



City Council Vacancy Interviews Agenda Friday, February 17, 2023, 4:00 PM Council Chambers, 616 NE 4th AVE

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SPECIAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MEETING ITEMS

1. [Candidate Interviews for City of Camas Council Member, Ward 3:](#)
 - [Jennifer Senescu](#)
 - [Randal Friedman](#)
 - [Megan Bynum](#)
 - [Larry Larimer](#)
 - [John Svilarich](#)
 - [Stephen Dabasinskas](#)

2. Executive Session – Topic: Applicant Qualifications (RCW 42.30.110)

Council will go into Executive Session to evaluate the qualifications of the applicants to the Council Member vacancy. No decisions, nominations, or votes will be taken by the Council during Executive Session.

Upon returning to the Regular Meeting, a roll call vote will be taken. Council will convene into Executive Sessions as many times as is needed until a majority vote of four for one candidate has been reached.

3. Council Vacancy Appointment

CLOSE OF MEETING



Application for - CITY COUNCIL - Ward- #3

Name (Full)	<u>Jennifer Lu Senesche</u>	<i>Please Print Clearly</i>
Address	<u>[REDACTED] Camas, WA</u>	
Contact Phone	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	Other Phone <u>N/A</u>
E-Mail Address	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	

Eligibility Requirements, Notification and Signature

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Signature [Signature] Date 1/31/23

Additional Information

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Are you a resident of Ward 3 in the City of Camas?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
How long have you been a resident of the City of Camas?	<u>40 years</u>	
How long have you lived at your current address?	<u>22 years</u>	
If you have lived at your current address for less than 12 months, please list your previous address:	<u>N/A</u>	
Previous address & length of time at address - <u>N/A</u>		
Do you or any family member residing in your household, have a financial interest in, or are you an employee or officer of any business or agency that conducts business with the City of Camas?	<input type="radio"/> YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
I confirm that I am legally qualified to serve in this capacity.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO

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Contact Phone: (360) 834-6864 Email Address: administration@cityofcamas.us

Jennifer Senescu

[REDACTED] Camas, WA 98607
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January 31, 2023

Camas City Clerk
616 NE 4th Avenue
Camas, WA 98607

Re: Application for Camas City Council, Ward 3 Vacancy

In accordance with the requirements for filing an application for appointment to council, I submit this cover letter in support of my application for appointment to the Ward 3 position left vacant by former Councilmember, Greg Anderson.

As I was updating my resume, it led me through a chronology that I thought would be helpful to council in their search for the next councilmember. I believe that all of my life experiences have prepared me for this position, which is representing the citizens of Camas.

After graduating from Washington State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, I began working as a legal assistant. I worked in this capacity for 15 years and continue to do so on a part-time basis. This experience is instrumental in teaching me analytical skills, working with people at difficult times in their lives, being a problem solver and determining how to be the best advocate I can for them. This directly correlates with my goals to represent the citizens of Camas.

Next, I became a stay-at-home mom. This truly was a learning experience, taking problem solving skills to the next level. I was also able to connect with the people of Camas that I may not have been able to connect with otherwise. I enjoyed getting to know the needs of families and being a part of their lives.

After 8 years at home, I knew it was time to return to the workforce in the form of service. I began working at the Chamber of Commerce and was honored to be connected to our downtown community. I also joined my mother at the Camas Gallery and began connecting with Camas merchants. I regularly attend merchant meetings to learn of their concerns and victories.

I became very involved in our City and felt like I needed to do more. I ran for public office, which was a wonderful experience that expanded my mind more than I could have imagined. I realized through that process that my purpose in this community is to serve with civility, compassion, and collaboration. I immediately joined service groups and participate in many service activities that directly impact the success of our City now and in the future. This pursuit brings me joy and inspires me to continue to serve and led me to submit this application.

Thank you for your consideration in my aspiration for appointment to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,


Jennifer Senescu

Camas, WA 98607

EDUCATION

- Washington State University: Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
- 1985 Camas High School Graduate

WORK EXPERIENCE

Camas-Washougal Chamber of Commerce:

- ***July 2020 - Present: Executive Director***

The Executive Director is the chief administrative and operations officer for the Chamber. The Executive Director carries out the long-term plans and programs of the Board in accordance with its established policies and serves as the direct representative of the board to chamber staff, the public, and members. The Executive Director's area of responsibility includes, but is not limited to, the following: coordination of the program of work, supervision of organizational structure and procedures, motivation of volunteers, monitoring of income and expenditures, prepare a yearly budget, development of membership, training and supervision of staff and interpretation of policy facilitation.

- ***February 2013- February 2014 / August 2018 - June 2020:
Administrative Assistant***

Supports the Executive Director and Executive Board while providing general office and clerical support to the organization.

Owner Camas Gallery:

March 2014 - Present

Stay at Home Mom:

March 2005 - January 2013

Legal Assistant::

- ***Senescu & Babich: 2005-Present***
- ***Todd W. Wetsel, Attorney at Law: 1999-2005***
- ***Boettcher, LaLonde, Kleweno, Jahn, Rutledge and Holtmann: 1993-1999***
- ***Meader & Devlaeminck: 1990-1993***

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Camas-Washougal Chamber of Commerce Board Member from 2014-2018. Served as President of the Board in 2018.
- City of Camas Parking Advisory Committee from 2014-Present. Currently serving as the Chair of this committee.
- Downtown Camas Association liaison for the Chamber.
- Camas-Washougal Rotary
- Camas Lions
- Soroptimist International of Clark County

REFERENCES

Available upon request.

Answers to Supplemental Questions

1) Why do you want to serve on the Camas City Council?

I want to represent the citizens of Camas with civility, compassion, and collaboration. It is my passion to serve with impartiality and equity for all Camas residents. Graduating from college in political science, working in the legal field, being a stay-at-home mom, working at the Chamber of Commerce, owning a small business have all given me a unique and diverse perspective that I believe would be an asset on council. This body is comprised of people from different backgrounds and experiences, which allows everyone in our community to be represented. Together, we can develop effective solutions to any challenges we are facing, while embracing and furthering the positive work in our community.

2) What experiences, talents or skills would you bring to the city government that you would like to highlight?

With my legal experience, I am analytical and am able to examine issues without bias. I do not believe in making a decision without thoroughly weighing both sides of an issue. I understand the importance of considering intended and unintended consequences prior to making significant policy decisions impacting Camasonians. I am able to review information and determine the pertinent issues at hand. With my experience as a stay-at-home mom, I am aware of what is important to our families. With my experience as a small business owner and at the Chamber of Commerce, I see what is important to our merchants and businesses as a whole.

