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Dear Mr. McCann,

Please accept this letter expressing my interest in filling the open Northport Village Council seat vacated due to the 2022 election. My husband Tom and I moved to Northport in 2018 from Lake Leelanau to be closer to our parents who live in the Village, but my children are the sixth generation of my family to have been born or lived in the area. Having grown up in northern Michigan, and started my family here at age 18, I understand the struggles of young people wanting to raise families here, the opportunity robust and varied commerce brings to them, but, more importantly, the value of remembering and staying true to our history.

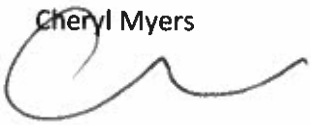
Tom and I have three grown children and two grandchildren. Tom runs a national creative video and animation company from his office here in our garage, and I, as the digital marketing lead for a large global financial services company, manage 30+ people and a multi-million-dollar budget from my basement overlooking the Mill Pond. Until recently, I also taught at Northwestern Michigan College (NMC) in Traverse City and have spent the last two years on the board of and working with like-minded people to create the new Northern Michigan Rowing Club (NMRC). I served on the Northport Village Council in 2019 and 2020.

Since serving on the council in 2019 and 2020, the world has become a very different place; the pandemic, no matter how disastrous to families globally and no matter how controversial, has brought new opportunities to Northport. Our village can remain not only a vacation and summer-living destination, but also, with the new flexible working arrangements, home for many younger families who want to enjoy what the Village has to offer. For all these scenarios, the resources in the Village's care are in demand and need to be actively managed. Plans need to be put in place which respect the history of our area and people while promoting growth in a sustainable and economical manner.

Anyone who has met me sees right away that I'm not the most talkative in the room, nor do I have the most outgoing of personalities, but my education and life experiences, living my

family's service to the community, and the growing relationships with the people of Northport are why I want to pursue, and believe that I'm the best person to again fill this position.

Chris, please let me know if you'd like to talk about my interest. I have no agenda except to continue to learn and to fulfill the responsibilities of the position in a positive, open-minded, and efficient manner.

Sincerely,

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