



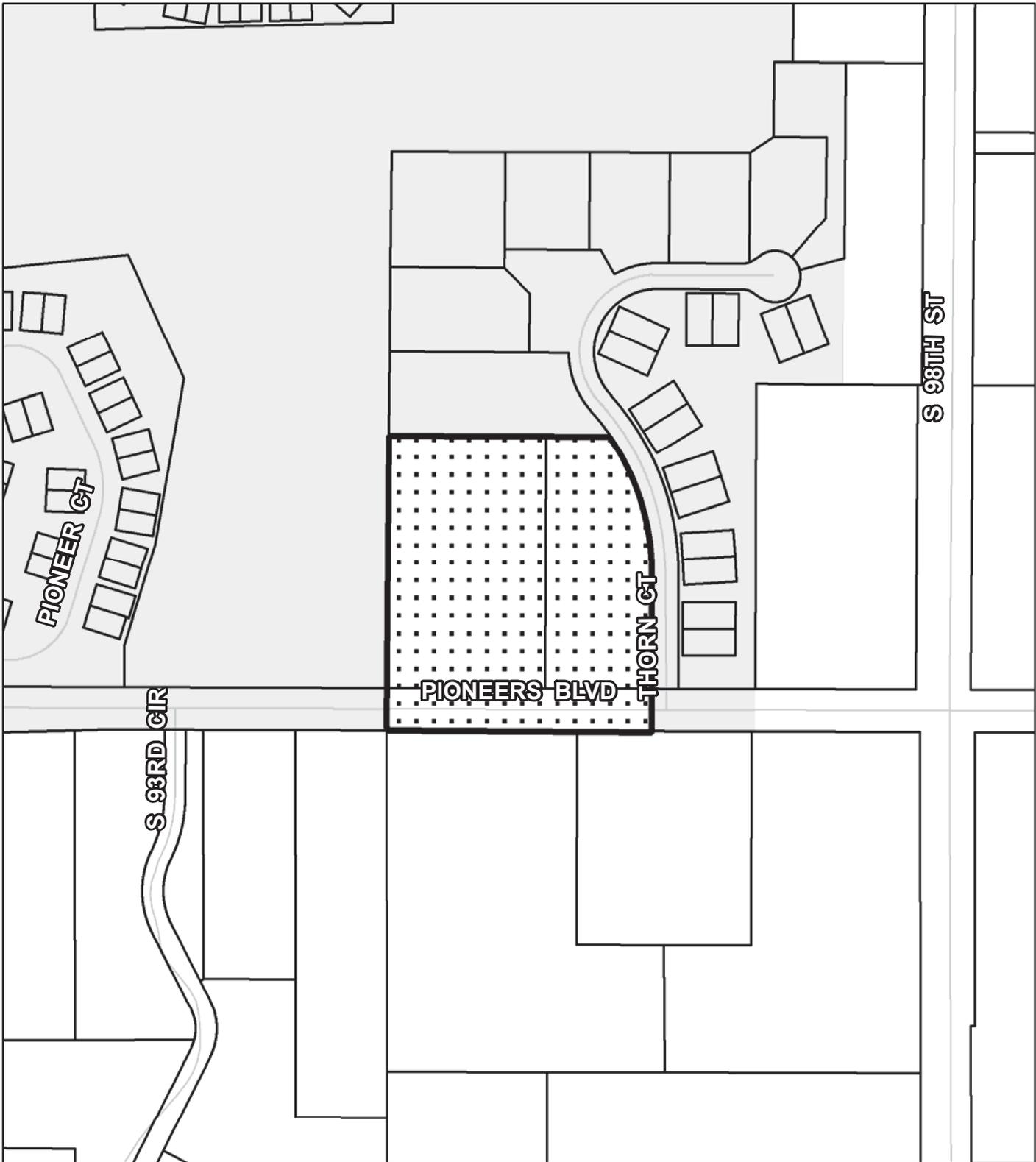
In Lieu of Directors Meeting

Monday, November 14th, 2022

- i. **City Council Agenda & City Clerk Advisories**
 - i. No City Council Meeting on November 14th Honoring Veterans Day
 - ii. No City Council Meeting on November 28th Honoring Thanksgiving

- ii. **Directorial Advisories**
 - i. BP221110 - 1 Annexation May 22006 - Shelli Reid
 - ii. BP221110 - 2 Annexation Map 22011 - Shelli Reid

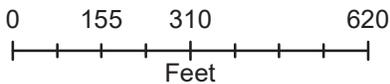
- iii. **Constituent Correspondence**
 - i. Crime Reduction - Brandon Crate
 - ii. FW_LES Rate Hearing Info - Bud Synhorst
 - iii. Proposed "Aggressive Dog" addition to City Code - Jayne Sebby
 - iv. Dog Bar Lincoln Municipal Code - Brooke Garbison
 - v. District 3 Open Position - Elina Newman



