To:

The Honorable Keith Pekau, Mayor of the Village of Orland Park

From:

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Dear Mayor Pekau,

I am writing you to apply for a position on the Orland Park Veterans' Commission.

I have had the pleasure of meeting you throughout my experience re-establishing myself in Orland Park. In addition, I had an enlightening conversation with Mr. Tom Dubelbeis to discuss the veterans' commission and the great work that they do to help veterans in and around Orland Park.

I have been blessed to have grown up in the southwest suburbs of Chicagoland. For more than 10 years, my family and I have lived in Orland Park. After graduating from Stagg High School and Northwestern University, I joined the Army to fulfill my duty to serve the country, the community, and the family that raised and protected me as I grew up. Coming back to the civilian world, I am obliged to give back to the community. I feel that I am uniquely positioned to serve Orland Park a recent Army veteran. I would love to continue in the footsteps of veterans and community members who hold Memorial Day programs, support runs, golf trips, and other events to commemorate and benefit those who are serving or have served our community in the armed services. While I was deployed, fellow soldiers and I looked forward to all of the care packages and support that kind families went out of their way to send to us. Similarly, I know that many veterans appreciate benefits and support upon their return to their hometown as they continue to be upstanding citizens.

It would be a honor to serve on the Veterans' Commission. This is an important legacy that Orland Park must continue to exemplify. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mohanned El Natour