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Dear Mayor Joette,

My name is Miles Loftin, I am a resident of Moab and an involved member of the community. I am very interested in having more of a voice in the community, so I am writing this letter to express my interest in serving on the Moab City Planning Commission.

Moab has been home for me long before I ever actually lived here, this was a favorite destination for my mother and I. We would come out here to climb, bike and enjoy the beauty that surrounds this town. I have watched this town grow up, and when I looked for a place to live I knew it was Moab that felt like home to me. I moved here in 2015 and now eight years later I am here trying to buy a home and start a small business. I care very much about this town and I am becoming more and more interested in being directly involved in guiding the way that this town will grow and helping to balance the needs of our residents with the needs of the millions of people that come every year to enjoy the beauty that we are so lucky to see every day.

When I moved here in 2015 I was deeply involved in the outdoor community, I worked in it and it was my sole focus while living here. I believe that my time working directly with so many of the people that come here to recreate as well as my time spent getting to know the small business owners and managers that operate the businesses that support the tourism that we have in this town gives me an important insight. It has allowed me to experience firsthand what it is like for many of us whose livelihoods depend on tourism, but whose businesses rely on a stable workforce, housing availability, affordable property for both their homes and businesses and other concerns that are common to most residents of Moab. Now I have begun working as a handyman, I have contracting and construction experience from back home in New Mexico and I saw a demand for those skills here in town. I began this work as a way to build a career here in town rather than being in a job with little to no upward mobility. So far it has been a wonderfully successful endeavor. Now I am working towards evolving from a small time handyman to obtaining a contractor's license, starting an LLC, hiring employees and building a simple self employment into a proper small business. This is both an exciting and daunting task, particularly in this town where affordable housing and employee availability are increasingly hard to find. This is the impetus for my interest in becoming more involved in city government. I want to help guide the growth of this town toward a sustainable community that supports its residents as much as it supports tourism. I believe as a handyman and entrepreneur I have a unique personal insight into the needs of a resident and small business owner and operator, I also get to talk to and interact with many people from all walks of life in this town and I hope to be able to represent their needs and vision for the future of Moab as much as my own.

I believe that I would be a good candidate for the planning commission because of my connection to the community. I know that I will be in Moab for a minimum of another seven to ten years and that I will likely be here much longer. I create my own schedule so it would be no issue to be available for the bi-monthly meetings. I believe it is very important for the community to have representation in local government and I would be honored to be a part of that. It would

be my pleasure to serve on the Moab City Planning Commission to help guide the growth of this town towards a sustainable future for its residents and its guests.

Thank you for your consideration and please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Miles Loftin

