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**To the Honorable Mayor and Members of Council
Via City Secretary
Denton County Municipalities**

Greetings.

My name is Steve Southwell, and I am one of the nominees for Denco Area 9-1-1 District's Board of Managers. You should have recently received a voting packet from the district that included resumes for myself and the other candidate. I'm asking for your consideration.

I'll let my bio speak for itself, but I wanted to take a moment to address the position at hand, and my thoughts about it.

At the request of Lewisville Mayor TJ Gilmore, and Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Kelly, I placed my name for consideration, with the idea that possibly my experience in IT could be of some value in the oversight of an organization like Denco 9-1-1, which is heavily dependent on technology.

I do not have any political ambitions, nor alignments with any partisan aims with regards to this vital public safety service.

I don't approach this with any particular agenda for change or direction, but would instead prefer to work as a representative for the municipalities that make up the district. From what I've seen so far, it would appear the district has a fine professional staff that is doing a good job at ensuring 9-1-1 service.

Having spent some time running a community newspaper down here in Lewisville, I've attended many budget workshops at the city and school district level over the years. I see budgeting as probably the most important part of oversight. The majority of the district's revenue comes from service fees on both cell phones and landline phone service. These could be subject to disruption by inflation or changes in consumer preference or state and federal law, so fiscal conservatism is a good course.

Should you have any questions for me, you can reach out by email or phone. Regardless of who you vote for, I appreciate your time, and I believe that Denco Area 9-1-1 will be in good hands either way.

Sincerely,

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