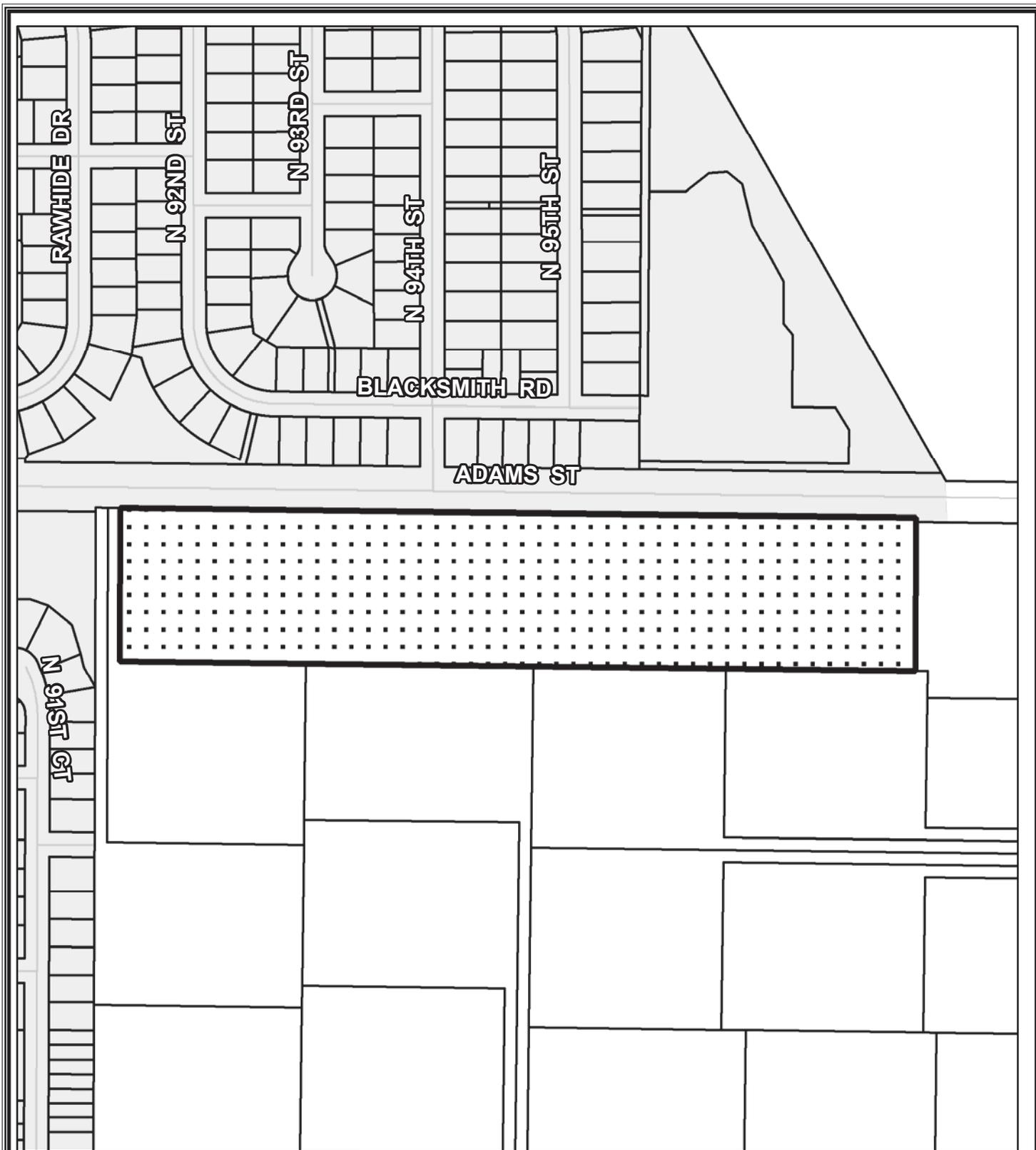
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Effective: November 8, 2022**



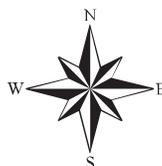
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-  Tax Parcels
-  Current City Limits



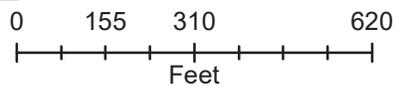
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**Annexation by Ordinance
 N 94th St & Adams St
 Effective: November 8, 2022**



-  Area of Annexation
-  Tax Parcels
-  Current City Limits



From: [Brandon Crate](#)
To: [Council Packet](#); [Mayor](#)
Subject: Crime Reduction
Date: Friday, November 4, 2022 12:57:25 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Greetings Madam Mayor and Councilmembers,

