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Dear Camille:

Congratulations on your appointment as editor of the Anmore Alternative. I fully agree with your statement in the 'Editor's Message' regarding the importance of maintaining "a sense of impartial, enlightening information sharing within the Village of Anmore". Sometimes a challenging task in a small village.

Thank you for your compliment. I am more than flattered that you would consider my gardening award to be of interest for your column. However, I must say that my accomplishment is based more in possessiveness and a rather self-centered attempt to make my own little place in the world more interesting, rather than anything 'heroic'. I have found all the publicity regarding the Garden Contest quite embarrassing and really don't feel myself worthy of any further attention.

Having read your proposal online which asks the general public for suggestions for candidates for your column, and having discussed it with a few people as to who would fit your criteria, it was easy to come up with the obvious Anmore person - Mayor Hal Weinberg.

As a citizen of Anmore Dr. Weinberg (and his wife Linda and their family) have dedicated so much of their time, made sacrifices in their private lives, and, in too many ways to list, worked endlessly for the betterment of the Village. As well, Hal has served on a number of other boards, committees and groups and his accolades in his own field are phenomenal. One only has to 'google' 'Hal Weinberg Ph.D.' to find the extent of this involvement; lists of his many awards and accomplishments. With his imminent retirement I am sure you will agree that it would be good for the people of Anmore to learn more

about him so that they can fully appreciate his service to the community. He would be the perfect choice for your first 'hero'.

Your sincerely,

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