



COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION

Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 5:15 PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor Rick Scholl
Council President Jessica Chilton
Councilor Mark Gundersen
Councilor Brandon Sundeen
Vacant Position

LOCATION & CONTACT:

Zoom (details below)
Website | www.sthelensoregon.gov
Email | kpayne@sthelensoregon.gov
Phone | 503-397-6272
Fax | 503-397-4016

AGENDA

CALL SPECIAL SESSION TO ORDER

INTERVIEW APPLICANTS FOR CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT (10 minutes per interview)

- [1.](#) Ginny Carlson
- [2.](#) Jay Echternach
- [3.](#) Nicholas Hellmich
- [4.](#) Russell Hubbard
- [5.](#) Scott Jacobson
- [6.](#) Brady Preheim
- [7.](#) Jared Stram
- [8.](#) Stephen Topaz
- [9.](#) Steve Toschi
- [10.](#) Diana Wiener

DELIBERATIONS AND VOTE

ADJOURN

VIRTUAL MEETING DETAILS

Join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86965025631?pwd=RVpsK3BMK2liS3lpclJHODI2OXdkQT09>

Meeting ID: 869 6502 5631

Passcode: 779924

Dial: 669-444-9171

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to City Hall at 503-397-6272.

Be a part of the vision and get involved...volunteer for a City Board or Commission! For more information or for an application, go to www.sthelensoregon.gov or call 503-366-8217.

Application for City Council Appointment

Item #1.

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

Applicant Name: Virginia Carlson

Home Address: 499 S 7th St

City, Zip: St Helens 97051

Phone: 503 438 0950 ☐ Mobile ☐ Home

Email: gin.mc2@gmail.com

Mailing Address: 499 S 7th

City, Zip: St Helens 97051

How long have you resided in the city limits of St. Helens? 25 Years 2 Months

Applicants must have resided inside the city limits of St. Helens for at least 12 months prior to appointment, per Charter¹.

Are you a Qualified Elector as defined in the Oregon Constitution²? (see page 2) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Civic Activities (offices held, honors, etc.):

Main Street Board member, Chamber of Commerce Board Member, CAT Board Member, Ford Family Foundation Leadership graduate and Community Advocate, Youth Council creator and Advisor, Tourism Committee, Budget Committee, Oregon State Habitat for Humanity Advisory Board, City Councilor Service, Keep it Local Founding Committee

List names, addresses, and phone numbers of three references not related to you:

Brady Preheim PO Box 761 St Helens Or 97051 503 543 4884
Doug Morten 484 Grey Cliffs Dr St Helen's OR 97051 503 396 5145
Jennifer Shoemaker Columbia City Oregon
Jennifer Anderson Columbia City 503 396 6421

Briefly summarize educational background:

Ongoing adult education through LOC, Ford Family Leadership as well as Pacific Program for Catalytic Leadership, Life long learning, volunteer work and community advocacy, Past Business Owner/Manager

Present Employer Name: Lifempowered Phone: 503 397 1922

Present Employer Address: 105 Port Ave St Helens

Title of Position Held: Community Support Specialist

Why do you want to be appointed to the City Council?

I would like to help support Council Goals and serve the community. My history shows I continue to work and advocate for our community and all its citizens.

What do you hope to accomplish during your time on the City Council?

Offer experience and stability to complete the open seat. Serve my community. Provide stable leadership with an eye on resources.



Additional information you would like us to consider:

I am not a career politician, not looking to advance any agenda, just offer my support and time to the team and my community. I am a survivor by nature, single mom of 2, one college graduate and a son with special needs beginning college. During Covid 19 I Built and purchased a forever home with Habitat for Humanity and continue to volunteer and serve both at the state and national level to raise affordable home ownership for all. I have volunteered also for rights and fair wages in the Disabled Community as well. I don't know what quitting is. I believe my unique skill set might be just what the situation requires. We have a very special community and opportunity to facilitate positive change. I would love to help.

I hereby certify that I am a "qualified elector" as defined in Article II of the Oregon Constitution² and I have resided inside the city limits of St. Helens for at least 12 months prior to an appointment¹. I further certify that this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signatur _____

Date: 8/25/23

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² Oregon Constitution, Article II

Section 2. Qualifications of electors.

