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Dear City Clerk, Ms. Nicol;

My name is Gildardo "Gil" Ocegüera. I live in City of Riverside, Ward 7, and am very interested in the City Council seat which is now vacant. In my youth, I worked in the farm fields, in construction, in restaurants and as a flight attendant for TWA. Although I have not been involved in City Government before, as a retired educator, I served the public for over 37 years and am presently serving on the City of Riverside Public Utilities Board. I am very interested in utilizing my knowledge, experience and skills to continue serving the public and the community where I live. As an educator, I taught ESL, English and Spanish at the middle and high school levels. I was a high school counselor for over 12 years, a middle and high school assistant principal, a community college counselor in two different colleges and retired as a high school principal. I speak, read and write Spanish, speak some French and some Russian.


My heart is in maximizing my service in the community in which I live. This past year in light of my interest to serve the community, I went to the City of Riverside and completed an application for serving on a City Commission or City Board and early this year was interviewed by the City Council then was appointed to the Riverside Public Utilities Board which makes me very proud. I have learned immensely and continue to grow in this position. My sense is that the Riverside City Council can benefit greatly from someone like me who has no personal agenda other than simply serving the community to the best of my ability. I would serve the City and our community by meeting with our constituency to find out the community's thoughts/ideas, wishes and/or opinions and expectations regarding, safety, innovations, growth, business and services so as to represent them well. I am certain that there will be a learning curve for me yet am very confident that I will learn, adopt, assimilate and contribute constructively and positively to the betterment of our city and community and enhance our future.

I am a proud resident of the City of Riverside and plan to work tirelessly with emphasis on maintaining our city economically solvent and at the top in the nation with recognition in arts, innovation, education, safety, technology and services. I am confident that I have the necessary background in education, experience, training and zest for constructively and positively serving my community as a City Council Member for Ward 7. If appointed to this seat, I will definitely run for the same position as this term expires. I have served the Valley View Elementary School and the Villegas Middle School and our community in the School Site Councils and PTA's and am known via my service. I am aware of and fully support the City of Riverside's Strategic Plan which I'm proud to be part of.

I appreciate this opportunity to serve my community in a more meaningful way and assure you that my work as a City Council Member will be positive and rewarding for the City of Riverside and the community I serve.

Sincerely,


Gil Ocegüera


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