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From: Tess S <abovebeyondts@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 9:28 AM
To: Gannon, Kathie
Cc: Jon Albert West
Subject: Planning Commission

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Commissioner Gannon,

Hope all is well. This is to request your consideration to appoint Jon West to the Planning Commission by the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Rader appointed Mr. West to the Planning Commission for District 2; however, Mr. West is planning to move out of District 2 at the end of the month. Mr. West is an active member of the Planning Commission and provides good input into our recommendations. We hope that you will enable him to remain on the Planning Commission.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warm regards,
Tess Snipes
Planning Commission Chair
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Sent from my iPhone

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From: Jon Albert West <jonalbertwest@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 10:24 AM
To: Gannon, Kathie
Cc: Rader, Jeff; Abovebeyondts@aol.com
Subject: DeKalb Co Planning Commission: Full Board Appointment

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Commissioner Gannon,

I have represented DeKalb County's District 2 on behalf of Commissioner Rader on the planning commission for nearly six years. For several of those years my wife, Sara, was living and working in D.C. About a year ago, however, Sara's work brought her back to Atlanta. Since that time we've been slowly working towards purchasing a house. Despite our efforts to locate a new home which met our needs in District Two, we ended up having to broaden our search in order to find something acceptable within our price-range. Earlier this week we went under contract on a home in East Atlanta. While the property is located in unincorporated DeKalb County, we will no longer be residing in the district that has been my home for nearly seven years.

The ordinance establishing the planning commission notes that, when a planning commissioner moves outside of his district, it is deemed a resignation effective immediately. With that in mind, I have informed Commissioner Rader of my pending resignation from the planning commission effective April 29, 2017. I have deeply appreciated the opportunity to build my professional skills while serving my neighbors. While I have not always been able to make them all happy, I feel a warm sense of fulfillment knowing that, in a meaningful way, I have helped to ensure the continued vitality and vibrancy of our community.

In the excitement of purchasing a new home, I mentioned this to my fellow members of the planning commission at a meeting earlier in the week. My fellow commissioners have encouraged me to inform you of my availability to serve in the currently-vacant planning commission seat which is appointed by the full Board of Commissioners. Our Chairperson, Tess Snipes, has already reached out to you along those lines. I am very enthusiastic at the prospect of continuing to serve the County on the planning commission and am hopeful that you, too, would find that to be worthwhile.

Here is some basic information about me that you may find helpful:

- Bachelor's Degree in Political Science, Master's Degree in Community & Regional Planning
- Member of the APA/GPA/AICP
- Employed with the GA Department of Community Affairs for 10+ years
- Manager of the State's local comprehensive planning programs
- Manager of the State's DRI (Developments of Regional Impact program)

- Developed the curriculum for Redevelopment Planning & Finance for the Georgia Academy for Economic Development (GAED)
- Past speaker on a variety of topics including sustainable development/design, zoning and development regulation, redevelopment, community planning, land-use policy, environmental policy, etc. for GMA, ACCG, GPA, GAED, CPI, etc.
- Represent DCA on the ARC's Land Use Coordinating Committee
- Represent DCA on the Advisory Board of the Livable Communities Coalition

You can find some additional information regarding my qualifications on my LinkedIn page at this address: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/jonalbertwest>. If you would like any additional information, if you would like to schedule a conversation or meeting, or if I can do anything else that would be helpful in achieving the Board's support for an appointment, please reach out. Otherwise, if the Board already has other plans for filling the current vacancy, please let me know. You can reach me via email at jonalbertwest@gmail.com or jon.west@dca.ga.gov or via cellphone at 770-490-2809.

Warm Regards,

Jon A. West