3) What forms of public service or volunteering have you been involved in; and/or what other elected bodies have you sought a seat, or been elected to? Provide details regarding the dates, organization/agency names, roles, and responsibilities.

Through my memberships with Rotary, Lions and Soroptimists I have had the opportunity to participate in service at the Clark County Food Bank, Walk and Knock, bell ringing for the Salvation Army, Meals on Wheels, Wreaths Across America to name a few. I also recently ran for Mayor, which was an amazing experience. While I was not successful in this campaign, I learned a lot about what it takes to be an effective leader in Camas. Building trust and respect, acting with civility toward colleagues and citizens, and leading with compassion and authenticity. I would bring those lessons learned to the City Council every day if appointed.

4) What is your vision for Camas four or five years from now? Explain how you would lead the community toward your vision.

Last year's Camas Days theme was, "Experience the Magic of Camas". My vision is that all citizens will experience that "magic" not for one brief period of time, but every day in their daily lives. During my recent campaign, I was door knocking throughout Camas and actively heard the hopes, aspirations and vision for the Camas our citizens want in the future. The Camas I shared time with knows we have significant challenges before us but believes that together we can effectively navigate those challenges to create a community we all can be proud of for decades to come. The magic comes from thoughtful planning and smart sustainable growth. I want to be a part of this transformational process. It is the hard work of the Mayor, Council and City Staff that creates the magic all Camasonians enjoy. We know there are tough decisions to be made, but together we can continue to provide the citizens with a magical experience. Camas is an amazing place to live and raise a family.

- 5) In your opinion, what are the top two or three significant challenges facing the City of Camas today? How would you propose to address these challenges?

While I could address specific challenges, we all know what they are, I want to focus on a broader level that would allow us to handle any type of situation. 1) Keeping in mind the bigger picture through effective leadership and governance. What is the end goal? What do the citizens of Camas want? Analyze unintended consequences of decisions. 2) Establishing trust in government. Across the nation people are questioning our governing bodies. It is no different in Camas. As we face challenges, we need to act thoughtfully taking into account all of the materials presented to us without preconceived notions. We need to do a better job of connecting and listening to our citizens. Rather than having them come to us to provide comments or soliciting input on-line, we should physically go to them and listen. Town Halls, door knocking efforts, open coffee hours for each Councilor at local shops to hear various concerns, for example. 3) I embrace the growth of the City of Camas. We need to make sure that this growth is sustainable and has a supportive infrastructure. For example, the Northshore Sub-Area Plan, we must ensure that the design has the appropriate infrastructure to support the growth. Also, actively support increased economic development within Camas' city limits. I believe the City would be well-served to focus on attracting a diversified commercial and industry base, so that short-term economic conditions would not devastate a large portion of Camas' tax base.

DECLARATION AND AFFIDAVIT OF CANDIDACY


State of Washington }
 County of Clark } ss.
 City of Camas }

DECLARATION

I, Jennifer L. Seneseu, declare that I am a registered voter residing at [REDACTED], City of Camas, Clark County, State of Washington. I further declare that I am legally qualified to assume the office of COUNCIL MEMBER, if selected. I hereby request that my name be placed before the City Council, as a candidate.

AFFIDAVIT

FURTHER, I do solemnly swear, or affirm, that I will support the Constitution and laws of the United States and the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington, and the Ordinances of the City of Camas.




 Signature of candidate as registered to vote

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of January, 2022.

(SEAL)

NOTARY PUBLIC
 STATE OF WASHINGTON
 KENNETH M. CLINE
 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
 NOVEMBER 10, 2023
 COMMISSION # 19631



 Signature of Acknowledging Official

Notary

 Title of Acknowledging Official



Application for - CITY COUNCIL - Ward- #3

Name (Full)	Randal A. Friedman			<i>Please Print Clearly</i>
Address	[Redacted] Camas, WA 98607			
Contact Phone	[Redacted]	Other Phone	[Redacted]	
E-Mail Address	[Redacted]			

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Signature [Signature] Date 1-24-2023

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Bernie — Please accept this cover letter with my application for appointment to the vacant Ward 3 seat on the Camas City Council. My resume and application speak to my general skills and history of how I can be an active and useful voice as the Council implements its legislative duties. I have shown leadership, creativity with purpose, and the ability to get things done despite great odds. The remainder of this letter highlight one item: what we now call the Camas Mill Community Action Group, or CAG. It is the story of how this wasn't supposed to happen, but did. It's a story about what I could bring to our Council to connect our city,

Deep in the middle of COVID lock down, I got an email from my neighbor. It was a strange public notice from Department of Ecology and I spoke "government" for a living. I looked it over. Lo and behold it was the only, and final, Public Notice on the Agreed Order governing the State of Washington's mandated cleanup of our mill. Yes, it is owned by Koch Industries, but the mill gave birth to this city, cradled it for a century for both good, and in some cases for ill (like erasing a mayor and a legacy of pollution.) While privately owned, the mill is in our city and we have the ability — and the duty — to shape its future.

I queried whether or not the community could request a CAG be formed and become part of the process. I explained it was standard for the US military to do so for cleanups. The Navy's Bremerton Shipyard cleanup had an advisory group for years. I was informed "that's not how we do things here." Moreover, unless they heard from at least 10 Camas residents, Ecology wouldn't even hold a public hearing!

I went on Nextdoor, alerted people to the facts, and asked for 10 people to step forward. We had two weeks and I didn't think it would be a problem. Within hours I had more than enough people telling me they made the request. I soon received confirmation from Ecology.

I started the Camas Mill Cleanup Discussion Group on Nextdoor. It remains active with 160 members. It is a place where people have respectful conversations. People understand the future of Camas is the future of the mill and its cleanup.

The Post-Record said "Friedman recently sounded the alert about a draft agreement order." (April 1, 2021). At first, City Hall wouldn't listen. Then something happened. David Ripp of the Port stepped forward. Carrie Schulstad of DCA stepped forward. Nan Henriksen stepped forward. All shared the premise we needed a "seat at the table" for the cleanup. All shared the future of Camas was beyond the mill's continued and permanent industrial land use, which for closed industrial buildings means deterioration at our core.

More people joined in. A virtual Public Hearing had scores of people testify, sharing the common theme expressed by these three leaders. Our City Councilors joined in. We connected as a community of boxes on a screen. It worked.

Staff opposition continued. Then I had the good fortune to meet Denis Hayes at Camas Gallery. I waited as he had a fascinating discussion with a grade schooler. I told Denis of the situation, and now many have seen the incredible letter he wrote. It changed the the landscape. Soon we had our CAG. Soon DCA, having stepped forward and applied, had a generous grant to both manage the CAG, and hire the community's own experts. They've done an incredible job and I'm privileged to be a CAG member.