- (1) Every citizen of the United States is entitled to vote in all elections not otherwise provided for by this Constitution if such citizen:
 - (a) Is 18 years of age or older;
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Applicant Name: Jay Echternach

Home Address: _____

City, Zip: St. Helens 97051

Phone: 503-780-9879 ☒ Mobile ☐ Home

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, Zip: St. Helens 97051

How long have you resided in the city limits of St. Helens? ² _____ Years _____ Months

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Are you a Qualified Elector as defined in the Oregon Constitution²? (see page 2) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Civic Activities (offices held, honors, etc.):

Gresham Barlow School district budget and curriculum
Gresham Barlow Education education foundation board member
20+ year High School baseball coach- Barlow, Sisters, David Douglas
8 year High School umpire

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Barry Cook- 37621 s.e. Bear creek lane, Boring Oregon 97009, 503-668-5531
Bob Bailey- 967 sw Mitchell ave, Troutdale Oregon 97060, 503-348-8083
George Mikesell- 375 Metlako way, Columbia City Oregon 97018 503-369-1691

Briefly summarize educational background:

Horseheads High School, Horseheads NY,
State University of NY at Buffalo, BS

Present Employer Name: Walkoff sales- self employed Phone: 503-780-9879

Present Employer Address: 434 s. 2nd street SH 97051

Title of Position Held: President

Why do you want to be appointed to the City Council?

new member to the community and would like to participate and add value back to the community. My professional career includes success in growing my sales account base including 30+ years of sales into the largest retail and wholesalers in the US- Costco, Sears, Barnes and Noble, Amazon, Fred Meyer, Bi-Mart, Sam's and Wal-Mart. Professional negotiation and communication skills thru constant training and years of success.

What do you hope to accomplish during your time on the City Council?

Help create and manage growth of the city with new development opportunities, facilitate professional Fire and Police departments, realize financial stability and growth within the boundries of current budgets, seek creative funding for specific projects thru private and grant funding opportunities.

Additional information you would like us to consider:

I am _____ years old and have a very successful professional sales career of over 40 years. I have also participated in countless city and school district roles. I am a great listener and master communicator that lends itself well toward group functions, problem solving and negotiating results that benefit all parties.

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Signature

Date:

8-23-23

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Applicant Name: Nicholas David Hellmich

Home Address: 250 S 4th Street

City, Zip: St. Helens 97051

Phone: 757 268-9395 ☒ Mobile ☐ Home

Email: nicholasdhellmich@gmail.com

Mailing Address: 250 S 4th Street

City, Zip: St. Helens 97051

How long have you resided in the city limits of St. Helens? 5 Years 4 Months

Applicants must have resided inside the city limits of St. Helens for at least 12 months prior to appointment, per Charter¹.

Are you a Qualified Elector as defined in the Oregon Constitution²? (see page 2) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Civic Activities (offices held, honors, etc.):

Sponsorship and Recruitment officer at Young Credit Union Professionals of Oregon. NCHCE Certification in Homeownership Counseling. NCHCE Certification in Pre-Purchase Homeownership Education. 2019 Credit Union National Association Rock Star award (only one in Oregon to receive the award)

List names, addresses, and phone numbers of three references not related to you:

Molly Matchak 408 458-6773
Tina Curry 360 241-6456
Michael Baranovsky 845 629-4635

Briefly summarize educational background:

Graduated Highschool in 2010. NCHCE Certification in Homeownership Counseling. NCHCE Certification in Pre-Purchase Homeownership Education. TMA Sales & Service Certification.

Present Employer Name: Community Action Team Phone: 503 366-6549

Present Employer Address: 125 North 17th Street St Helens OR 97051

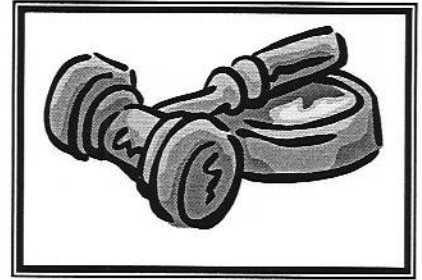
Title of Position Held: Mortgage counselor.

Why do you want to be appointed to the City Council?