As we continue to grapple with the continued rise in violent crime, homelessness, trespassing, theft, and illegal dumping, negatively impacting local communities and business, people are looking for solutions. My name is Brandon Crate, I have been in law enforcement for over 20 years, and I am the owner of Overwatch Solutions, a company specializing in “overt” surveillance camera PODs, that are portable and designed to be installed on existing parking lot light poles, utility poles, or traffic signals. The products we provide are made specifically for intersections, major thoroughfares, large geographical areas, parks, campuses, and parking lots that maybe lacking the infrastructure to install traditional surveillance equipment. We offer immediate, cost-effective solutions that are considered “turn-Key” and can be installed and operational within an hour.

Leveraging technology and surveillance systems, we’ve created a camera POD that is a completely stand-alone system, requiring only power and a cellular signal to operate. Each camera POD is equipped with 3 PTZ and 1 stationary camera and have blue flashing light(s) which acts as a deterrent. The surveillance footage is retained in an onboard DVR system, eliminating costly server or cloud storage fees. The camera PODs can be viewed live or in playback mode wirelessly from any computer or smart phone. There are no licensing or reoccurring fees. The portability of these camera PODs is one of the main reasons why so many police departments utilize these systems, as they can be easily moved from location to location, following crime patterns and trends. The technology we offer has been proven to lower crime rates and increase accountability. Police departments all over the United States have reported crime reduction between 20%-50% in certain areas.

I know these camera PODs can make an immediate positive impact in your community, helping to reduce criminal behavior and increasing safety and security for your employees and residents. In conjunction with installing these camera PODs at major intersections and thoroughfares, many municipalities are installing these surveillance systems in city owned parks or criminal “hot spots” as well, to enhance safety and accountability, reduce trespassing, vandalism, and illegal dumping.

I would love the opportunity to speak with your further and help provide realistic solutions to help further safeguard your community.

Kindest Regards,
Brandon

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"We succeed when you succeed"

From: [Bud Synhorst](#)
To: [Council Packet](#)
Subject: FW: LES Rate Hearing Info
Date: Monday, November 7, 2022 12:33:45 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
[2022-11-07--LES rate Increases--City Dividend Tax and LES Facilities Charges.docx](#)

Jon Camp forwarded this message to me and asked me to share it with you.

Regards,
Bud

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From: Jon Camp <joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com>
Sent: Monday, November 7, 2022 11:35 AM
To: Bud Synhorst <bud@liba.org>
Subject: LES Rate Hearing Info

Bud:

Attached is the info in Word.

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CITY DIVIDEND TAX:

The **City Dividend Tax** just increased from \$13.10 to \$14.40, a 10% increase.

Ten years ago in 2012, the **City Dividend Tax** was \$3.25 per month. Now the City charges \$14.40 per month. That is a 443% increase in 10 years.

City Dividend Tax Additional Sales Tax:

1. **City Dividend Tax** City Sales tax: $\$14.40 \times 1.75\% = \$.25$ city sales tax
2. **City Dividend Tax** Nebraska Sales tax: $\$14.40 \times 5.5\% = \$.79$ NE sales tax
3. Thus, the real cost of the **City Dividend Tax** of \$14.40 is \$15.44 (including the additional \$1.04 in city and state sales taxes)

The **City Dividend Tax** is a pure TAX.

LES FACILITY CHARGE:

The 3-phase **LES Facility Charge** is increasing 10% per month from \$56.65 to \$62.00.

Ten years ago in 2012, the **LES Facility Charge** was \$14.75 for 3-phase meter. Now LES proposes to charge \$62.00 per month. That is a 420% increase in 10 years!

LES Facility Charge Additional Sales Tax:

1. **LES Facility Charge** City Sales tax: $\$62.00 \times 1.75\% = \1.09 city sales tax
2. **LES Facility Charge** Nebraska Sales tax: $\$62.00 \times 5.50\% = \3.41 NE sales tax
3. Thus, the real cost of the **LES Facilities Charge** of \$62.00 is \$66.50 (including the additional \$4.50 in city and state sales taxes)

SUMMARY:

When will this taxation stop? Taxes and more taxes on top of the taxes.

From: [Jayne L. Seby](#)
To: [Council Packet](#)
Subject: Proposed "Aggressive Dog" addition to City Code
Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2022 1:28:05 PM

6.02.025 -- an aggressive dog is “any animal showing threatening signs such as barking, howling, growling, showing teeth, or requiring restraint by the animal’s handler.”

This proposed addition has just come to my attention and I'm wondering why the Council felt the need to add this language? If it's in regard to establishing "dog bars", those are private businesses and the owners can allow or deny entrance as they choose. I see no legitimate reason to add this language to the code just for them and it has the potential to do a great deal of harm to Lincoln dogs in general.