The coming Downtown Plan must in some substantive way make clear the city's future vision of the mill. That is what the level of cleanup will be based on. The State has made that clear.

If you appoint me to Council I promise I will be a strong proponent of working with the CAG, and others, to bring this needed vision to Camas. I will promise to broadly work, diligently, and collaboratively with the spectrum of stakeholders as I've been doing so for three years now.

Randal A. Friedman

RANDAL A. FRIEDMAN

PROFILE

Retired professional with career spanning 41 years of public policy and advocacy. Problem solver, communicator, connector, thinker, visionary who gets things done often in highly visible and adversarial settings.

EXPERIENCE

Land Use Planning — 1978 - 1987

Focus on the Santa Monica Mountains region of southern California spanning Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. Planner for state agency. Permit Analyst for California Coastal Commission including a variety of major projects. Private consultant for applicants for permits in California Coastal Zone.

Environmental Specialist,

California Department of Toxic Substances Control — 1987-1988

Enforcement Division for Hazardous Waste Permitted Facilities in the SF Bay Area. Annual permit reviews of complex facilities including military installations, paint production facilities, and technology companies. Staff negotiator on early successful Consent Decree with large military installation.

California Government Affairs Manager,

Navy Region Southwest — 1988 - 2019

Serving on an Admiral's staff, representative and advocate before the California Legislature, including its many committees, and Executive Branch. Executive Branch included Governor's office and regulatory agencies spanning air quality, climate change, energy, hazardous waste, water quality, planning, and environmental cleanup. Created first group of community representatives for a federal cleanup process. Developed US Navy policy guidance for citizen participation in cleanups. Through mid-90's, served as public representative for Superfund cleanup site at Hunters Point in San Francisco. Variety of special projects important to military families.

Member, Camas Mill Cleanup Community Advisory Group — 2021-present

After helping establish this group, selected for membership in ongoing effort to provide oversight to the Washington Department of Ecology's cleanup appropriate for future uses. Active participant in outreach activities and document review.

EDUCATION

University of California, Santa Cruz — Economics (Honors) and Environmental Planning (Honors) 1979



SELECTED VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Board of Directors, Rotary Club of Sacramento — 2012-2013

Member of team to manage, promote and develop projects/events for one of the largest and oldest Rotary Clubs in the Country.

Board of Directors, Sacramento Electric Vehicle Group — 2017-2018

Part of team to expand and promote a chapter of the Electric Auto Association covering the greater Sacramento region. Planned numerous outreach events and submittal of advocacy letters supporting the coming of electric vehicles. Electric Vehicle owner since 2013.

"Head Duck" Rotary Club of Camas-Washougal — 2019 - present

Successfully reimagined Ducky Derby, given Covid constraints, into a well attended, family-friendly event that promotes both Rotary and our downtown. 2022 came close to a new record. Created partnership between DCA and Rotary where none had existed. Planning for this year's 29th Ducky Derby is underway.

Member, Camas Mill Community Advisory Committee — 2021- present

GOVERNING EXPERIENCE

Nepenthe Homeowner's Association — 2010 - 2011

Board member, and President of a 590 home HOA in Sacramento. An aging 70's development, the HOA provided a wide range of services including flood protection, upkeep of roofs and T-111 siding (and its constant maintenance). The HOA maintained landscaping of a large, urban forest fronting the American River. It had three pools, tennis courts and a club house/gym, and several roads. Its 2011 annual budget was nearly \$3 million. This included a fully funded Reserve making sure the HOA had funds to replace equipment and materials end-of-life, which is required for HOA's. Negotiated agreement with City of Sacramento over significant water waste and implemented major irrigation system overhaul.



Photos - Head duck leading Washougal Lighted Christmas Parade, Accepting Governor's Sustainability Award from California Secretary of Natural Resources, Testifying before California Legislature Assembly Natural Resources Committee, Flight Deck of USS Carl Vinson as VIP escort.



Randal A. Friedman

Questions for Ward 3 Council Application

Why do you want to serve on the Camas City Council? I've been active in public and community affairs ever since my first Letter to the Editor in grade school was published. Having discovered Camas, and deciding it would be home six years ago, I started learning all I could about its history, geography and its people. Ask me about the Missoula Floods. I bought a house five years ago. In Summer of 2019 my wife and I finally moved here. I saw a city tearing itself apart. People feeling like they weren't being heard, and they weren't. I've worked issues like International Shipping stakeholders and the State of California preempting Navy operations. I successfully brought parties together for a solution. I recognized my life skills would add to the discussion of Camas' future. Three years later I haven't stopped. Serving on the Camas City Council would be an honor with what I view as a sacred bond to best represent constituents balanced with the needs of the entire city and its future.

2. What experiences, talents or skills would you bring to the city government that you would like to highlight?

People tell me I'm a "connector." I see how different people are affected by a common issue and use it to build needed bridges. It's the observation I hear that Camas doesn't have a left or right, or blue or red. We are Camasonians and care for our city and each other. Families that have been here for life live beside families just moved from a distant place. As Camas has grown from the traditional mill town in the early 90's, and tripled in size, our homes are filled with people like me who came to seek this special life we have in Camas. We all share ideals like protecting our trees and forests. Protecting our lakes. Protecting our neighborhoods. Exercising fiscal fiduciary responsibility, using best practices and creativity to make our government more efficient and responsive. People sharing these ideals came together in the past. There's more commonality for protecting our city consistent with these basic goals than differences. Closer to home, it's what I did for Ducky Derby. I saw how Rotary's Ducky Derby, done on the same day as DCA's fledging Picnic in Color, could partner and make for a better event. It's what happened. It's where the "flume" was created to the delight of thousands of Camas Days visitors. I connected Rotary and DCA. I've continued working to establish other connections between groups. It's what I believe a Councilor should do.

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4. What is your vision for Camas four or five years from now? Explain how you would lead the community toward your vision.

I envision a more sustainable city with renewed focus on downtown.

The Mill will have actual cleanup underway with cleanup levels guided by some form of overlay plan. I recognize the need to continue industrial land uses. As a society and community we need to make things. There's ample land to keep the remaining paper line operating. I would work with other stakeholders to open dialogue with GP, about how a long-term partnership to maximize long-term goals for both our city and their corporate governance.

North Shore will be underway with affordable housing, recreational development, greater protection of forests and traffic mitigation measures. I've demonstrated ideas to make this new part of our city more sustainable and talked with one of the North Shore stakeholders about a variety of ideas to best serve our overall interests. I have submitted those ideas separately.

I want to create a commonality for our citizens around respect for each other, respect for our government, and respect for our natural resources. I would do this through active listening and keeping an open door for discussion. It's what I've done my entire professional life.

