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Dear Jeff,

First, let me congratulate you on being elected to Cincinnati Council. So many people have put their trust in you to help make Cincinnati a thriving, prosperous and more livable city. Along with all of your responsibilities comes the awesome task of governing with justice, equality and respect for all of the diverse people who make up our city. I pray that you bring humility and reason, fairness and kindness, generosity and a basic humanity to all of your decision-making.

I realize that politics can be a "tough business." And, I remember that you once said, "I could've been a better student in high school." Perhaps, all of us could have been, myself included. However, the present is now. And now you have the opportunity that many have never had, but that you have chosen, to be a leader not only in your community, but to show the outside world that one can "lead" with all the intentions to truly make this world, at least this community, that "better place" that so many give only lip-service to.

As I enter my seventh decade, and now have my children and my grandchildren living in this wonderful city, I hope and pray that they will live, thrive and enjoy the City of Cincinnati and all that it has to offer its citizens. I pray that you and your colleagues will do your best to see that ALL of Cincinnati are treated with all the consideration, respect and opportunities that they deserve.

And for you, Jeff, I pray that you have a productive, enjoyable and successful tenure as councilman. I pray that you can enjoy that tenure with your family by your side in good health and safety. And, just maybe, from time to time, you will remember some of the life lessons shared in an English class when we were both a little younger. Altiora!

All the best!

John & Mary Bloch

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