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Hello,

Ashland and Bayfield counties' UW Extension offices have partnered with the Ashland-Bayfield League of Women voters to host a workshop called "Elected Office 101: A Workshop for Candidates Considering Local Office" on Thursday, November 15, 5:30 to 8:30 PM, at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center in Ashland. This is a chance for community members to explore running for office in a supportive workshop with experienced officials and other potential candidates.

The attached flyer include more detail about the event.

I am contacting you, as I thought you'd be a great mentor to a new candidate who might need guidance as they begin the process of running in 2019. Would you be interested in being an advisor?

Your role would be to be available to answer a candidate's questions about the process, help "cheerlead" if necessary, and generally guide them through the nomination and election process. You could mentor one or more candidates—your choice—for as little or as long as they request your help. New candidates basically need an experienced elected official, like you, to help get them up and running!

Likely this would take the form of responding to a few phone calls, perhaps a face-to-face meeting and perhaps some pro-active reaching out and checking in.

Please let me know by November 8 if you are able to help a new candidate! If so, reply to this email with the contact information (ideally phone and email) you want us to share with participants at the workshop.

Your name will then be added to a list of about 25 interested mentors that will be passed out to candidates at our Running for Office Workshop. As potential candidates express interest in mentoring, we will work to suggest mentors that might be a good match. However, it will be up to individual candidates to reach out and contact you.

Thank you for your help and your important work as an elected official,