERIENCE Lord Aeck Sargent, A Katerra Company // Atlanta, GA 2013 - 2021

Project Architect / Project Manager - Historic Preservation
Various project experience including the rehabilitation of historic structures, researching and writing Historic Structures Reports, performing code analyses of buildings utilizing the International Existing Building Code, conducting building assessments, and full project production and coordination from building programming to construction documents and construction administration.

Houser Walker Architecture // Atlanta, GA 2013

Architectural Intern

Assisted with site research, programming through complete construction documents, and overall project coordination for the renovation of the Historic Newnan Hospital for the new University of West Georgia at Newnan Campus.

CR ARCHITECTURE + DESIGN // Cincinnati, OH

2011

CO-OP and Architectural Intern

Assisted with zoning, land-use, district analysis & research.

Strata-G Communications // Cincinnati, OH

Summer 2010

Senior Art Directors Assistant - Creative Department

Helped generate computer-aided artwork for marketing materials.

Collaborated with the Creative team to design and produce promotional items. Developed new design themes for marketing and collateral material. Participated in project production for key clients under the Marketing Dept.

ACHIEVEMENTS Registered Architect, State of Georgia

NCARB Certified

Kirkwood Neighborhood Organization - Zoning Committee

PROFICIENT Software SKILLS Revit, Aut

Revit, AutoCAD, Sketchup, Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Microsoft Office

Craft

Sketching, model building, hand drafting, hand rendering, drawing, painting,

Personal

Proficient in organization and coordination of various data types. Interested in traveling, volunteering, and historic research.