5. In your opinion, what are the top two or three most significant challenges facing the City of Camas today? How would you propose to address these challenges.

Sustainability. One of my tasks with the US Navy was coordinating the Navy's mission needs with California's aggressive sustainability goals. This included broad areas of energy, natural resources, and community. Like it or not, our State and Nation are requiring our sustainability.

Sometimes we focus too much on goals like minimizing some pollutant, or spending more for something that may not be needed. We forget that households and families have to survive and prosper. The Navy represented a "family" of nearly a half-million people in California. Sustainability included traditional issues, but also issues like housing, schools (60,000 public school children) and financial issues like "pay day lending." I led a legislative effort that resulted in leadership amongst the states for protecting military members and their families from predatory lending practices. We must never forget that many Camas households are struggling, including many who have lived their entire lives here. We must recognize and get a handle on spending, and best practices. Best practices may include the hiring of professional staff such as a forester. Public/private ventures can build efficiently through partnerships. That is my broad view of sustainability, and what I would seek to recognize and promote in Camas. Within this broad view of sustainability, specific challenges include:

Downtown Planning to include in some manner the mill property. See answer 4

Protecting our natural resources. Beyond answer 4, I would seek strong enforcement of measures to protect our lakes, including setting an example for the entire Lacamas Lake watershed which last year unfortunately shattered previous records for toxicity. I would seek to create a City Forester position by the end of the year. I've already shown how much the cost can be paid by the water fund, and manage our 1,700 watershed land better and less expensively than current outsourcing. I've done so as well with North Shore suggestions based on conversation with a developer.

DECLARATION AND AFFIDAVIT OF CANDIDACY

State of Washington }
 County of Clark } ss.
 City of Camas }

DECLARATION

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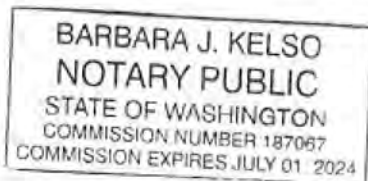
AFFIDAVIT

FURTHER, I do solemnly swear, or affirm, that I will support the Constitution and laws of the United States and the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington, and the Ordinances of the City of Camas.

[Signature]
 Signature of candidate as registered to vote

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of January, 2023.

(SEAL)



Barbara J. Kelso
 Signature of Acknowledging Official

Notary Public
 Title of Acknowledging Official

Duties and Responsibilities

The City operates under a Council-Mayor form of government. The seven-member City Council serves as the non-partisan legislative body of the City.

The Camas City Council is the legislative authority of the City of Camas.

The Council is responsible for setting policy, adopting the annual budget, adopting laws, determining the services to be provided and the funding levels for those services, and confirming the Mayor's appointments of citizens to its advisory boards commissions and committees.

The duties of a City Council Member will likely involve an average minimum commitment of 20-40 hours per month for preparation, participation, and attendance at various meetings and community activities.

Beyond the broad duties previously mentioned, Council Member duties include, but are not limited to:

- Attendance is required at City Council meetings, which are held on the first and third Monday evenings of each month, from 4:30 pm to 9:00 pm and occasionally later.
- From time to time, the City Council or Mayor may call special City Council meetings to handle city business.
- Attendance is also required at the Council's Annual Planning Session usually held over a weekend in January.
- Council Members are expected to serve on Council Sub-Committees, regional boards, and commissions, and to represent the City Council at various community functions. These various meetings and functions occur normally during the evenings but may also occur on some weekends and during some weekdays.
- Some travel is expected locally, regionally, and/or within the State of Washington involving various organizations of which the City of Camas is a member. Council Members may also, at their discretion, travel and attend training, education and/or participate in other organizations at the local, regional, state, or in some instances, on the national level. Travel, education, and training expenses for local, regional, state, and national activities are reimbursed in accordance with City policy applicable to all employees and City officials, subject to the budgetary limit set for each Council Member and for the City Council as a whole.

The stipend for a Council Member is \$1,045.00 per month plus a \$75 per month technology allowance.

Notice: The term of this appointment, for the vacated Council Member position, is anticipated to run February 2023, thru November 28, 2023 (unfulfilled term end). If the successful candidate is interested in continuing to serve as a Council Member, they would need to run in November 2023 for the position's next full term. Candidates interested in running for this office, should check with Clark County Elections for the special filing dates. The phone number for the elections department is (564) 397-2345.

Application Questions

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Last Name * Bynum

Physical Home Address *

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

Camas

Postal / Zip Code

98607

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Yes

Washington State Qualification*

I am legally qualified to serve in this capacity.

Yes

Attachment Cover Letter*

City council letter.docx
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Resume 2022.docx
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Megan A. Dymun

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Question 1. *

1. Why do you want to serve on the Camas City Council?

Because I care so deeply for our community and I want to be a part of the process of shaping the community where I intend to spend the rest of my life.

Question 2. *

What experiences, talents or skills would you bring to the city government that you would like to highlight?

I am a skilled negotiator with training in drafting and implementing legislation. I am excellent in collaborative situations and have strong leadership skills.

Question 3. *

What forms of public service or volunteering have you been involved in; and/or what other elected bodies have you sought a seat or been elected to? Provide details regarding the dates, organization/agency names, roles and responsibilities.

I have not served on other legislative bodies. I am a current member of the Clark County Bar Association and serve on one subcommittee for Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity. I am seeking membership on a second subcommittee for Judicial mentorship. I am also a member of Washington Women Lawyers,

Question 4. *

What is your vision for Camas four or five years from now? Explain how you would lead the community toward your vision.

My vision for Camas in five years is one where we have not only recovered from the after-effects of the pandemic but we are thriving. Currently I think we have some significant issue balancing infrastructure with preservation of green spaces. I would like to see a balanced and measured approach to growth that addresses the need for more affordable housing while preserving parks and green spaces. I think it needs to be an absolute priority that we continue to work to improve traffic and transportation issues as well as efforts to reduce crime. I would also like to see a more cohesive vision for Crown Park and other central features of our community.

Question 5. *

In your opinion, what are the top two or three most significant challenges facing the City of Camas today? How would you propose to address these challenges?

Affordable housing and balanced development. I think we need to look at financial incentives for builders who focus on middle income residential development and to try and reduce the influx of out-of-state investors snapping up houses as rental investment property. I am not an all-or-nothing person and I think there is some benefit to the having out-of-state investment like an abundance of rental property in a tight market, but I think we have gone to an extreme where typical middle-income families are being priced out of the market and thus out of our community. This impacts the character of our community and creates a lack of diversity of viewpoints and backgrounds.

