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Dear Members of Metropolitan City Council of Davidson County, Tennessee;

As a very active parent advocate in the Hillwood Cluster who has contributed numerous hours to help improve the schools in the Hillwood Cluster, I wish to place my name: Juliet "Julie" Wetzel Lamb in nomination to fill the vacancy of Representation for District 9 with the Metropolitan Board of Education. I have been involved with the MNPS school system since the fall of 1996, becoming more active when my home was rezoned from Harpeth Valley to Westmeade with the School Improvement Plan that removed our district from court ordered bussing. I have been actively engaged in school activities, visiting, planning, organizing, fundraising and interacting with students, faculty and administration in the Hillwood Cluster for many years.

School board members are charged with monitoring the administration through policy governance and determining if the administration is doing the best job for the community. School board members are responsible for the student assignment, determining the highest and best use of our physical resources in response to the needs of the neighborhoods around the city. The school board is responsible for authorizing charter schools in Nashville as these too use public dollars to educate our student citizens. School board members are expected to be available to share information with their constituents and help with issues. Finally, school board members are accountable to all of the tax paying citizens in Davidson County for conscientious use of our fiscal resources that are allocated by the members of the city council.

We are aware that our school board is being monitored closely by the Tennessee State Board of Education, by the division of Accountability. The failure of the district to pass adequate benchmarks within State guidelines established due to No Child Left Behind (NCLB) has put us on notice and on the brink of state takeover. The test scores will be closely scrutinized by the state and community when they are released. However, Dr. Register speaks of the same reform as Dr. Connie Smith of the TDOE Department of Accountability and because changes that took place last summer and again this summer, forward movement on reform for the district has begun. However, further changes are required to improve the education offered to our children.

Our schools need to teach team work, problem solving and research skills necessary for our children to stay ahead in the world today. Our school administrators and faculty must develop relationships with our children in order for the students to feel as if they connected. Our leadership must show why what our students are learning is significant to them. Metro students regardless of their means should have a school system that prepares them for a future and careers that have yet to be imaged due to changing technologies of our world.

For our schools and community to succeed in the future, we need to have the flexibility to hire innovative teachers, provide incentive (differentiated) pay for teachers who engage our students, and help motivate our students to enjoy learning. Our schools need to continue with the High School reform, reengaging the student dropout and ensuring that a good foundation for high school is established in the middle schools. Our students deserve to have electives that stimulate their left and right brain. Our students are eager to learn, and our school leadership as well as the faculty needs to increase our expectations of all of them. The goal should be to educate the whole child, not teach to

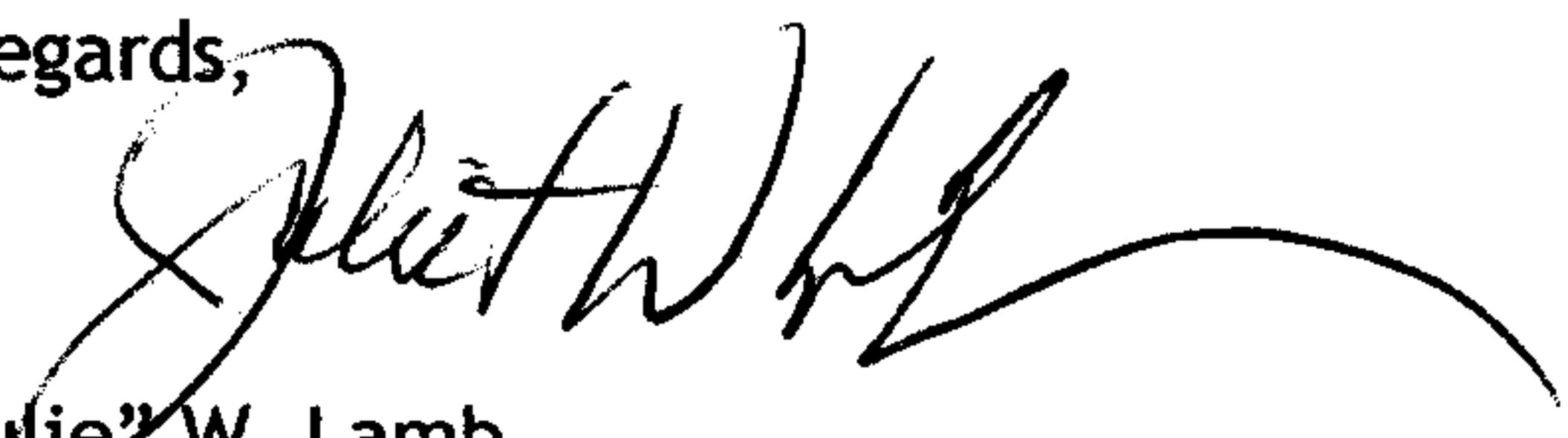
the \_\_\_\_\_ test. The goal is to raise productive citizens who contribute to our city as taxpaying citizens because they are well educated and have good paying jobs.

