

Dear Grand Rapids City Commission,

I am writing to you today in support of Marshall Kilgore to fill the vacancy on the City Commission representing the 3rd Ward. As the Chief Executive Officer of Seeds of Promise, a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering residents in the Southeast community of Grand Rapids, I have had the privilege of working closely with Marshall and have seen firsthand his dedication to our community.

Marshall has proven himself to be a dedicated leader in our community. As the Director of Engagement at the West Michigan Environmental Action Council, he has been instrumental in fighting for environmental justice. He has been vigilant in addressing legacy issues such as vapor intrusion and cancer-causing chemicals in our neighborhood, working tirelessly to ensure the health and well-being of our residents. I have no doubt that Marshall will continue to be a strong advocate for environmental issues in our ward and will work closely with state and federal leaders to address past injustices.

In addition to his work on environmental issues, Marshall has deep roots in our community. His mother has served as a Juvenile Probation Officer for over 20 years, instilling in him the values of hard work and dedication to community from a young age. Marshall has been actively involved in community events such as Cops with Kids, where he has learned the importance of community policing and equitable policies. His commitment to our community is evident in everything he does.

Marshall's work as a human rights advocate is also commendable. He has been a vocal advocate for domestic violence justice, gun violence prevention, and LGBTQ+ rights, leading our community in promoting fairness and equality for all. His passion for social justice and equality is truly inspiring, and I have no doubt that he will continue to be a strong advocate for marginalized communities on the City Commission.

Beyond his impressive resume, Marshall is a compassionate and empathetic individual who genuinely cares about the well-being of his neighbors. He has shown a strong commitment to helping our community thrive and has been a driving force behind many of the initiatives at Seeds of Promise. His energy and drive are exactly what we need on the City Commission, and I am confident that he will be a valuable asset to our community.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly support Marshall Kilgore for the vacancy on the City Commission representing the 3rd Ward. His dedication, leadership, and passion for our community make him the ideal candidate for this position. I urge the City Commission to consider Marshall's qualifications and select him to fill this important role.

Sincerely,
Regenail Thomas