

January 8, 2021

Sonya Howard
Metro Council Clerk
601 West Jefferson Street
First Floor, Room 108
Louisville, KY 40202

Dear Metro Council Clerk Sonya Howard,

It is with great enthusiasm that I seek the appointment from Louisville Metro Council for the vacancy of Councilman in the 25th District. As a lifetime Louisville resident with experience engaging families throughout southwest Jefferson County, I believe I am qualified for the seat.

Louisville has always been my home, more specifically, Southwest Jefferson County. I have lived in the Prairie Village area most of my life where my husband Mark and I have raised our family and have been active members of the community. Our children are now grown. Our son Hunter and his wife, Raquelle, have recently become parents to our first grandchild Koa. And our daughter Suzannah is pursuing her college degree at Morehead State University.

In addition to living in this area, I have spent most of my working career serving families in Southwest Louisville. As a Family Resource and Youth Service Center Coordinator for both a high school and an elementary school with JCPD for two decades, I worked with youth of all ages and their families to remove barriers to successful learning. Home visits were often used as a way to connect with families. By addressing the social and emotional needs of these individuals and their families, my goal was always to empower families to be self-sufficient, therefore leading to long term success. I was able to use my knowledge of community resources to connect children and their caregivers to programs and activities that would support them in their efforts to become self-sustaining. In times of need, I was able to secure families a wide array of resources including basic needs, physical health, mental health and other social services. I was also successful in organizing programs and activities in both school communities that would support student and family success. These included mentoring and tutoring programs, after school clubs and multi school sports leagues, after school meals, peer mediation and conflict resolution programs, drug and alcohol prevention activities and education, suicide prevention training, truancy court, kindergarten readiness, playground and courtyard construction, health fairs, college and career fairs and more. I was responsible for both writing and balancing the maximum allowed Family Resource and Youth Service Center annual budget and grant. Adhering to all fiscal rules and regulations that had been set by both the state and Jefferson County Public Schools was a most important consideration. I managed to juggle two very large school populations over the years and received the Harry J. Coward Award for Center Excellence, an achievement for which I am very proud.

As the Councilwoman for the 25th District for Louisville Metro Council, I aspire to represent my neighbors, district residents and businesses both professionally and passionately while keeping Louisville's well-being at the top of my priorities. It is important to me that we continually seek opportunities that create economic growth, safe communities, racial equity, healthy families and

government transparency. Through collaboration, I believe I can make positive change by bringing new ideas to the table and listening to others. Communicating with constituents and being their voice is essential for successful representation.

Thank you in advance for the opportunity to seek this vacancy. I look forward to hearing from you concerning the upcoming interview process.

Sincerely,

Amy Holton Stewart

Amy Holton Stewart
3718 Whitehall Court, Louisville, KY 40272

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OBJECTIVE

Seeking the appointment to the vacant 25th District Louisville Metro Council seat to have a positive impact in the community by striving for opportunities that create economic growth, safe communities, racial equity, healthy families and government transparency.

CAREER EXPERIENCE

United Parcel Service, Louisville, KY

Package Center Supervisor, November 2019 – September 2020

- Coordinated driver helpers for peak season
- Handled customer complaints and took immediate action concerning deliveries and pickups.
- Simultaneously utilized multiple operation systems including interactive map for dispatch and driver pickup and delivery systems.

Jefferson County Public Schools, Louisville, KY

Family Resource and Youth Service Center Coordinator (FRYSC), July 1999 – August 2019

Pleasure Ridge Park High School and Greenwood Elementary

- Developed and coordinated programs and services determined by the needs of the population being served.
- Identified and connected various resources to assist students and/or their families in need including health and social services, mental health interventions and counseling and substance abuse education. Follow up and case management was ongoing.
- Wrote and managed FRYSC grant and continuation program plans and evaluated plans using implementation and impact reports.
- Maintained active involvement with community services and resources including local businesses and churches.
- Assured compliance with any state, local and/or district regulations, deadlines and requirements.
- Prepared and balanced a maximum allocation FRYSC budget for two schools in Southwest Jefferson County. Completed the budget purchasing and receiving.

Jefferson County Public Schools, Louisville, KY

Louisville Education and Employment Partnership Career Planer, March 1992 – July 1999

Pleasure Ridge Park High School

- Taught pre-employment and work maturity skills to an identified group of at-risk students.
- Prepared students for a successful transition after graduation to either college, military or the workforce by working individually with these students and developing plans.
- Assisted students seeking part-time employment by developing relations with local businesses.

Kentucky Department of Education, Frankfort, KY

Safe and Drug Free Schools, Title IX Coordinator, March 1989 – July 1991

- Read, reviewed and approved grants from local school districts to receive federal funding for alcohol and drug prevention programming.
- Traveled statewide to audit local school districts to ensure compliance of state and federal spending guidelines.

EDUCATION

Morehead State University, Morehead, KY

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, emphasis in Public Relations, Minor in Government, May 1987

Pleasure Ridge Park High School, Louisville, KY

High School Diploma, May 1982

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Pleasure Ridge Park High School, Dance Team Sponsor, June 2014 – Current and Cheer Coach, June 1992 - May 2003

- Complied with all local, state and national rules and regulations governing these sports and completed necessary paperwork.
- Organized all fundraisers and budgets for teams.
- Purchased all equipment and costumes/uniforms for teams.
- Organized all state and out of state travel to various competitions.
- Attended camps, practices, games and competitions and motivated participants for success.
- Developed lifelong relationships with student athletes and their parents.
- Won multiple state and national titles with both teams.

Southwest Community Festival Committee Member, 1993-2000

- Festival Layout and Logistics
- Food Vendor Booth Recruiter/Organizer

Spartan Youth Football League Cheer Coach, 2005-2006

- Games and Competitions

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Computer Skills

- Proficient in Microsoft Office, Excel and Google Drive.

Communication

- Ability to effectively communicate with various age, socio-economic and diverse groups of people.

Amy Holton Stewart

REFERENCES

Kim Salyer, Retired Principal
Pleasure Ridge Park High School

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Dylan Owens, Specialist
Human Resources
Jefferson County Public Schools

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Nick Waddell, Athletic Director
Pleasure Ridge Park High School

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David Holton II, Attorney
Retired Jefferson District Court Judge

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Deborah Deweese
Retired Jefferson District Court Judge

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