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Honorable Mayor & Board of City Commissioners  
City of Sallisaw  
Sallisaw, Oklahoma 74955

Mayor and City Commissioners:

I am John Honeycutt, 63, a retired educator and businessperson seeking Sallisaw's City Manager position. As an ethical and forward-thinking leader, my primary goal is to serve Sallisaw's citizenry, the business community, houses of faith, educational institutions, land developers, health and wellness providers, the city's youth and elderly, and other key stakeholders. I am deeply committed to this role and the direction set by Sallisaw's Board of City Commissioners.

I am an accomplished professional with a diverse science, management, technology, and human capital background. My achievements, spanning decades, include executive and management consulting positions with notable organizations. I have a solid record of accomplishments such as business improvement, employee development, customer service, supply chain, public speaking, government operations, and delivering materially significant financial results. This extensive experience equips me to handle the City Manager role confidently.

My resume's second page features an extensive client list. The consulting clients listed include global organizations, domestic Fortune 500 companies, small and medium businesses, and start-up ventures. These experiences qualify me to oversee diverse departments, adhere to approved budgets, improve organizational efficiency, negotiate contracts, attract new businesses, and remain fiscally conservative.

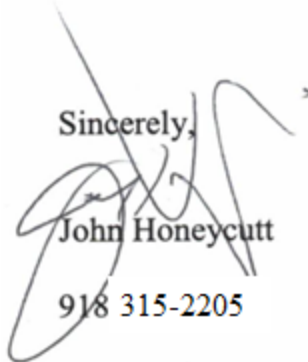
As the Senior Director of Key's Central Region, I led a large team and managed a substantial budget. This experience has prepared me to manage a city's various departments and budgets effectively, ensuring efficient operations and fiscal responsibility.

Due to the success of our region's teamwork, I was promoted to a corporate role as a direct report to the COO of a Fortune 500 company. Most of our work used heavy equipment across multiple departments: drilling, workovers, water hauling, electric wireline, coiled tubing, high-pressure fracking, equipment rental, cement, wastewater management, and other steel-toe jobs.

As a candidate for the City Manager position, I bring professional experience and a deep respect for our city's heritage. My family has deep roots in Sallisaw and Sequoyah County—even before Oklahoma's statehood. My grandfather, born in 1878, raised potatoes on land that remains in our family. My grandmother's house still sits on Maple Street. My mother and father's graduation class photos are on display at Central. My sister and brother-in-law are well established – their youngest graduated from our high school two decades ago. My wife, Jennifer, and I believe in Sallisaw's promise for all – our elderly, families, young adults, youths, and children.

My education and experience meet or exceed the basic requirements for this important job. I genuinely aspire to elevate Sallisaw's strengths and serve its citizenry with integrity. I honor our heritage – with its peaks and valleys – and imagine an even brighter tomorrow. My heritage, balanced with "*being from elsewhere*," will bring pragmatism and fresh thinking to benefit our promising city and lead a committed workforce.

I have a 100-day plan to hit the ground running, and I welcome your feedback and critique. While my resume details a few professional highlights, I welcome describing the relevance of other client work and leadership to this role. I appreciate your consideration of my credentials for the position of City Manager.

Sincerely,  
  
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