

Greetings Mayor Devine and members of the West Allis Common Council,

My name is Jedidiah Moss, and I have been an employee at Beyond Vision for almost two years.

Before my employment here, I lived in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Being legally blind, it was difficult for me to find decent work. I washed dishes in a restaurant for a time, cleaned hotel rooms, and at one point, even worked for the Salvation Army. None of these jobs paid well however, and after many years of applying for decent factory work and getting turned down for safety reasons, I had decided that enough was enough.

Friends of mine that I had gone to school with at Wisconsin school for the visually handicapped in Janesville had started working at Beyond Vision and told me that it was a decent place to work, paid well, had steady hours, and offered opportunities for advancement. After some thought and some planning, I decided to leave the upper peninsula and move to West Allis so that I could get a job with Beyond Vision.

Since working here, I have been able to make a good enough income to get approved for a home loan. I was named "Employee of the Year" in 2019 and promoted to a lead position assembling deployment kits for the United States Army.

Some people take a decent paying steady job for granted, but I am definitely not one of those people. I am thankful for my company, which is why I am sending you this communique.

I am certainly not the only person who has benefitted greatly from employment at Beyond Vision. Our new location in West Allis will be a magnet for new West Allis residents who are motivated to contribute and maximize their potential as leaders.

I sincerely hope that you take my words into consideration.

Thank you.

Jedidiah Moss