Declaration and Affidavit

Click the link below to download the affidavit form:

[Declaration and Affidavit of Candidacy](#)

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Megan Bynum

Camas, WA 98607

City of Camas
616 NE 4th Avenue
Camas, WA 98607

To whom it may concern-

I would like to express my interest in serving the on the Camas City Council. I am a relatively new member of the community. I moved to Camas from Indiana in July of 2018. I have family in the Portland area but had never been to Washington until the day we moved, and I chose Camas based on a dart thrown at a map and a picture of our perfect downtown that I found through a Google search. As crazy as that may sound, I cannot count the number of times I have felt immense gratitude for that dart having placed me and my two children here in our wonderful little city.

I am a local attorney and a member of the Clark County Bar Association, the Washington State Bar Association and the Oregon State Bar Association. I am also a member of the CCBA-Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Washington Women Lawyers. Though I am new to this community, Camas is home and the place that I plan to live, work, retire and watch my children and their children make their way in the world. I would love the opportunity to lend my voice to help steer our community into the future. Though 2020 is behind us, it has left our community, the state, the country and the world with many new and unexpected challenges, including supply-chain problems, educational deficits in our children, workforce disruption, economic issues and a sense of skepticism about our governments, and our elected leaders' ability to lead.

I think the job of all city government must be restoring faith in those chosen to govern and building a sense of cohesion that crosses party lines and unites our community around a common vision for the future. As an attorney, I spend my days trying to bring multiple sides and points of view together. I have experience in jurisprudence, an understanding of the legislative process and an appreciation for the amount of work and compromise it can take to move any initiative forward. As a parent and a member of the community, I feel like I have a good understanding of the kinds of issues that matter to our citizenry and of the fact that though we may have different political ideologies, at the end of the day, we are all just trying to make a home for our families to thrive and grow.

I look forward to speaking with the selection committee further about the opportunity to serve as a member of the Camas City Council.

Very Truly Yours,

Megan A. Bynum

Megan A. Bynum

Camas, WA, [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Member of Washington and Oregon State Bar Associations. Educated and trained in healthcare administration and law, specialized training in both governance and general corporate law, including in-house and plaintiff-side legal issues, strategic planning, legislation, government relations and compliance. I am passionate about legislative and regulatory issues in the post-Covid legal landscape.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Legal Compliance
- Statutory and legal research
- Drafting
- Oratory Communication
- Preparation of trial memoranda
- Strategy Development
- Strategic planning

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mandarich Law Group, LLP, Washougal, Washington

2022-Current

Associate Attorney. Litigation throughout the state of Washington, drafting and document review, suit preparation, legal research, arbitration and settlement.

Nelson and Kennard, LLP McClellan, California (remote)

2021-2022

Associate Attorney. Drafted and reviewed documents performed suit analysis, litigation and legal research.

Law Clerk, Vissing Law, Jeffersonville Indiana

2018

Drafted and responded to complaints and pleadings, met with clients about ongoing cases, conducted extensive legal research and wrote discovery.

EDUCATION

University of Louisville-Brandeis School of Law, Louisville, Ky.

J.D. in Law 2018.

Ottawa University, Ottawa Kansas

Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration
Cum Laude

Indiana University-

Completed three years of coursework in Philosophy and Pre-law.

Activities and Honors

Treasurer, Health Law Society, Brandeis School of Law, Three-time CALI award recipient for highest grade in a course- Bioethics, Jurisprudence, and Dispute Resolution, Pi Alpha Delta Pre-law chapter Vice President.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Pets Alive-founding member of a local organization that provided low cost spay and neuter and veterinary services for low-income pet owners.

Hospice of Bloomington- Patient care volunteer, helped provide non-medical services to patients during end of life transition.

Community Kitchen- Helped to prepare and serve meals for homeless members of my community

Aqua Viva Children's Home-Guatemala- Served as a member of a delegation that traveled to Guatemala to perform construction and grounds-keeping work at a home/school for orphaned children.

Committees and Memberships

Clark County Bar Association- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, Washington Women Lawyers

DECLARATION AND AFFIDAVIT OF CANDIDACY

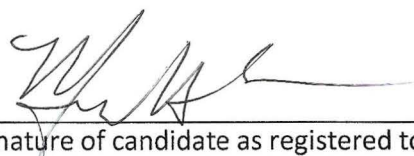
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 residing at [REDACTED], City of Camas, Clark County,
 State of Washington. I further declare that I am legally qualified to assume the office of
 COUNCIL MEMBER, if selected. I hereby request that my name be placed before the City Council, as a
 candidate.

AFFIDAVIT

FURTHER, I do solemnly swear, or affirm, that I will support the Constitution and laws of the
 United States and the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington, and the Ordinances of
 the City of Camas.


 Signature of candidate as registered to vote

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of January 2022-2023

(SEAL)




 Signature of Acknowledging Official

notary
 Title of Acknowledging Official



Application for - CITY COUNCIL - Ward- #3

Name (Full)	<u>Larry Allan Larimer</u>	<i>Please Print Clearly</i>
Address	<u>[REDACTED], Camas, WA 98607</u>	
Contact Phone	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	Other Phone <u>[REDACTED]</u>
E-Mail Address	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	

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As an applicant, I declare that I am qualified for appointment to this public office and acknowledge the information provided on this application will be available to the public.

Signature Larry Larimer Date 1/30/2023

Additional Information

Are you a registered voter in Camas, WA?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
Are you a resident of Ward 3 in the City of Camas?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
How long have you been a resident of the City of Camas?	<u>21.5 yrs.</u>	
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I confirm that I am legally qualified to serve in this capacity.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO

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January 30, 2023

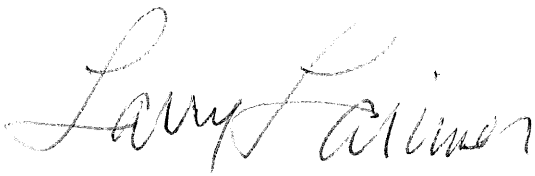
Mayor and City Council Members of the City of Camas,

Please accept this letter as indication that I am interested in applying for the open position of City Council Member for Ward 3. I served the City as the Deputy Fire Chief beginning in June of 2001. I was appointed Interim Fire Chief in February of 2004 when Chief Artz retired and served in that capacity until Chief Leon was hired nine months later. I resumed my duties as Deputy Chief until the City approved the addition of 3 Battalion Chiefs to provide 24 hour coverage of our City and the ambulance service district including the City of Washougal and the unincorporated area served by East County Fire & Rescue. I voluntarily demoted to one of those Battalion Chief positions because, after discussion with the Fire Chief, we determined that would best serve the Department, City, and our service area.

