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July 8th, 2009

Metro Council Members
c/o Marilyn Swing
Metro Clerk's office
Second Floor, Metro Courthouse
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Vice-Mayor Diane Neighbors, Metro Council President, and fellow Council Members:

At the advice of my District 35 Council representative, Councilman Bo Mitchell, I am writing to nominate myself for the open seat on the Metropolitan Nashville School Board, representing District 9. This seat recently became available upon the unanticipated resignation of Alan Coverstone.

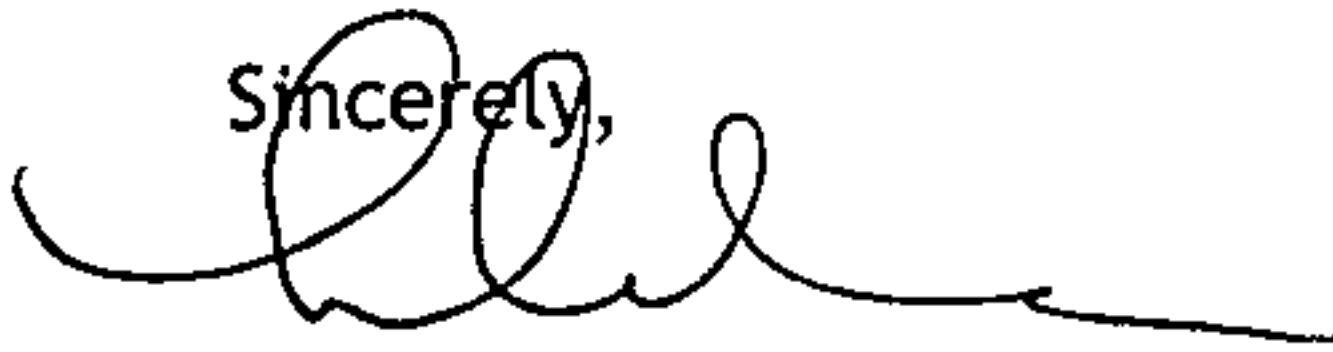
I ran for this seat last summer, and I received the second largest number of votes from the electorate in District 9, in a race that began with six candidates. I am a mother of two children who were educated in our MNPS system. They are now grown (ages 26 and 25), so that my advocacy can now be for *all children* in all of our schools, not just the individual schools that my children are attending. I am a first generation college graduate who was a product of public schooling, so I truly understand the opportunities that public education can and should provide to our youth. Furthermore, I am a scientist who has spent her career (since 1973) as an educator as well as an investigator, and I am aware of the history and of the need for continuous school reform. Our youth face a future in a borderless society, where they are predicted to have multiple careers before the age of 40, and will soon find China the largest English speaking nation, not the US. The pace of technology and accelerated acquisition of new knowledge means that our schools have to teach our students how to learn, as there are too many facts to focus simply on details alone. Despite the genuine efforts of MNPS leadership and the commitment of talented teachers and staff, there is still a lot to do. But these challenges are also terrific opportunities for Nashville and for our schools. I want to serve on the Board to support the development of these opportunities in behalf of our students and our community.

My academic roles also have included considerable leadership positions, giving me a grasp of large organizations, and how they are best managed and led. This experience, and my experience as a volunteer on Boards - locally and nationally- virtually all of which are focused on education, provides me with a broad perspective, and the ability to encourage future-tense visions.

I have attached a brief bio to provide further background information about me.

Thank you for your consideration of my self-nomination for the School Board of Metropolitan Nashville.

Sincerely,



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From: Limbird, Lee E. [llimbird@mmc.edu]
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2009 3:35 PM
To: Swing, Marilyn (Metro Clerk)
Subject: addendum to application for Metropolitan Board of Education representative, District 9

This addendum will serve to document that I am willing to serve as the representative to the Metropolitan Board of Education from District 9 if elected by the Metropolitan Council.

