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**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

I am writing this statement of purpose to express my strong desire to pursue a graduate study in public administration, specifically through the Evergreen MPA program. With a background in Accounting and finance, coupled with my keen interest in financial forecasting, reporting, and data analysis, I am confident that this program will equip me with the necessary skills and knowledge to make a significant impact in the field of public service.

My journey towards public service stems from a deep-rooted desire to contribute to the betterment of society. Throughout my professional experiences, such as my role as a Salesman in the Norsk Bokforlag Student program currently, Accountant at Litudian Enterprises Ltd Kenya, vice president student leadership Council at the University and Chair of the Kenya Red Cross Nandi County Chapter, I have witnessed the power of effective financial management and its ability to drive positive change. I firmly believe that the public sector and private sector has immense potential to address societal challenges and improve the lives of citizens. I am eager to be a part of this transformation in my country, Africa and the world at large.

The Evergreen MPA program stands out to me for several reasons. Firstly, its reputation for excellence in public administration education is well-known. I am confident that the program's rigorous curriculum and distinguished faculty will provide me with a solid foundation in key areas of public administration. Secondly, the program's emphasis on practical experience through internships, research projects, and community engagement aligns perfectly with my goal of gaining hands-on experience and making a tangible impact in the field.

My interest in financial forecasting, reporting, and data analysis makes the Evergreen MPA program an ideal fit for my career aspirations. I am eager to delve deeper into these areas and explore how they can be applied to public administration. By mastering financial modelling, budget projection, and preparation, I aim to develop strategies that ensure the optimal allocation of resources and enhance financial transparency in the public sector. Furthermore, my market tracking and data analysis skills will enable me to make informed decisions, drive evidence-based policies, and measure the effectiveness of public programs.

In addition to my technical skills, I possess strong leadership, organization, and team-building abilities. These qualities have been nurtured through my experiences as a Youth Empowerment Trainer at the Mbooni Constituency, University Student Council Vice chair with an award as best student leader of the year in Kenya 2017/2018, Youth Chapter and my role as a Finance Office Assistant at the University of Eastern Africa, Baraton. I believe that effective leadership and collaboration are vital in the public sector and private sector both for profit and non profit, as they facilitate the implementation of innovative solutions and foster a culture of accountability and integrity.

Furthermore, my proficiency in multiple languages, including English, Kiswahili, Kikamba, and basic Norwegian, enhances my ability to communicate and connect with diverse communities. Effective communication is crucial for building relationships with stakeholders, advocating for change, and ensuring that policies and programs address the needs of the public.

To augment my academic and professional journey, I have also acquired a Certificate in Technology and Information Systems from Soft-Tech College, Nairobi. This background in technology, combined with my proficiency in financial advisory and proficiency in tools like QuickBooks, SQL, and SAP, equips me with a comprehensive skill set that will enable

me to leverage technology for efficient financial management and data-driven decision-making in the public sector.

In conclusion, my passion for public service and my background in accounting and finance have motivated me to pursue a graduate study in public administration. I am drawn to the Evergreen MPA program for its academic excellence, emphasis on practical experience, and focus on financial management and analysis. Through this program, I aspire to contribute to developing innovative and sustainable policies, programs, and financial systems that will positively impact society. I am confident that my skills, experiences, and dedication make me an ideal candidate for the Evergreen MPA program. I am excited to join a community of like-minded individuals committed to making a difference.

By pursuing the Evergreen MPA program, I aim to comprehensively understand public administration principles, policy analysis, and strategic management. I am eager to explore topics such as public finance, organizational behaviour, and public policy formulation, which will provide me with the knowledge and tools necessary to tackle complex challenges in the public sector.

Moreover, I am particularly interested in integrating financial management and technology in public administration and non-profit organisations. The Evergreen MPA program's focus on practical experience and its emphasis on research and analysis will enable me to develop innovative solutions and leverage emerging technologies to improve financial reporting, budgeting, and forecasting processes.

I am also drawn to the program's commitment to community engagement and social justice. Evergreen's emphasis on inclusivity, equity, and ethical leadership resonates deeply with my values. I believe that public administrators are responsible for advocating for marginalized communities and working towards creating a more equitable society. Through the program's emphasis on social justice and community partnerships, I hope to develop the

skills to address systemic disparities and promote sustainable economic development in my country, Africa and beyond.

Furthermore, the collaborative and interdisciplinary nature of the Evergreen MPA program aligns perfectly with my goal of working in a team-oriented environment. I believe diverse perspectives and interdisciplinary approaches are essential for tackling complex societal issues. The opportunity to collaborate with students and faculty from various backgrounds and disciplines will broaden my horizons and enable me to develop innovative solutions that integrate finance, policy, and technology.

The Evergreen MPA program offers a comprehensive and dynamic learning environment that aligns perfectly with my career goals, interests, and values. I am confident that through this program, I will develop the necessary skills, knowledge, and network to become a successful public administrator specializing in finance and accounting. I am excited about the opportunity to contribute to positive change in the public sector and make a lasting impact on society.

I am grateful for the opportunity to be considered for the Evergreen MPA program. I am committed to the dedication and hard work necessary for my studies. I am confident that the program will provide me with the platform and resources to achieve my goals and become an effective and influential leader in the field of public administration.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to possibly joining the Evergreen MPA program and embarking on this transformative educational journey.