That decision was not entirely altruistic. I consider myself a very good coach and instructor as you will read later in my answers to the supplemental questions. The position of Battalion Chief gave me much more access to the members of the Fire Department before, during, and after emergency responses and non-emergent contact with members of the public and other stakeholders. I had the pleasure and honor to coach many of our non-officers to develop the skills and abilities to serve as Acting Captain when the Captain was off duty. Additionally, I mentored the rated Captains to serve as Acting Battalion Chief when I was absent. It was very satisfying to assist the development of the motivated people who serve the City still. Perhaps more importantly, I learned so much from them! We have a Fire Department filled with awesome people who are dedicated to service.

I had experience with budget preparation and administration. I enforced the Collective Bargaining Agreement. I wrote annual performance evaluations on the Officers subordinate to me. I was the Incident Commander for more complex emergency responses. I managed the schedule and approved or denied leave requests. I cooked a lot of meals because our people were very busy with medical calls and well-fed firefighters perform better! I loved serving my shift and my city. I miss actively serving and hope that you will consider me for this position so that I might find the opportunity to serve the City of Camas again.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Larry Larimer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Larry Larimer

Larry Larimer

Item 1.

SEEKING APPOINTMENT TO CITY COUNCIL

Camas, WA 98607

Dedicated worker with excellent communication, time management and people skills. Aiming to leverage my abilities to successfully fill the vacancy on the City Council.

EXPERIENCE

BATTALION CHIEF

Camas, WA

Camas-Washougal Fire Department

June 2001 - June 2018

- Assigned firefighters to jobs at strategic locations to facilitate mission objectives.
- Scheduled employee work assignments and set work priorities.
- Evaluated performance of assigned firefighting personnel.
- Recommended personnel actions related to disciplinary procedures, performance, and grievances.
- Enforced adherence of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- Budget development and management.

EDUCATION

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE (A.S.) IN FIRE SCIENCE

May 1985

San Diego Miramar Community College, San Diego, CA

SKILLS

- Community Relations
- Staff Scheduling
- Critical Thinking
- Manage Budgets
- Workload Prioritization
- Crisis Communications
- Emergency Management
- Corrective Actions

Answers to Supplemental Questions

1. Why do you want to serve on the Camas City Council?

I have the desire to serve our city. I retired from the Fire Department in 2018 and believe that I could be an asset. I'm sure there's a lot for me to learn in order to be effective on the City Council, but I'm a fast learner and I'm not afraid to ask questions of other Council members and city staff. I see our city being well managed and would like to be a part of seeing that continue and to be prepared to deal with the inevitable challenges ahead.

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I have experience in budget preparation and management for the Fire Department. My career required that I have strong problem solving, communication, and resource management skills. As a firefighter, baseball coach and umpire, I learned to accept criticism and feedback in order to benefit the team. I prize teamwork and mission fulfillment.

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I served on the Executive Board for The Living Truth Fellowship, an international Christian teaching and fellowship ministry 2012-2014. I assisted with the business side of the ministry as well as writing and editing some of the teaching materials. I am currently on the Board of Advisors for HOPE, an advocacy and support group for caregivers of dementia and/or Alzheimer's patients. My duties for them have been to attend board meetings and offer feedback mostly from an Emergency Responder's point of view. I occasionally get calls to facilitate non-emergency advice from Fire/EMS or Law Enforcement. My duties with HOPE have diminished somewhat since they merged with a

much larger non-profit organization. I anticipate that the Advisory Board will be dissolved in the not too distant future. I have offered to continue to be a resource.

4. What is your vision for Camas four or five years from now? Explain how you would lead the community toward your vision.

I would like to see Nan Henriksen's great vision expanded upon. I have worked and lived in communities that provided housing for nearby cities with more diverse revenue bases. Without a more robust business presence we are very dependent on property tax. Our city could benefit from seeking businesses that might improve our revenue stream. Clearly this becomes a balancing act with embracing growth while maintain the quality of life that the citizens of Camas expect and deserve.

When I first came to Camas there was an organization comprised of many neighborhood associations. I don't think it exists any longer but I would try to revive it beginning in Ward 3. I would make it a personal goal to meet with any associations that are currently active and attempt to revive participation in those that are not. I believe in giving people the opportunity to participate and develop a sense of ownership. I know that may be naïve, but I'd like to try to do something to minimize the divisive rhetoric I see on some of the social media sites.

5. In your opinion, what are the top two or three most significant challenges facing the City of Camas today? How would you propose to address these challenges?

First, Camas has several infrastructure challenges. Many of our streets need repair. The recent discovery of PFAs in one of our wells creates a challenge of its own. Above ground electrical lines continue to present hazards during extreme weather events. These and other heavy fiscal challenges need to be evaluated to balance our revenue/expenditure decisions. We need to look carefully at the expenditure side as we move to meet these and other challenges while diversifying our revenues.

Camas schools have been and are critical to our kids and our city. We should strengthen our partnerships with our School Board to ensure that we continue to provide the quality of education that prepares our future leaders with the skills to contribute to our community. I have seen some unpleasant exchanges on social media that make me uncomfortable. Our School Board deserves our strong support to meet these challenges.

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Larry Alarimer
 Signature of candidate as registered to vote

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(SEAL)



M A Mikols
 Signature of Acknowledging Official

NOTARY PUBLIC
 Title of Acknowledging Official

Duties and Responsibilities

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*

21 years

How long have you lived at your current address?
*

21 years

Previous Address

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John V. Svilanich

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1. Why do you want to serve on the Camas City Council?

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Question 2. *

What experiences, talents or skills would you bring to the city government that you would like to highlight?

In my 21 years in Camas, I have been active throughout the community including schools, the City and the Port. I have a solid historical perspective and knowledge that would be a valuable resource for the Council. In my many decades of life, I have become an effective communicator. I have learned to collaborate with others. I am solution oriented, helping me to be a proven problem solver. I have faced a diversity of challenges both personally and professionally. This allows me to be pragmatic and empathetic, yet productive.

Question 3. *

What forms of public service or volunteering have you been involved in? and/or what other elected bodies have you sought a seat or been elected to? Provide details regarding the dates, organization/agency names, roles and responsibilities.

I have sought public office three times – School Board in CA in the late 70s – Camas School Board in 2004 – Camas City Council in 2022.

This is some of the public service I have done in the area: Camas Northshore Citizens Advisory Committee (2022). Deer Creek HOA Board of Directors (since 2004, currently President). City of Camas Website Test User (2021). Kiwanis and Rotary Volunteer. Camas School Board Citizens Advisory Committee (3 years, 2 as Chair). Port of Camas-Washougal Waterfront Advisory Committee. Camas School District Long Term Facilities Planning Committee. Portland Pioneer Square Board of Directors (2010). Friends of Trees, Certified Crew Leader (since 2010).

Question 4. *

What is your vision for Camas four or five years from now? Explain how you would lead the community toward your vision.