The State of Tennessee Diploma Project will either make or break our district. I hope the council is aware that the state is requiring four years of math in High School with the goal for all students to pass a fourth math class higher than Algebra II. The incoming freshman class of 2013 will be the first students who will graduate under this initiative. Strong math skills need developed in Middle School. Taking algebra away from 7<sup>th</sup> graders should be revisited. It might be better to teach Algebra I (not just the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the book) over 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade (or 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>) to develop a strong foundation in math. The current plan for most to students to not take Algebra until 9<sup>th</sup> grade will not allow students to progress past pre-calculus (Trigonometry) or another math class like Statistics or Discreet Math. This progression hurts students who wish to take Calculus in High School because it doesn't move students fast enough. The progression goes Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and Pre-Calculus with no room for Calculus in the four years.

Finding the right way to help students remember their skills is important too. To improve math scores on the Standardized ACT or SAT test, students need to be learning the Pre-Calculus skills and must have strong skills in Algebra I & II as well as Geometry. The district needs to hold mandatory ACT/SAT review for every student as juniors will be given the ACT test in Metro per the diploma initiative. <http://www.tennessee.gov/education/TDP/Assessment.shtml> Review should be scheduled after school or in the evening as daily learning should not be teaching to the "test". Funding for review needs to be set aside to help our students succeed, especially since the majority of student in Metro receive free lunch or reduced lunch and their families do not have the means to pay for outside tutoring for the ACT test. I have many other concerns; please feel free to contact me if you have questions as I will be more than happy to answer them.

In conclusion, please consider Juliet "Julie" Wetzel Lamb" for the nomination as the Metropolitan School Board District 9 representative; I am extremely willing to serve if elected. My age is 49 years; I have been a citizen of Davidson County for the past 22 years. My place of resident is 207 Bellevue Road, Nashville, Tennessee, 37221 residing there since June of 1990. I am a registered voter in Davidson County, Council District 22. My eldest daughter just graduated from Hillwood on May 19<sup>th</sup>, my youngest is will be a seventh grader at Bellevue Middle school in August. A benefit to the district is that I do not hold a full time job at this time. I am in touch with the needs of the Hillwood Cluster, very aware of the obstacles the school district faces and believe at this time with the Mayor, Council, Business Community and the citizens help, we can make Metro Nashville Public Schools a model for urban school success.

Sincere regards,



Juliet "Julie" W. Lamb

Attachments

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SCHOOL BOARD

We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.

Sir Winston Churchill (1874 - 1965)

**INFORMATION SHEET FOR CANDIDATES**  
**Appearing Before**  
**Metropolitan Council**  
**Rules-Confirmations-Public Elections Committee**

Nomination for: Metropolitan School Board of Public Education Representative for District 9

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Place of business: \_\_\_\_\_

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Preferred mailing address: Home  Business \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: Juliehl@comcast.net \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ATTACH YOUR RESUME AND COMPLETE THE SECTION BELOW

Complete educational background: Westerville North High School – June 1977;  
University of Mississippi – B.B.A. (Management) May 1982

Occupation: Parent Advocate \_\_\_\_\_

Professional/occupational experience: See Attached Resume \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a registered voter in Davidson County?  Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Council District No. 22 \_\_\_\_\_

