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Sheri Pierce
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Dear Ms. Pierce,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic interest in the vacant seat on the Valdez City Council, with the term commencing on June 18, 2024, and concluding on May 20, 2025. Having dedicated significant time and effort to public service and leadership in various capacities within Valdez, I am eager to leverage my extensive experience to further contribute to our community's growth and well-being.

My involvement in local and civic organizations, including the Eagles Lodge, Auxiliary 1971, and Labor's Local 71, Public Employees, State of Alaska, has provided me with invaluable insights into the needs and concerns of our residents. These experiences have strengthened my commitment to enhancing community engagement and ensuring that our local governance reflects the values and needs of its constituents.

Professionally, my long-standing role as a Journeyman Operator at the Alaska Department of Transportation has equipped me with a robust understanding of the logistical and operational challenges associated with maintaining and improving infrastructure in our unique environmental conditions. Additionally, my extensive background working with Labor's Local 341, various contractors on the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Terminal, and as a General Foreman and oil spill responder for the Ship Escort Response Vessel System (SRVS) and TCC, has honed my expertise in managing critical response operations and labor coordination.

Historically, I also served as a Valdez representative on the Alaska Gasline Port Authority Board of Directors until its dissolution in November 2023. This experience enhanced my ability to collaborate with various stakeholders and government entities, enriching my perspectives on economic and environmental sustainability initiatives critical to our region.

I am particularly interested in this opportunity to serve on the City Council because it aligns with my passion for public service and my professional expertise in operations management, regulatory compliance, and community relations. I am committed to bringing my leadership skills, dedication to safety and efficiency, and a collaborative spirit to the council, ensuring that we capitalize on opportunities and navigate challenges with foresight and integrity.

I am eager to bring my background in public works, community service, and policy development to the Valdez City Council. I look forward to the possibility of discussing in further detail how I can contribute to our community's success.

Thank you for considering my application. I am excited about the opportunity to make a meaningful impact on the future of Valdez.

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Clayton Elgin Strickland