I want to represent the people of St. Helens. I want to be a voice for the voiceless and implement changes that help everyone have a better life. I believe my personal, and professional experiences will help target and implement ideas that help all the citizens and not just a handful.

What do you hope to accomplish during your time on the City Council?

I want to bring in more income for not only the city but the citizens of St. Helens. Increase the amount of jobs for our citizens and increase tax revenue for the city so we can keep investing in projects that attract more investors which in turn will bring more people to St. Helens.



In summary, my motivation to be appointed to the City Council is driven by a genuine desire to serve our community, an understanding of its unique challenges, and a vision for its bright future."

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Applicant Name: Russell K Hubbard

Home Address: 275 N River St

City, Zip: St Helens 97051

Phone: 503-519-7014 ☒ Mobile ☐ Home

Email: hubbard.construction@yahoo.com

Mailing Address: PO Box 277

City, Zip: St Helens OR 97051

How long have you resided in the city limits of St. Helens? 11 Years 9 Months

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Are you a Qualified Elector as defined in the Oregon Constitution²? (see page 2) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Civic Activities (offices held, honors, etc.):

Artist of Oregon Award - Oregon Arts Commission
 NW Neighborhood Cultural Center-Portland OR - Board Member
 NW Industrial Business Association-Portland OR - Board Member
 St Helens Planning Commission & Acting Historic Landmarks Commission - Commissioner and Chair
 Columbia River PUD - Board Member
 Columbia County Fair and Rodeo Auction Dinner - Volunteer

List names, addresses, and phone numbers of three references not related to you:

Michael Sykes - 51230 Bankston Rd Scappoose OR 97056 503-366-3247
 Craig Melton - 58014 S. Bachelor Flat Rd Warren OR 97053 503-504-8680
 Mark Sandstrom - 57826 Old Portland Rd Warren OR 97053 503-369-5176

Briefly summarize educational background:

Oregon Episcopal School - Portland OR
 Beaverton High School - Beaverton OR
 Shattuck Military Academy - Fairbault MN
 Southern Arizona School - Tucson AZ
 PCC - Portland OR

Present Employer Name: Self employed - Hubbard Construction Corp Phone: 503-519-7014

Present Employer Address: PO Box 277 St Helens OR 97051

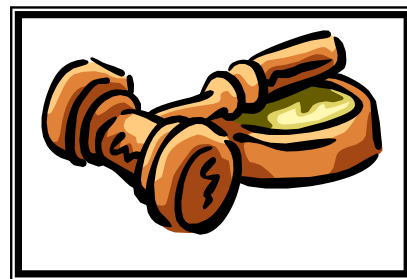
Title of Position Held: President

Why do you want to be appointed to the City Council?

In my 9 years on the St Helens Planning Commission, I have seen that citizen involvement is crucial in order to represent the interests of the public and ensure responsible government. My goal is to represent all citizens, in particular those in our small business community.

What do you hope to accomplish during your time on the City Council?

I hope to work together with the rest of the Council to support the City in making fiscally responsible decisions to sustain and encourage the growth and livability of St Helens.



Additional information you would like us to consider:

My experience on the Planning Commission, as a volunteer on several Boards, and my decades of work as a General Contractor, developer and business owner gives me the background and skills to be an asset on the St Helens City Council.
Thanks for your consideration.

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Signature: _____

08/29/23

Date: _____

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Applicant Name: Scott Jacobson

Home Address: 385 N 3rd St

City, Zip: St Helens OR 97051

Phone: 561-660-4804 ☒ Mobile ☐ Home

Email: audatighe@gmail.com

Mailing Address: Same as home address

City, Zip: _____

How long have you resided in the city limits of St. Helens? 2 Years 1 Months

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Are you a Qualified Elector as defined in the Oregon Constitution²? (see page 2) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Civic Activities (offices held, honors, etc.):

Parks and Trails Commission
Volunteer - Park Clean-ups, Habitat for Humanity

List names, addresses, and phone numbers of three references not related to you:

Doug Morten, 484 Grey Cliffs Drive, St Helens OR 97051, 503-807-9240
Jerry Belcher, 105 Belton Road, St Helens OR 97051, 503-984-5951
Greg Sifford, 411 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, 904-397-4050

Briefly summarize educational background:

University of Minnesota - undergraduate
Portland State University - graduate

Present Employer Name: Retired Phone: _____

Present Employer Address: _____

Title of Position Held: _____

Why do you want to be appointed to the City Council?

