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Cc: Mayor's Office Group

Subject: Civic Center Board

Honorable Mayor and Council Members,

I am interested and willing to fill the vacancy on the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center Board caused by the resignation of Al Cornella. I discussed the opening with Mayor Kooiker, some of you, current and prior Civic Center Board members, Civic Center staff, and community members. I provide the following information for your consideration:

I am a lifelong resident of Rapid City. My first job after graduating from law school was in the City Attorney's office; first as an Assistant City Attorney and then as the City Attorney. I served under Mayors LaCroix, Carlyle, and McLaughlin. During that period I developed experience and expertise in the operational, legal/regulatory environment, and, political environment of Rapid City. The broad experience of working for the City was enhanced by sound business experience in the private sector where I served as General Counsel for a publicly traded company for fourteen years. I now am employed by Regional Health in the legal department.

After I left the employ of the City, Mayor Shaw appointed me to the Civic Center Board. I served on the Board 2002-2009 and was Chairman 2004-2008. During that period, the Ice Arena was constructed and the ADA assessment and plan was developed. I remain active in the community and served on many community boards including, Regional Health Board, Boy Scout Council Board, Black Hills Symphony Orchestra Board, Public School Foundation, and, the Hanson Larson Memorial Park Board (Cowboy Hill purchase and trail system development). I also was privileged to serve as a State Senator representing our community for three terms (1986-1990 and 1992-1994) until raising two sons became my priority.

I am interested in again serving the community on the Civic Center Board because of the importance of the Civic Center to our community's quality of life and economic future. We face crucial decisions that need to be made with transparency and community consensus. My experience will assist in the selection of the new Civic Center manager, Black Hills Stock Show relationships, general operations, and the new Civic Center expansion proposal. The Civic Center is not only an icon of Rapid City, it is a cultural center and a center of commerce. It must be operated to benefit the community utilizing best business, marketing, and community involvement practices.

Thank you for your consideration of my request for appointment. I will serve with integrity, ethics, and good business sense. All with the understanding that we are temporary custodians of an important community asset. Please contact me if you have any questions.

This email is being sent in two different communications to the entire council. This is to avoid any implication of the open meetings law (no quorum).

Respectfully yours,

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