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**City of Riverside
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City Council of Riverside
3900 Main Street
Riverside, CA 92522

Honorable Mayor and council members,

As a twenty-year resident of Ward 7, and a pastor serving this community for 15 years, it would be my honor to represent my ward. I believe I would productively serve my community as councilmember.

My professional and educational background have prepared me well in leadership. I have 40 years of experience in the insurance industry. My experience in mediations, mandatory-settlement conferences, trials and arbitration have helped me develop excellent negotiation skills. My role as pastor has developed my abilities in communication, mentoring and organization.

I am an Eagle Scout plus a God and Country award recipient. I have completed a bachelor's degree in management from the University of Redlands, certification in Risk Management from the University of California, Riverside, and an associate's degree in Bible World Missions. I've served and worked with the Riverside Pastor's Association. My wife and I have taught marriage counseling classes to equip couples and families for success, travelling to Burma and Malaysia as missionaries and servants to the local people. I have served the homeless in Southern California with the Heart of Compassion food ministry, led men's programs, personally mentored and counselled individuals, equipping them for personal victory.

While my professional background gives me experience and skills valuable in a role like city councilmember, I believe that my face to face communication, compassion and dedication to people make me particularly well suited to serving the city of Riverside and the people of Ward 7 as their council representative to achieve shared goals.

I am not a politician, but simply a man striving to listen and learn, dedicated to the betterment and enrichment of Riverside. I realize this is a full time job. I can and will make myself accessible to all Ward 7 residents, businesses and the entire city. I ask you to consider my appointment to the seat of Ward 7 council and give me the opportunity to serve this great city.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Gano

Riverside, CA 92503