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Mayor Richard Irvin  
44 East Downer Pl  
Aurora Illinois 60505

Subject: Aurora Veterans Advisory Council

Dear Honorable Mayor Richard Irvin

The reason for my correspondence is with an interest to serve on The Aurora Veterans Advisory Council. AVAC suggested I reach out to you for this opportunity.

I'm a resident of Aurora, went to Brady School, Saint Nicholas School, graduated from Aurora Central and have some college education from Waubensee Community College. I work as a machine operator, light electrical assembler for a local manufacturing company. I'm currently continuing my education at Waubensee on a part time basis. I'm a single proud Army Veteran and very active community volunteer.

I've always been active in the community going back to my younger years when I was very active in church. I spent 12 years at Saint Nicholas Church in the youth group, the choir, giving Sunday school classes and also helped at Sacred Heart church in their Sunday mass choir.

During the past four years I raised my level of participation and began focusing my involvement around city and Chicago area organizations. I'm a very active member of Amvets Post 103, Kiwanis Club Of Aurora, American legion post 675, Knights Of Columbus Council 14929, Chicago White Sox Volunteer Corps, Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry. I'm proud to say I have served in over 1600 hours of volunteer activities in these past years.

Last year at Amvets State Convention in Springfield I was awarded a state award for my recruiting efforts and for promoting the organization. With Kiwanis Club Of Aurora this past year I was also awarded The Clyde Hewitt Merritt Award for my dedication and participation in the club. Back in 2016 with Knights Of Columbus I was also awarded The Knights Shield Of Honor Award for completing all activities required by a Knight during the first year as a member. I served as an officer with Amvets for 2017- 2018 and have been nominated to serve again for the upcoming year. With The Knights Of Columbus I'm a current officer and have served as an active officer for the past 3 years.

More than anything I have received, the greatest awards from serving my community are the the joy and peace I feel from knowing that my life has value. On certain occasions people have approached me and have thanked me for my activity in the community and that is my greatest award.

Since AVAC is a service organization I would think that my continuous participation in the church and community activities shows that I will be a good asset to the organization. Also since AVAC is an organization of service to veterans I think that me being active with AMVETS and The American Legion gives me enough familiarity and experience with veterans to be of value to AVAC

Through Amvets I have actually helped in some of the activities Avac does during Vets Week for the past few years. As a an active Veteran I'm confident that I can help and I'm eager to be part of an organization that has gone far and beyond to help our veterans.

I understand, as mayor, an appointment to The AVAC is your decision. If I'm selected I will consider it an honor and privilege to serve once more. I would very much appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully Jose Jesus Cervantes