Certainly the Health Department's supervision of these facilities is reasonable and the regs proposed will guarantee that the dogs who enter the establishment will be licensed by the city/county and UTD on shots. It will also require the owner to provide supervision of any dogs present on the property which is equally important.

Plus, the City has 4 dog runs and there are a number of privately-operated dog day cares and training facilities -- to the best of my knowledge, none of them requested or need this addition to the Code.

So what's the purpose of this proposal? Because basically, it's outlawing normal and common dog behavior that is not aggressive.

My background: I've owned dogs for over 20 years and I've fostered dogs for over a decade. I usually foster high energy herding breeds with emotional problems and I spend months working with them to address and adapt their behaviors. I then screen potential adopters carefully to find the right home. I have also taught dog agility for at least 15 years -- teaching dogs to obey commands while off-leash and running free. So here's my opinion of this language.

If howling is a sign of dog aggression, you're going to have to silence all the emergency equipment and first responders' vehicles because, sirens hurt many dogs' ears and they howl in response. You'd probably also have to outlaw fireworks.

If barking is a sign of aggression, you're going to have to get rid of all the squirrels in the city because most dogs will bark at those. Also no stranger will ever be able to approach a home where a dog lives because most dogs will bark to protect their turf and their family. Having canvassed 3 neighborhoods prior to the election, I can attest to this as a fact.

If growling or showing teeth is a sign of aggression, no two dogs will ever be able to get together again because both of those actions indicate one dog telling the other that it is invading personal space and needs to back off. These actions rarely lead to any actual conflict because most dogs can take the hint. Only if the second dog continues to push the first dog will the first dog snap (not necessarily bite) at the buttheaded dog. Unfortunately the first dog often gets blamed for the conflict - making contact -- instead of the dog that actually caused the trouble

If requiring restraint is a sign of aggression, we won't be able to have any dogs at all and the dog training businesses will have to close. Dogs lunge for lots of reasons -- seeing a special friend approaching (human or canine), chasing squirrels and rabbits and birds, trying to get a treat before the other dog can snatch it away, arriving at the dog park, jumping up to look out a window and see what's happening outside, stopping a stranger from entering the dog's home, chasing another dog's ball, and on and on and on.

In addition to the vagueness and overly broad language, my concern is that, once this language is approved by the Council, people will start demanding the city take action against dogs that do any of these normal and common behaviors. There's nothing in the language I've seen that limits this definition to only dog bars. What a great way to get back at someone you don't like or whose dog doesn't like you! The dog doesn't have to actually be aggressive; it just has to act like any normal, healthy, well-trained dog. At home or out in public, every dog would have the potential to be declared an "aggressive dog."

I urge you to drop this whole idea and add dog bars to the same existing category as dog day cares, kennels, and other businesses permitting dogs on the premises are in. The business owners need to address any special liability issues themselves and not rely on the City to establish unnecessary rules and regs just to protect them.

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From: [Brooke Garbison](#)
To: [Council Packet](#)
Subject: Dog Bar Lincoln Municiple Code
Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2022 4:08:39 PM

Hi there,

I found this article from KLKN and wanted to reach out as a concerned citizen and responsible dog owner - <https://www.klkntv.com/lincoln-city-council-dog-bar-owners-take-safety-steps/>

I'm concerned about the definition of "aggressive dogs", which seems to be exceptionally broad. All dogs bark, howl, show teeth, and growl. This regulation is so vague that I'm afraid anyone could file a complaint against any dog owner. With this language, every dog could be considered aggressive.

Please reconsider the language used.

Thank you!
Brooke Garbison

From: [Elina Newman](#)
To: [Council Packet](#)
Subject: District 3 Open Position
Date: Thursday, November 10, 2022 12:12:34 PM

Dear Members of the City Council,

It has come to my attention that the Council is looking for a District 3 City Council Representative to fill in for Jane Raybould. I am a Southwest Lincoln resident of District 3.

As many of you know, I was in the last at large, city council election and ran alongside Sandra and Tom, among others. I am interested in representing the Southwest district of Lincoln.

I've been involved in many local efforts, including but not limited to being a steering team member of the welcome plan for immigrants and refugees. I am an immigrant, refugee, a genocide survivor, a small business, owner, a healthcare professional, and an educator. I am all about common sense and about difficult conversation. I believe people need to come together and discuss topics and issues to ensure that a community effort is put forward into making decisions about the city.

I believe I am more than qualified to represent district 3. If you would be so kind to let me know where I can go to find the application to apply for this opportunity, I would be appreciative. Thank you so much for the opportunity and for the time you spent reading this email.

Respectfully,

Dr. Elina Newman, PhD, CPhT