I have enjoyed serving on the Parks & Trails Commission and see this as an opportunity to serve my community in a broader role. St Helens is at an exciting juncture in its transformation, and I would like to aid in realizing its full potential. I take a measured approach to weighing up issues and believe in listening and collaborating with others in order to reach balanced solutions – qualities which I think would be an asset as a city council member.

What do you hope to accomplish during your time on the City Council?

1 – Engage with citizens, local businesses and community stakeholder groups to get their perspective and input; 2 – Support and facilitate the waterfront development project; 3 – Focus on continued revitalization of St Helens; 4 – Ensure city's short-term and long-term financial stability; 5 – Reconstitute the Arts & Culture Commission; and 6 – Ensure meaningful collaboration between city staff, city council, and board / commission members.



Additional information you would like us to consider:

Item #5.

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Signature: **Scott Jacobson** Digitally signed by Scott Jacobson
Date: 2023.08.30 15:14:31 -07'00' Date: August 30 2023

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Applicant Name: Brady Preheim

Home Address: 195 Clark Street

City, Zip: St. Helens, 97051

Phone: 503-543-4884 ☒ Mobile ☐ Home

Email: brady@preheim.com

Mailing Address: PO Box 761

City, Zip: St. Helens, OR 97051

How long have you resided in the city limits of St. Helens? 46 Years Months

Applicants must have resided inside the city limits of St. Helens for at least 12 months prior to appointment, per Charter¹.

Are you a Qualified Elector as defined in the Oregon Constitution²? (see page 2) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Civic Activities (offices held, honors, etc.):

St. Helens Budget Committee, Scappoose Economic Development Committee, Chair South Columbia County Chamber, Chair CASA of Columbia County, Ford Leadership Community Ambassador, Keep It Local member, co-host Odd Friday radio show, Halloweentown Volunteer

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Tammy Maygra; 34319 Canaan Road, Deer Island, OR 97054; (503)397-1967
Nancy Ward; 33470 Chinook Plaza #198, Scappoose, OR 97056; (503)799-6968
Ginny Carlson, 499 S 7TH ST, St. Helens, OR 97051; (503)438-0950

Briefly summarize educational background:

St. Helens High School, Oregon State University, Northern Virginia Technical, FORD Leadership Training

Present Employer Name: Preheim Computers Phone: 503-543-4884

Present Employer Address: PO BOX 761, St. Helens, OR 97051

Title of Position Held: Owner

Why do you want to be appointed to the City Council?

I think my diverse interests in the city and the attention I pay to the city, planning commission enable me to fulfill a term with very little time needed to get up to speed on what is happening in the city. I want to collaborate with the other council members to move the city goals to completion.

What do you hope to accomplish during your time on the City Council?

To be responsive to the public we serve, to find funding to hire 3 new police officers, work to complete phase 1 of Water Front improvement, resolve outstanding budget issues looming in the next 2 fiscal years.



Additional information you would like us to consider:

I fully understand that the role of not being on the council and the role AS a councilor are very different. I understand that being on council is only effective if you can work with at least 2 other council members to acheive your goals - that requires honesty and a willingness to compromise. I understand the ethical obligations to the city and the council that being a MEMBER of the council entails.

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Signature: Brady Preheim Digitally signed by Brady Preheim
Date: 2023.08.28 23:48:21 -07'00' **Date:** 8/29/2023

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Applicant Name: Jared Stram

Home Address: 245 Trillium Street

City, Zip: St. Helens, 97051

Phone: 503 820 9997 ☒ Mobile ☐ Home

Email: jaredstram@icloud.com

Mailing Address: 245 Trillium Street

City, Zip: St. Helens, 97051

How long have you resided in the city limits of St. Helens? 13 Years 3 Months

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Are you a Qualified Elector as defined in the Oregon Constitution²? (see page 2) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Civic Activities (offices held, honors, etc.):

School Board Member 2019—2021 Columbia County Christian School
Vice President of School Board 2021-2022 Columbia County Christian School

