

RESOLUTION NO. _____

July 12, 2021

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING RYAN WALLACE TO THE
VACANT THIRD WARD ALDERPERSON POSITION**

WHEREAS, on or about June 21, 2021, Calvin Lewis, Jr., one of the elected Alderpersons representing the Third Ward, resigned his office as a matter of law when he accepted a senior position with the Hudson Youth Department which office is incompatible with the office of Alderperson; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §C3-6 of the City Charter, the Common Council has 20 days to appoint a person to fill the elective office until the end of the calendar year; and

WHEREAS, Ryan M. Wallace of 13 Academy Hill Drive, Hudson, is a resident of the Third Ward and has expressed interest in serving out the term of the vacant Third Ward Alderperson.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Common Council hereby appoints Ryan M. Wallace to the office of Alderperson for the Third Ward for a term expiring on December 31, 2021.

Introduced: _____

Seconded: _____

Approved:

Mayor Kamal Johnson

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Sunday, July 4, 2021

City of Hudson Common Council

Attn: Common Council President Tom DePietro

520 Warren Street

Hudson, NY 12534

Dear President DePietro and Board of Aldermen of the City of Hudson Common Council:

This letter is to formally express my interest in filling the vacancy on the Council representing the City's 3rd Ward. Currently, I have filed a designating petition to run for 3rd Ward Alderman in this November's general election and would greatly welcome the opportunity to work with the current council, with the potential to be an asset to my constituents during the January 2022 transition should I be elected this fall. I also understand that there is precedent in turning to the appropriate individuals who have designated petitions filed to fill Council seat vacancies during times when members of the Council resign – particularly as has happened before with 3rd ward representation.

For those on the Council that I've not yet had the pleasure to meet or work with yet, please allow me to provide a brief bit of background. I come from a very long line of Hudsonians, many of whom have tirelessly worked to serve our city. Professionally, my nearly 20 years in public relations and marketing communications have supported and grown many programs that have positively impacted and profited diverse audiences.

Since returning to Hudson to become a full-time resident in late 2018, I've been eager to put my skills to work for the betterment of our community. Most recently, I was able to fulfill that call with the Columbia County Department of Health volunteering as a frontline public health educator in the mass vaccination clinics, and those serving the direct Hudson community, during the COVID-19 pandemic. Since June of 2019, I've been at the helm of a neighborhood organization within the 3rd Ward where I hold fiduciary responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of the grounds, services, and funds for 41 homes. In February, I was appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals where I've, albeit briefly, served with the utmost enthusiasm for serving our community. These experiences combined, and my positive impacts in each led me to run for Alderman this fall in hope that there is more for the broader community that I'm able to contribute to.

Please note, that if I am humbled to receive your votes to fulfill the Council vacancy, I would immediately resign my Zoning Board of Appeals appointment to avoid any conflict of interest.

In closing, I thank you each greatly for your time and consideration, and I look forward to your reply. Have a wonderful Fourth of July holiday.

Sincerely,

Ryan M. Wallace