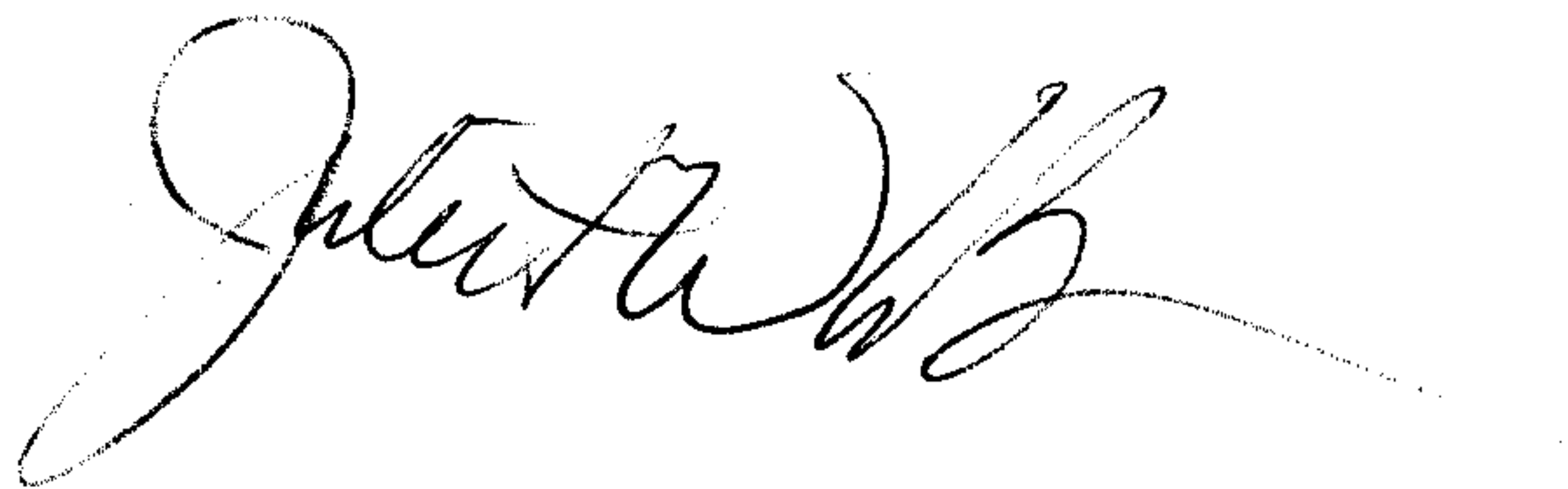
Metro boards/commissions on which you serve or have served and dates of service: None \_\_\_\_\_

Describe any potential conflict of interest your election may present: None \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your qualifications and/or reasons why you wish to be elected : See Attached \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your willingness to serve.

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## **OBJECTIVE**

To willing serve the community as an effective and efficient School Board of Public Education Representative for District 9 with the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools.

## **SUMMARY**

Parent Advocate. Experience with the schools began with involvement in numerous school organizations as a volunteer. Familiarity and knowledge handling organization of meetings, setting agendas, task driven projects, working with volunteers, managing fund-raising and working for a 501c3. Professional experience includes banking, real estate research, computers, small business management, administration, personnel, bookkeeping, communications, advertising and marketing.

## **PERSONAL DATA**

- Born Juliet Leigh Wetzel on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 1959; in Columbus, OH; Age 49
- Married since April, 1983 to James Eric Lamb, formerly of Florence, AL
- Mother of two daughters, Jordan Taylor Lamb, Hillwood High School Class of 2009 and Jeorgia Rose Lamb, entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Bellevue Middle School
- Resident of Nashville since July 1987 (22 years) and have lived at current address: 207 Bellevue Road, Nashville, TN 37221-3500 since June 1990.
- Registered voter in Davidson County
- Member of the Belle Meade United Methodist Church since 1988
- Member of Bellevue Chamber of Commerce since 2006
- Member of Stand for Children since 2005

## **EDUCATION**

**Westerville North High School, Westerville, OH, June 1977**

**University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi - B.B.A. IN MANAGEMENT, May 1982**

Self-financed last 3 years of college expenses.

## **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

*Project for Student Success* - One of 40 committee members in Mayor Karl Dean's Taskforce; tasked with finding action steps to help students succeed and graduate high school; Jan.- Jun. 2008

*Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Chairperson* - 2006-07 (Meets monthly with the Director of Schools)

*Hillwood PAC Representative* - High School 2007-09; High School 2005-06 (Alternate); Middle School 2003-05 (Could not Represent when PAC Chair).

*Hillwood Cluster Chairperson* - 2005-Current

*Hillwood PTSO (501c3):* Secretary 2008-09; Acting President since 10/2008; President 2007-08; Vice President 2006-07; Ways and Means 2005-06.