List names, addresses, and phone numbers of three references not related to you:

Lisa Scholl - 503 366 8216
Steven Webb - 503 705 5492
Brenda McPherson 503 703 1302

Briefly summarize educational background:

Associate of Applied Science in Nursing - Clackamas Community College - 2007
Bachelor of Science in Nursing - Western Governor's University - 2020
Master of Business Administration - Western Governor's University - 2022 - Academic Excellence Awards: Service Line Development, Ethical Leadership, and Business Simulation.
Master of Science in Nursing - Western Governor's University - In Progress - Academic Excellence Award: Quality Outcomes

Present Employer Name: Providence St. Joseph Health Phone: 5032160830

Present Employer Address: 9205 SW Barnes Road. Portland, OR 97223

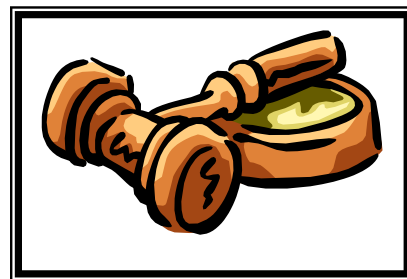
Title of Position Held: Oregon Region Manager - Utilization Review

Why do you want to be appointed to the City Council?

I want to be appointed to the City Council so that I can utilize my skills and expertise to help the city improve the quality of life for of the citizens of St. Helens and ensure the the City of St. Helens continues to be a desirable and marketable living space that can attract high quality businesses that will bring jobs and improve the local economy. I also hope to use my knowledge of healthcare to effect population health through city initiatives that will improve the public health of the city's residents.

What do you hope to accomplish during your time on the City Council?

I hope that during my tenure with the City Council, I would be able to help steer decisions by the council that would positively impact the lives of the citizens of St. Helens and improve the operations and functioning of the city.



Additional information you would like us to consider:

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In my current position at Providence, I manage a department that provides services to all 8 Providence Acute Care hospitals. I am responsible for ensuring continued operations and coordinating workflows that affect numerous partner departments.

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Signature: _____ Date: 8/20/2023

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Item #8.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

Applicant Name: STEPHEN R. TOPAZ

Home Address: 360 ST. HELENS, STREET

City, Zip: ST. HELENS, 97051

Phone: 503-366-7994 ☐ Mobile ☒ Home

Email: T STEPHEN.TOPAZ@gmail.com

Mailing Address: 360 ST. HELENS STREET

City, Zip: ST. HELENS 97051

How long have you resided in the city limits of St. Helens? 23 Years 8 Months

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Are you a Qualified Elector as defined in the Oregon Constitution²? (see page 2) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Civic Activities (offices held, honors, etc.): GIRL SCOUT LEADER, COUNCIL LEVEL, NEW JERSEY, CUB SCOUT

PACK MASTER, MASSACHUSETTS, LOTUS PROJECT, HOMELESS MAKE WORK, UTAH, FOUNDING MEMBER MAIN STREET

PROJECT, ST. HELENS, CITY COUNCIL, ST, HELENS

List names, addresses, and phone numbers of three references not related to you:

AL PETERSON, 101 ST. HELENS STREET, 503-366-7220

JUDY THOMPSON, 185 4th STREET, 503-397-6056

KRISTI WARD, 474 NORTH 15th STREET, 503-366-7220

Briefly summarize educational background: CANTON LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL, CANTON, OHIO, PURDUE UNIVERSITY, BSME

RUTGER UNIVERSITY, PARTIAL MASTERS

Present Employer Name: RETIRED Phone: _____

Present Employer Address: _____

Title of Position Held: _____

Why do you want to be appointed to the City Council?

TO START A MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE, MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC THE CITY'S ADMINISTRATIVE PLANS

FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS

What do you hope to accomplish during your time on the City Council?

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FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS



Additional information you would like us to consider:

I HAVE MULTI-STATE EXPERIENCE THAT ENCLDS, being a faculty of, A MAJOR MEDICAL CENTER, the CLEVELAND CLINIC, THREE MEDICAL UNIVERSITIES, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ENGINEER AT FOUR

COMPANIES, TWO BEING ON THE FORTUNE 500 LIST, AND A ENGINEERING CONSULTANT I HAVE HAD EXPERIENCE

IN DEALING WITH LONG TERM PROJECT PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION THAT INVOLVED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. THIS EXPERIENCE WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL WITH THE RENEWAL PROJECTS OF THE CITY.

