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Dear Mayor Niehaus,

My name is Luke Wojciechowski and I am writing you today to express my desire to serve on the Moab City Planning Commission.

I have been a resident of Moab for almost three and a half years. In that time, through both my professional capacity at Seekhaven and through various volunteering opportunities, I have grown to love this little, vibrant community. I have also been able to bear witness to many of the struggles that face this community – particularly the housing crisis we are currently experiencing. At Seekhaven, on a near daily basis, we struggle to assist clients in finding suitable housing for themselves and their families. Unfortunately, all too frequently we are unable find appropriate solutions for our clients and they are left with the options of returning to their unsafe living situations, overextending themselves financially, or leaving the town of Moab in search of better alternatives elsewhere. I would love to have an opportunity to be able to give them another choice – the ability to choose to find affordable, sustainable housing in the town they love. Personally, I have been fortunate enough to participate in the Mutual Self-Help program and have been able to experience the innumerable benefits that arise from being able to find affordable, sustainable housing. I hope that by serving on the planning commission I can have the opportunity to “pay it forward” and provide more residents of Moab these same benefits.

I believe that the totality of my professional experience has allowed to me to develop skills that very much lend themselves to the work done on the Planning Commission. Working as a consultant and in my capacities as Director of Client Services and Director of Programs at Seekhaven I have been forced to quickly synthesize a lot of nitty gritty details in order to help me get a better understanding of the “big picture.” Working at Thresholds and at Seekhaven, I have gotten to familiarize myself with groups of people that are often overlooked and without a voice – even though they frequently play fundamental roles in our communities. And, through the totality of my professional endeavors I have had to work collaboratively with others in order to try to successfully come to mutually beneficial outcomes.

I would be honored to serve on the Planning Commission and attempt to give back to a town and, most importantly, its residents which have already given me so much in my short time here. I thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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