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Applicants Sought for Dubuque's Fourth Ward City Council Vacancy

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The Dubuque City Council is accepting applications from Dubuque's fourth ward residents interested in filling the City Council vacancy created by the death of Fourth Ward Representative Dirk Voetberg.

The City Council plans to fill the vacancy by appointment. This appointment will be until the next regular election which will be held on November 8, 2011. Fourth ward residents interested in being considered for appointment must submit a letter of interest and/or resume to the City Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 7, 2011. Visit

www.cityofdubuque.org/wards to view a map of Dubuque's wards or call the City Clerk's office at 563-589-4120 to verify a specific address. The City Council will conduct individual interviews at a special City Council meeting on Saturday, March 12, at 10:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers in the Historic Federal Building at 350 W. 6th Street. The appointment will be made at the March 21 City Council meeting.

The electors of the fourth ward have the right to file a petition requiring that the vacancy be filled by a special election. A petition requesting a special election to fill the vacancy would have to be signed by 127 fourth ward electors and be filed with the City Clerk by April 4, 2011. If such a petition is received after the appointment is made on March 21, the appointment would be temporary and the City Council would call a special election to fill the vacancy until the next regular election.

For additional information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 563-589-4120 or email jschneid@cityofdubuque.org.

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