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Applicant Name: Steve Toschi

Home Address: 215 N. River Street

City, Zip: St. Helens, OR 97051

Phone: 9259632518 ☒ Mobile ☐ Home

Email: stoschi@tcdlegal.com

Mailing Address: 215 N. River Street

City, Zip: St. Helens, OR 97051

How long have you resided in the city limits of St. Helens? approx 3 Years Months

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Are you a Qualified Elector as defined in the Oregon Constitution²? (see page 2) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Civic Activities (offices held, honors, etc.):

Planning Commissioner, approximately 2021 - May 2023

List names, addresses, and phone numbers of three references not related to you:

Antonia Doggett, 385 S. 3rd Street, St. Helens, (503) 442-6427

Dianne Dillard, 124 N. 2nd Street, St. Helens (503) 396-7797

Russ Hubbard, 275 N. River Street, St. Helens (503) 519-7014

Briefly summarize educational background:

Juris Doctor, McGeorge School of Law, 1986

BA, Politics, University of California at Santa Cruz, 1983

High School Graduate, Branham High School, 1979

Present Employer Name: Toschi, Collins, Doyle & Houvener, APC Phone: (510) 835-3400

Present Employer Address: 5145 Johnson Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588, stoschi@tcdlegal.com

Title of Position Held: Managing Partner, President

Why do you want to be appointed to the City Council?

Citizens are asking me and they want me to run. I want to see a developed waterfront that achieves the vision of beauty and economic vitality our citizens expect. The City needs to grow in a way that will preserve our small town way of life. I have the life experience to implement plans to help achieve this goal. I want to help the City achieve economic vitality. I want our businesses to thrive. Having been a successful business person, I have a perspective that will aid Council decisions.

What do you hope to accomplish during your time on the City Council?

Aid the City to overcome problems with its finances and personnel management issues. Aid the City to make sound planning decisions regarding economic vitality of the people of St. Helens. Help the City plan for future regulations anticipated to be issued from Salem. Protect the health, safety, and welfare of our citizens. Improve communications between the City and its citizens. Increase citizen involvement in the government and use of City Committees, per the laws of the City. Ensure that as we grow, we maintain our small town lifestyle.



Additional information you would like us to consider:

Having lived in many places that have gone through growth, I've seen how a plan for quality of growth can vastly improve the long term outcome for a City and its citizens. I've run a business for more than 20 years. I've had to manage finances, income, expenses, and personnel, and have worked within a corporation and partners in doing so. I've handled complex litigation. I have future vision and a long track record of success.

There are many issues facing St. Helens right now that require innovative and complex solutions. We have conflicting views in our City regarding how the City should move forward regarding controversial subjects. I'm not beholden to anyone in the City. I can and will make decisions in the best interests of all citizens. I have a very broad base of support. I received 1986 votes in the last election. I've kept up with issues facing the City. More people approach me daily encouraging me to run for office. I have a depth of experience which is rarely seen in someone interested to get involved in government. I'm not doing this for me at all. People of St. Helens want me to lead them and they tell me so. I believe that whoever Council chooses to sit with them should have gone through the election

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Signature: _____ **Date:** August 30, 2023

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Application for City Council Appointment*This application is for Council appointment, not for Elections.**If you would like to run for office during a General Election, please contact the City Elections Official at (503) 366-8217.***PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT**Applicant Name: Diana WienerHome Address: 135 S 3rd StreetCity, Zip: St. Helens, OR 97051Phone: 971-221-7159 ☒ Mobile ☒ HomeEmail: diana.wiener@gmail.comMailing Address: 135 S 3rd StCity, Zip: St. Helens, OR 97051How long have you resided in the city limits of St. Helens? 5 Years 10 Months*Applicants must have resided inside the city limits of St. Helens for at least 12 months prior to appointment, per Charter¹.*Are you a Qualified Elector as defined in the Oregon Constitution²? (see page 2) ☒ Yes ☐ No**Civic Activities (offices held, honors, etc.):**

