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RE: Interest in the Lee's Summit Board of Aeronautical Commission

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How many years a resident: 49

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College: University of Missouri - Kansas City

Employment: HCA - MidAmerica Division

Position: Chief Medical Officer

Reason for Interest:

I was first exposed to the airport while in high school, spending time with a friend who was training to be a commercial pilot. My father is also a pilot. I was fortunate enough to pursue my private pilot training at KLXT and obtained my license in 2011. My lifelong interest in aviation has helped me to learn and appreciate the importance it has on the economic growth and development of our community. I am serving my second year as President of the Wing Flying Club, comprised of 30 pilot members flying two aircraft based at the Lee's Summit Airport. This has allowed me an opportunity to work more closely with the airport staff as we contemplate ideas to nurture interest in aviation by creating opportunities for citizens to participate in aviation-related activities. Ultimately, this will serve to drive growth in the services available at the airport and across our community. Professionally, I am a family physician by training. I approach my work and relationships with others in a collaborative manner, seeking input and listening. I practiced in our community for 24 years during which time I cared for thousands of patients and their families. I transitioned to my current role in which I am responsible for quality and safety across 14 hospitals (nine of them here in the Kansas City metro, including Lees Summit Medical Center) in four states. There are a number of safety initiatives in healthcare stemming from aviation industry practices. I believe that experience has uniquely prepared me to serve the citizens of our community and meaningfully contribute to the Board of Aeronautical Commission. I appreciate being considered and have attached my CV which outlines my professional, personal, and community activities.