Complete name: Lee Eberhardt Limbird

Age: 60

Residence: 653 Harpeth Trace Drive, Nashville, TN 37221 (District 35)

I have lived in Davidson County since August, 1979 and I am registered voter in Davidson County.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lee E. Limbird, PhD

A 1966 graduate of Upper Darby High School just outside of Philadelphia, PA, Lee Limbird obtained her B.A. degree in Chemistry in 1970 from the College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio, and her Ph.D. in Biochemistry in 1973 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After postdoctoral research at Duke University, she joined the Department of Pharmacology at Vanderbilt University in 1979, where she later served as the Chair of the Department from 1991-1998; during this time the Department of Pharmacology was recognized as first in the nation in acquiring funding from the National Institutes of Health, third in citation impact of the research in that department, and sixth in the nation in its training program in Pharmacological Sciences.

From 1998-2003, Dr. Limbird served as Vanderbilt University Medical Center's first Associate Vice Chancellor for Research, helping to foster a more than doubling of research funding and infrastructure capacity during her tenure in this role. As Associate Vice Chancellor, she also represented Vanderbilt on the Governor's Task Force on Technology, the Tennessee Technology Development Corporation, and served as a member of the Steering Committee for the Meharry-Vanderbilt Alliance.

While at Vanderbilt, Dr Limbird received awards for her teaching as well as for the discoveries of her laboratory, the latter from both national scientific societies and funding agencies. She also was recognized for her trans-institutional service to the University by being awarded the 2004 Thomas Jefferson Award at Vanderbilt. Recently, she was honored by the opening of the Lee E Limbird Chair in Pharmacology, and the unveiling of her portrait, which now hangs in her former department. She is single author of a textbook and Co-Editor of others, including the gold standard text in pharmacology and reference for physicians.

Following Dr Limbird's retirement from Vanderbilt in 2004, she joined the faculty at Meharry Medical College and served as Vice President for Research and Chair of the multidisciplinary department of Biomedical Sciences. At the end of 2007, she stepped down from leadership responsibilities at Meharry to focus on teaching, mentoring students and faculty, and developing a new program for Meharry medical students to gain credentials and experience in clinical research, a means for directly addressing our nation's health disparities. Freedom from her academic leadership roles also provides her more flexibility to be engaged in community endeavors, and she has recently taken a leave from Meharry to explore more deeply roles that would foster educational and career opportunities for *all* of our youth.

Lee Limbird is married to Thomas J. Limbird, MD, and is the mother of Eric (26) and Jessica (24) Limbird, who attended Metro Nashville Public Schools. After an unsuccessful bid in 2008 to represent Nashville's District 9 on the Metro Nashville Board of Education, she began working in the background to develop symposia and discussions on innovation in public education that would raise the level of awareness of our challenges and opportunities as we prepare our youth for success and leadership in the 21st Century. Lee is a charter member of Board of the Nashville Alliance for Public Education and an alumna of Leadership Nashville. She also serves on the boards of other non-profit organizations, including a Scholarship Pilot Project of the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee that supports early education of infants through pre-K, and makes possible the continuing education of single mothers . Her commitment to the opportunities of each and every child to meet their fullest potential is also manifest in her participation in global efforts in Guatemala and Zimbabwe, which focus on empowerment of people and education of children. She is a member and Elder at Hillsboro Presbyterian Church, and a member of the Outreach Mission Unit of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee.

INFORMATION SHEET FOR CANDIDATES

Appearing Before
Metropolitan Council
Rules-Confirmations-Public Elections Committee

Nomination for: School Board District 9

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PLEASE ATTACH YOUR RESUME AND COMPLETE THE SECTION BELOW

Complete educational background: see attached resume'

Occupation: professor, MeHarry Medical College (on leave)

Professional/occupational experience: see resume'

Are you a registered voter in Davidson County? yes Council District No. @ 35

Metro boards/commissions on which you serve or have served and dates of service: _____

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 letter of nomination

Thank you for your willingness to serve.

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