Volunteer, St. Helens Public Library Board May 2021 - present
 Secretary, St. Helens Main Street Alliance, September 2021 - present
 Member, Lewis & Clark College Philanthropy Council, February 2020 - present
 Member, Board of Directors, Bitch Media (501c3 media non-profit), 2011-2012
 Team Member, Lewis & Clark College Sexual Assault Response Team, 2006-2012

List names, addresses, and phone numbers of three references not related to you:

* Erin Salisbury, 330 S. 1st St. #A, St. Helens OR 97051, ecs@erincolette.com, 971-570-8844 (local resident and business owner)
 * Ty Bailey, 33796 NE Erin Dr., Scappoose OR 97056, scappoose@local106.com, phone: 970-210-0058 (Columbia County resident, active in Scappoose government, former boss, known 10+ years)
 * Kate Larson, Licensed MSW, 2704 Ezell Rd., Nashville, TN 37211, kplarson@gmail.com, phone: 971-219-8049 (former coworker, known 20+ years),

Briefly summarize educational background:

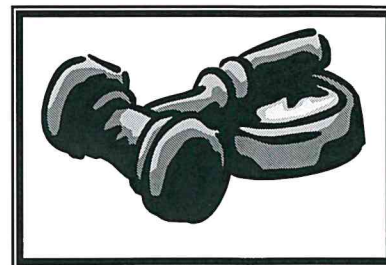
2004 Bachelor of Arts, History and Gender Studies, Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR
 2009 Juris Doctorate, Lewis & Clark Law School, Portland, OR

Present Employer Name: Acquia Phone: (888) 922-7842Present Employer Address: 53 State St, Boston, MA 02109Title of Position Held: Senior Director, Customer Operations and Communications**Why do you want to be appointed to the City Council?**

Please see Attached.

What do you hope to accomplish during your time on the City Council?

Please see Attached.



Additional information you would like us to consider:

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Signature _____

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Why do you want to be appointed to the City Council?

Communities are strongest when they are led by engaged, active members who share ties with their neighbors and are invested in the future not only of themselves, but everyone around them. While I have only been a resident of St. Helens for 5.5 years, I am committed to living the rest of my life in our community. When planning to buy our first and forever home, my husband, David, and I chose this community with great care and spent several years working to purchase a property we loved in a place where we would spend the rest of our lives. Oregonians since 2000, we came to St. Helens for the same reason people have been coming here for generations: the beautiful and lush landscape, the unparalleled access to the water, and friendly, welcoming residents. But what we found was so much more.

In the time I've lived in St. Helens, I've come to love this community more than I ever imagined. I love that I know my neighbors and that when we or they have needed something – a jar opened, a borrowed water hose, a tutor for their child – we have been able to be there for them. I love that when I go out to eat or go shopping, I know the owners and staff and they know me. I love that the community embraces its unique features and interests, from our own little Sand Island in the Columbia to our history as a filming location to our world-famous Dancing Witches and our local ukelele choir.

Both my husband and I have experience attending and working on small college campuses, communities even smaller than St. Helens. Through those experiences, we've come to know the truth of Margaret Mead's adage: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." We experienced that first-hand in St. Helens when our house caught fire on 4 July 2022. This community came out in response to that tragedy, offering us help in ways we didn't even know to ask for. In the time I've lived here, I could tell you dozens of stories like mine: local people helping local people. That is the heart of St. Helens, and it is something I never want to change.

I believe my combined experience in law, education, business, and communications along with my passion for this city make me uniquely qualified for the position of City Councilor. I am committed to the long-term success of St. Helens, and I am willing to work hard and use all the resources, knowledge, and expertise I possess ensure that City Council is a positive representative of the people and protects the future of our community as it changes and grows.

We deserve an active City Council that is dedicated to its constituents, proud of its successes, and friendly and collaborative with one another and its citizens. While we might not always agree, St. Helens is lucky to have a vocal, engaged populace that deserves to be heard and understood. Our job as Councilors is to ensure that our citizens are equally informed of our decisions, responsibilities, goals, and progress, so that they might become more active stakeholders and champions for themselves and their neighbors. Being part of the City Council will allow me to continue to serve this community to the best of my abilities and provide guidance, help, and support for my neighbors in a way I feel capable and qualified to do.

