

Pat Mitchell

From: Sam Lathrop
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2011 5:24 PM
To: Pat Mitchell
Subject: Withdrawing

Dear Pat,

I am writing to withdraw my name from consideration for the Columbus Police Chief position.

I have read with dismay articles and blogs in your local newspaper. As much as you are looking for a good fit for police chief, I too am looking for a fit. If the articles and attitudes are any indication, I suspect that Columbus is not the community for me.

Councilman Charlie Box and Councilman Bill Gavin have already made up their minds. I fear that under this cloud, I am no longer in an arena where I will receive fair consideration. If elected officials can take such a stance without the benefit of having a discussion and learning the facts, this is yet another indicator to me. The article that they base their ill-advised opinion on was neither accurate, nor was it complete. In my case, it was intensely personal and I chose not to defend myself in the public forum. It surely is no indication of my qualifications. I am proud of my career and accomplishments in Beloit, and stand behind them.

I have other opportunities that are much more attractive both from an environmental as well as a financial aspect. As such, I feel that it prudent that I no longer waste your time nor I mine. We both find that commodity valuable I suspect.

I wish Columbus the best in finding their next chief.

Sincerely,

Sam Lathrop