My vision is one of Camas being a vibrant place to live and work. A place that is healthy both environmentally and economically. This will take vision and leadership. It will take thoughtful planning, solid communication, and hard work. If I am fortunate enough to be able to continue with the council after this appointment, I will help lead the community by hard work alongside my fellow councilors, open and clear communication, and consistent dedication towards our success.

Question 5. *

In your opinion, what are the top two or three most significant challenges facing the City of Camas today? How would you propose to address these challenges?

While the City faces many challenges, I believe that infrastructure and revenue sources are two of the most significant. As for infrastructure, we must prioritize what is needed and act on it. Delayed or deferred decision making has cost us time and money. The decisions are not easy but must be made. As for revenue sources, we need to do more work in economic development. This is not easy either, but success is needed here for our long-term financial health.

Declaration and Affidavit

Click the link below to download the affidavit form:

[Declaration and Affidavit of Candidacy](#)

This must be notarized and emailed to administration@cityofcamas.us or hand-delivered to the Clerk's Office at 616 NE 4th Avenue.

January 2023

Camas City Council

- The Honorable Leslie Lewallen
- The Honorable Bonnie Carter
- The Honorable Marilyn Boerke
- The Honorable Don Chaney
- The Honorable Tim Hein
- The Honorable John Nohr

Cc: The Honorable Mayor Steve Hogan

Councilors,

Thank you for the opportunity to be considered for the Council vacancy in Ward 3.

I have lived in Camas for over 21 years and Washington for 38 years. In my time here I have strived to be involved and support the community. I have worked with the schools, the City, and the Port. I have worked with neighbors and local non-profit civic groups.

My professional experience has given me decades of training and experience that will also help me be an asset quickly. I have worked for large corporations and small companies, both public and private. I have worked primarily in the automotive industry but also time in the environmental and food industries. I have worked on many teams, on many projects and across diverse matters.

At this point in my life, I could live anywhere I chose. I choose to live in Camas. I believe myself well prepared to be a contributing member of the council. I am applying with no agenda in mind other than to help Camas be successful in managing its bright future. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectively,



John Svilarich

John Svilarich

Camas, WA 98607

CIVIC EXPERIENCE

- Camas North Shore Citizens Advisory Committee
- Camas School Board Citizens Advisory Committee
- Deer Creek Homeowners Association Board of Directors
- Port of Camas/Washougal Waterfront Advisory Committee
- Camas School District Long Term Facilities Planning Committee
- Camas Website Test User
- Portland Pioneer Square Board of Directors
- Friends of Trees Certified Crew Leader
- Kiwanis and Rotary Volunteer

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Responsible for management roles in the automotive, environmental and food industries. I have extensive experience with group dynamics and individual motivation. I understand finances, communication systems, marketing and logistics. Lastly, I'm proficient in both planning and regulatory matters.

My work is diversified across local, regional, national and even international channels.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science, Marketing and Finance
California State University, Sacramento

Numerous certifications and training including technology, management, software and process

SKILLS

Clear and effective communicator.

An active listener.

Experienced group facilitator and collaborator.

Successful community volunteer and leader.

Proven Problem Solver.

Fair and empathetic.

PERSONAL

Father of two (and we all like each other).

Lover of the outdoors and the PNW.

Fond of good food and dogs.

Known to BBQ in all kinds of weather.

Perpetual learner.

DECLARATION AND AFFIDAVIT OF CANDIDACY

State of Washington }
County of Clark } ss.
City of Camas }

DECLARATION

I, John V. Svilarich, declare that I am a registered voter
residing at [REDACTED], City of Camas, Clark County,
State of Washington. I further declare that I am legally qualified to assume the office of
COUNCIL MEMBER, if selected. I hereby request that my name be placed before the City Council, as a
candidate.

AFFIDAVIT

FURTHER, I do solemnly swear, or affirm, that I will support the Constitution and laws of the
United States and the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington, and the Ordinances of
the City of Camas.

John V. Svilarich
Signature of candidate as registered to vote

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of JANUARY, 2022.

(SEAL)

BARBARA J. KELSO
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF WASHINGTON
COMMISSION NUMBER 187067
COMMISSION EXPIRES JULY 01, 2024

Barbara J. Kelso
Signature of Acknowledging Official
Notary Public
Title of Acknowledging Official

**Application for - CITY COUNCIL - Ward- #3**

<i>Please Print Clearly</i>	
Name (Full) <u>Stephen Robert Dabasinskas</u>	
Address <u>[REDACTED]</u>	
Contact Phone <u>[REDACTED]</u>	Other Phone <u>NA</u>
E-Mail Address <u>[REDACTED]</u>	

Eligibility Requirements, Notification and Signature		
<p><i>A Council Member for the City of Camas must reside within City limits and be a registered voter in Camas, Washington. To be eligible for appointment to a Council vacancy, applicants must have lived in the City of Camas for 12 consecutive months prior to being appointed to office.</i></p> <p><i>As an applicant, I declare that I am qualified for appointment to this public office and acknowledge the information provided on this application will be available to the public.</i></p>		
Signature <u>[Signature]</u>		Date <u>01/30/2023</u>
Additional Information		
Are you a registered voter in Camas, WA?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
Are you a resident of Ward 3 in the City of Camas?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
How long have you been a resident of the City of Camas? <u>4 years 8 months</u>		
How long have you lived at your current address? <u>4 years 8 months</u>		
If you have lived at your current address for less than 12 months, please list your previous address:		
Previous address & length of time at address -		
Do you or any family member residing in your household, have a financial interest in, or are you an employee or officer of any business or agency that conducts business with the City of Camas?	<input type="radio"/> YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
I confirm that I am legally qualified to serve in this capacity.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO

Please return this form, your cover letter, resume and answers to the supplemental questions to the City of Camas City Hall (616 NE 4th Avenue) no later than 5:00 pm on February 1, 2023. Applications received after 5:00 pm will not be accepted.

The application and attachments should be sent to:

Clerk's Office***Camas City Hall***616 NE 4th Avenue

Camas, WA 98607

Contact Phone: (360) 834-6864 Email Address: administration@cityofcamas.us

Stephen Dabasinskas

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

January 31st, 2023

City Council Members,

I'm excited to apply for the open Ward 3 City Council position. I know that I'm the right person for this job. As someone with extensive years of experience in the public and private sector, I will be a great supplemental asset to the current city council members. My experience and skillset will serve the city well in this position.

As a consultant I have developed a broad range of skill sets. I have been successful by being able to develop thorough and comprehensive plans to solve complex business challenges. My most important skill set is being a good listener. Being able to understand the problem completely directly from those affected makes it much easier to formulate a plan that leads to a successful resolution for everyone involved.