*Hillwood Band Boosters (501c3):* Fruit Sale Chairperson 2005, 06, 07 & 08; Vice President 2005-07

**Volunteer Experience Continued:**

*Bellevue Middle School PTO (501c3):* President 2004-05; Vice President 2003-04; Treasurer 2002-03  
Volunteer Coordinator 2001-02

Worked on the following with *Metro Nashville Public Schools:*

- Balanced Calendar Committee - 2005
- IT (Technology) Community Connections Group - 2005-06
- Standard School Attire Committee - Jan-Apr. 2007
- Strategic Plan 2007-14 - <http://www.mnps.org/Page5326.aspx>
- Strategic Action Team # VII, - Feb-May 2007

Served in various committees and held responsibilities since 1993 with Belle Meade UMC Children's Center, Harpeth Valley and Westmeade Elementary. (Activities include Parent's Night Out, Silent Auction & Spaghetti Dinner, Spring Fling, room mom, math tutoring and Spring Carnival.)  
Children's Sunday School Teacher at Belle Meade United Methodist Church from 2000-06  
Former Candidate for Metro Nashville City Council District 22 - Summer 2007

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Huber & Lamb Appraisal Group, Inc.,** Nashville, Tennessee - 1987 to 2001

Began with Dengel Appraisal Services in 1987 as a **Research Assistant**. Quickly progressed to position of **Bookkeeper** and then to **Administrative Assistant** which encompassed the responsibilities of coordinating the office. In October 1991 Huber & Lamb purchased Dengel, Lamb & Huber Appraisal Services, Inc. Continued to work on a part-time basis for the company now called Huber & Lamb Appraisal Group, Inc. **Administrative Assistant Responsibilities** through the years encompass the following areas as a: **Researcher:** Researched real estate market data for appraisal reports. Occasionally continues to do commercial research projects for the owner on an as needed basis since 2001. **Bookkeeping /Finance:** Responsible for all office bookkeeping including reports, budget analysis, accounts receivable and payable, payroll, bank deposits, handling all insurance policies, and preparing employee and state tax reports. **Operations:** Responsible for managing policies and procedures into effective every day working systems as well as supervising office personnel, and additionally responsible for client relations inside the company.

**Getting To Know You,** Westbury, NY - 1994 to 1996

**Advertising Sales Representative** for new homeowners. Responsibilities included meeting business owners, selling ad space in a small directory with coupons targeted at new homeowners. Worked in Bellevue, Belle Meade and Brentwood communities. Maintained a home office, wrote ad copy, responsible for contracts, working with publisher in New York by phone and fax (before email), and collections on outstanding accounts. Averaged 25 to 30 hours per week as well as working on as needed at Huber & Lamb as the bookkeeper at the same time.

**Professional Experience Continued:**

**Crosson Dannis, Inc., Dallas, Texas - 1984 to 1987**

**Commercial Real Estate Appraiser Assistant (1985 to 1987); Research Assistant (1984 to 1985)**

Responsibilities included conducting research and compiling information into Appraisal Reports for the commercial real estate appraiser. In charge of writing and editing portions for the report, gathering and utilizing comparable sales data pertinent to the appraisals.

**Pittman & Associates, Dallas, Texas - 1984**

As an **Assistant**, responsibilities included assembling Syndication Packages for distribution to investors, responsible for placing advertisements for houses to rent. Involved with in-depth interaction with print media. Utilized office and secretarial skills to organize maintain and update syndication material, filing and light bookkeeping.

**Texas Federal Savings & Loan Association, Dallas, Texas - 1983**

**Bank Teller** at Main Office with the position involving extensive customer service. Committed to providing superior customer service by responding to inquires, requests, need and/or complaints.

Provided in-depth financial coordination and transactions of money at the teller window.

Developed strong interpersonal skills with ability to effectively communicate with all types of individuals and all levels of personnel.

**Buckeye Federal Savings & Loan Association, Columbus, Ohio - 1976 to 1983**

**Customer Service Representative** with the responsibility of floating to numerous offices around the Columbus area. Worked in several areas of the company full-time, part-time while in high school and in college including the summers. Position involved extensive customer service including working one-on-one with customers to establish new accounts, responsible for researching credit histories and updating pertinent client information. Provided in-depth financial coordination and transactions of money at the teller window. Last assignment was as an **Assistant** to help Arthur Anderson Consultants with the computer conversion testing primarily on Money Market accounts on the new IBM PC at the Operation Center in the newly established Checking Unit.