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City of Racine Common Council
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Dear Members of the Racine Common Council and
Mr. Mayor Mason,

Operating a long-standing business in the Racine community has allowed me the opportunity to take my skill sets outside of the restaurant industry and apply my talents in the non-profit sector. Through this work I have developed a deep passion for Racine and for those who work, live and play here.

My passion for people is what led to my career in the hospitality industry, however my skills in finance, logistics, organization, public relations, and human resources has allowed me to thrive.

In the last several years I have created, designed or facilitated many community events like the Racine Chef Collaboration Dinner for the Eco- Justice Center, Lighthouse Run for the Racine YMCA, 20,000 lunches in 11 weeks for RUSD students during the COVID-19 shut down, "Shark Tank Event," with the Racine Community Foundation.

I would like to be considered for Alderperson for the 15th district. My experience in the professional and non-profit sector would make me an ideal candidate for this position.

Thank you for the consideration,

Cory Sebastian



CORY SEBASTIAN

Chief Operating Officer

Co-Owner Sebastians Fine Food & Spirits

PROFILE

Career development and volunteering are the two main focus' in professional life. Enjoying time on Racine's harbor boating, spending time with rescue pets and following professional sports fill free time.

As seen on "Around the Corner with John McGivern" Season 7 Caledonia & Wind Point.

Featured on "Greater Racine County"
[Cory Sebastian says Racine County has it all - Greater Racine County](#)

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AWARDS

- Midwest YMCA Leadership Award of Excellence 2020
- Racine Volunteer Center Volunteer of the Year- Economic Development 2021
- Milwaukee Business Journal's 40 under 40 Emerging Leaders 2022
- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel's Top 30 Restaurants

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin Milwaukee

September 2005 – December 2009

Master Court of Sommeliers

Guild entry 2011

WORK EXPERIENCE

Sebastians Fine Food & Spirits: C.O.O/ Co- Owner

2009- Present

- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel's Top 30 Restaurants since 2010
- Wine Spectator Award Recipient

Bartolotta's: Lead Trainer/ Captain

September 2006- April 2013

- Trained of house positions including management
- Lead large scale events (300+) at various locations

MI: Independent Consultant

2015- Present

- Lead training seminars regarding business etiquette, wine, and large-scale event management
- VIP Services Coordinator at Fontaine Bleau in Miami ('17 & '18)

COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

Racine Community Foundation

2015- Present

- Board of Directors
- Grants Committee Member
- Chair Community Engagement Task Force

Racine YMCA

2015- Present

- Vice Chair Board of Directors
- Fund Development, Finance, Market Committee

United Way Racine

2019-Present

- Board of Directors
- Bylaws Chair

All Saints Foundation

2018- Present

- Board Chair

Racine Zoo

2021- Present

- Board of Directors

9/26/2022

Letter of Recommendation - Cory Sebastian

To whom it may concern,

Cory Sebastian has served as a general member and now Board Chair of the Ascension All Saints Foundation for many years. In that time she has led the organization through mergers, governance changes and the fundraising struggles of COVID-19. Despite these challenges the Foundation continues to grow, having now set record numbers in total assets, dollars raised and dollars disbursed. Her leadership and commitment to the organization is what made this possible.

It is my belief that the best leaders are defined by their presence in the community. Cory has been and continues to be the perfect example of this. Her commitment to participating wherever she is needed is what inspires others to join.

Corys capacity and drive to serve her community is a rare trait and I believe that it should be accessed by, and shared with, as many people in our community as possible.

I highly recommend Cory for Alderman and am excited to see her talents be used in this capacity.

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Devon J. Borst
Regional Chief Philanthropy Officer
Ascension All Saints Foundation



TIP McGUIRE

WISCONSIN STATE REPRESENTATIVE

September 23, 2022

City of Racine
730 Washington Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin 53403

Mayor Mason and Members of the Racine Common Council:

I am writing to express my support for the appointment of Cory Sebastian to Racine Common Council District 15. Ms. Sebastian is a small business owner and fixture of the community who would be an asset to Racine and her constituents on the Common Council.

As you may know, Ms. Sebastian is the co-owner, general manager, and chief operating officer of Sebastian Fine Food & Spirits. Recently, the Milwaukee Business Journal named her as part of their 40 Under 40 for her noteworthy work in the food service industry.

However, beyond her career accomplishments, I can say as someone who has known her for nearly twenty years that Ms. Sebastian has the thoughtfulness and deep roots in the community that is needed to serve on the Racine Common Council. I have known her to be a person of integrity, honesty, and compassion. Furthermore, Ms. Sebastian cares deeply about the city of Racine and its people, and is a strong listener who would serve the needs of her constituents well.

I hope that you will strongly consider Ms. Sebastian and both the business acumen and community connections that she would bring to the Racine Common Council. Please do not hesitate to reach out if I can offer any further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Tip McGuire
State Representative
64th Assembly District

Representing the Greater Kenosha-Racine-Somers-Mt. Pleasant-Elmwood Park Region