Additionally, my ability to work together as a team member has enabled me to succeed in even the most difficult of situations. I believe both these traits will serve me well while serving as a city council member.

Thank you for taking the time to read my application. I'm looking forward to discussing this position further with the other council member next month. I believe that I'm highly qualified for this job and I can become a valuable member of the council.

Sincerely,



Stephen Dabasinskas

Stephen Dabasinskas

Tel: [REDACTED]
email: [REDACTED]

Employment HistoryPresident/Owner

Innovative Business Resources, Camas, WA

1997 - present

C level consultant with a proven track record of helping small business in all aspects of the business cycle including turnarounds, growth strategies, budgeting, forecasting, acquisitions, reorganizations, mergers, HR, marketing, sales, all phases of bookkeeping/finance and operations. Experience with companies in the medical device field, investigative firms, manufacturing, marketing, construction, legal firms, restaurants, IT, trusts, non-profits and others. Purchased and sold over ten private companies.

Special Agent Supervisor

California Department of Justice, Orange, CA

1995 – 1997

Appointed Task Force Commander of a narcotics task force consisting of local, state and federal officers. Wrote and secured federal and state grant funding for task force. Worked with the state attorney general in writing legislation for presentation to state legislature. Taught budgeting and finance for the US Department of Defense continuing education class for national legislative training. Served as a board member on numerous local and state narcotic associations.

Special Agent

California Department of Justice, Orange, CA

1990 – 1995

Assigned to investigate major narcotic traffickers on the local state and federal levels. Served as the lead investigator on numerous complex national and international investigations. Federal and state court certified expert in narcotics and financial crimes associated with narcotic trafficking. Taught local law enforcement training classes related to narcotic investigation and firearms.

Police Officer

City of San Diego

1988 - 1990

Worked as a patrol officer and detective. Helped develop first Problem Orientated Policing model in the United States. Received Commanding Officer Citation and Life Saving Award.

Education

University of California at San Diego, BA Economics, Minor Law & Society
Police Officer Standards & Training Certificate: Basic, Intermediate, Advanced and Supervisory

Additional Skills

Proficient in MS Office/Office 365, QuickBooks Pro Desktop, QuickBooks Pro Online, MAS90, Macola and Sage.

Volunteer Work

Canyon Creek Little League – Board Member and Coach
City of San Ramon Recreation Department - Coach
Catholic Youth Organization – Coach
Red Line AAU – Coach
Camas High School – Fall basketball coach.

1. Why do you want to serve on the Camas City Council?

I have been a resident of Camas for almost 5 years. I have always been involved in my local community and feel that by using my work and life experience I can have a positive impact on the many challenges that Camas is facing as it heads into an exciting future.

2. What experiences, talents or skills would you bring to the city government that you would like to highlight?

I have a unique set of life/work experiences that would benefit the city council. I have ten years of experience working as a government employee from my time in law enforcement. Teamwork, sound judgement and integrity are what made me successful and are traits I still carry with me today. I also was able to write grants and legislation during this time which built my understanding of how to bring about positive change in the public sector. As a C level business consultant for the past 25 years I have built extensive experience in finance, banking, HR, project management and operations. These capabilities would allow me to offer a unique view and insight to not only the day to day decisions the but also the bigger the city council is currently facing.

3. What forms of public service or volunteering have you been involved in; and/or what other elected bodies have you sought a seat or been elected to? Provide details regarding the dates, organizations/agency names, roles and responsibilities.

I recently (2022) volunteered to serve on several city commissions, however I wasn't chosen to serve on them.

I have coached youth soccer, baseball and basketball coach for the past 20 years. I have been elected to board positions in Little League Baseball and AAU basketball as treasurer in charge of overseeing the finances for the entire league.

I served as Vice President of The Orange County Narcotics Officers Association (1995 - 1997) My duties included running monthly meetings, fund raising and providing training to a 200-member organization.

4. What is your vision for Camas four or five years from now? Explain how you would lead the community toward your vision.

In the future I would like to see Camas transform into a better version of its current "self". What drew my family to Camas was the small town feel with the amenities

of a larger city. I would focus on greatly improving the current infrastructure Camas has in place:

- Make sure first responders have adequate staffing and resources.
- Improve and maintain the current parks and recreation facilities
- Responsible residential and commercial development growth
- Expand city staff to adequately serve the growing community.
- Work on attracting more small and local businesses to the city
- Repair and improve current roadways.
- Create a financially sound city government

Achieving these goals over the next five years would require the council to get even more involved in working with the citizens of Camas. I would move away from our current online survey system and move more towards monthly town halls to have face to face conversations and be able to adequately represent the desires of the people in each ward and vote accordingly. I would also use my prior experience in the private sector to ensure that the citizens adequately understand the costs involved in undertaking these projects and offer solutions and project oversight to make sure they are completed within budget and on time.

5. In your opinion what are the top two or three most significant challenges facing the City of Camas today. How would you propose to address these challenges?

Cleaning up Lacamas Lake. The lake is one of the focal points of the city. The city needs to work with the HOA's and developers in reducing the runoff which causes pollution. Although there are numerous studies, legal maneuvers and such currently in the works, the citizens feel this is taking way too long and some sense of urgency needs to be imposed. We need to show some progress on a regular basis so the citizens feel something is being done. In my interactions with the community the feeling of "nothing is being done" is brought up way too many times.

Residential/Commercial growth. Camas is growing rapidly and eventually will over burden (if it hasn't already) the city's current bandwidth in both its infrastructure as well as finances. The council needs to better understand the fiscal impact and cost of each development project and make sure that it is even possible with the resources we have. If the project isn't, we need to make sure the city is fiscally compensated for the increased financial burdens. Increasing the size of the business community and tourism opportunities would also increase city revenue without increasing taxes on the residents.

DECLARATION AND AFFIDAVIT OF CANDIDACY

State of Washington }
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DECLARATION

I, Stephen Robert Dabasinskas, declare that I am a registered voter residing at [REDACTED], City of Camas, Clark County, State of Washington. I further declare that I am legally qualified to assume the office of COUNCIL MEMBER, if selected. I hereby request that my name be placed before the City Council, as a candidate.

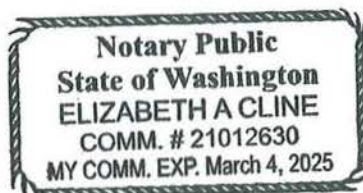
AFFIDAVIT

FURTHER, I do solemnly swear, or affirm, that I will support the Constitution and laws of the United States and the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington, and the Ordinances of the City of Camas.


 Signature of candidate as registered to vote

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of January, 2023.

(SEAL)




 Signature of Acknowledging Official

 Title of Acknowledging Official