What do you hope to accomplish during your time on the City Council?

Should I be selected to serve on St. Helens City Council, I will be focused on three priorities:

1. **Managed Growth for Our Future** – St. Helens is at a crossroads and strong leadership has never been more necessary. We are a community of neighbors, small business owners, and working families. We are a community with incredible potential on the road to economic recovery after losing its historic income base. It is paramount that our leaders prioritize maintaining the culture that generations of St. Helens residents have cultivated. Change is part of life, and St. Helens has the opportunity to manage that growth responsibly. That means balancing the needs of the local community that has been here for many years with the desire for more business and better opportunities. It also means maintaining the unique and special character of our community. We need a balanced approach to commerce and tourism that is sustainable year-round and serves the residents and local merchants.

During my term, I will support the waterfront development, local businesses and their events, and all local and regional non-profit efforts to support, promote, and protect our local businesses. I will also work with my fellow Council members to attract new business to the area that will help St. Helens grow without creating reliance on a single business for our economic base. I will also make myself a visible presence at Halloweentown to ensure that locals can see that it is open to them for enjoyment as well as tourists and do my best to support city tourism efforts.

2. **Maximizing Our Natural Resources** – One of St. Helens' most appealing attributes is its waterfront and green spaces. This positive proximity to unique features and desirable geography has influenced our past and will continue to help determine our future. We must ensure our growth includes plans to preserve and protect these places and promote our local agricultural community. Being a self-sustaining community means taking care of ourselves in the worst times and celebrating all our community has to offer in the best times.

During my term, I will help support the waterfront development to ensure that while we are bringing in new business and residential space, we are also supporting maintaining access to our green spaces for the community. I love that the plan for the new development includes additional kayak and canoe launches, ADA accessible pathways, and a new event space for everyone to enjoy. As we continue to think about the kinds of businesses and development we want to attract, we need to be very choosy about our options because a great waterfront and healthy wetlands, once destroyed, we would never be able to get it back. I would like to be part of the group that not only makes those decisions, but who makes sure that we are engaging the local community around them

and communicating effectively about why we are making our decisions.

3. **Increasing Transparency and Accountability** – Our local government works hard for us, but most residents aren't fully able to access that hard work. We should leverage technology to promote and celebrate our successes as well as increase the accessibility the citizens have to their local government. By making board meetings, topics of interest, development plans, and budgets more available to the public, we can increase constituent involvement and government accountability.

During my term, I would work with the communications staff in the City to update our social media presence (e.g. we no longer need a twitter account, etc.) I would also work to engage local print media like The Chronicle and The Navigator to add a regular column that would keep residents apprised of the City's work. I also believe we should take advantage of local media resources like Setting The Record Straight with Melinda Bernert to get our message out, and perhaps think of starting a podcast or video presence of our own. We could also leverage the city's YouTube account to greater efficiency, and in doing so, perhaps attract more viewers to the meetings and work sessions posted there. I would also commit to attending every local event or meeting I could fit into my schedule to ensure people knew who I was and felt I was an accessible resource to the community.

Additional Information You Would Like Us To Consider:

As a resident who has been observing the City Council for several years now, I make this promise to you: no matter what happens, what I am accused of, how I am spoken to, or how we might disagree, I will always treat my fellow Council members and all of our citizens, even the onery ones, with the respect and civility they deserve. I want to use my role as a Councilor to show our local youth how best to conduct themselves in the workplace and as citizens, and I am committed to being a positive force for good should I be selected.

I am also interested in bringing additional training resources, learning, and connections to the City Council. That could look like a local book club about city planning and community building, a free civics course for local teens to engage them in the democratic process, and visits to/from other municipalities around Oregon to gather ideas, information, and a strong network of allies. I'd like to explore working together with other local city governments to cross promote our efforts and attractions. As part of my tenure with St. Helens Main Street Alliance, I have been cultivating connections volunteers and officials in places like Astoria, Scappoose, and with the Chamber of Commerce in Forks, Washington, which is willing to work with us to cross-promote Twilight oriented events and locations. I would like to work more closely with the Oregon Film Trail to grow our resources and visibility for our community. By leveraging relationships and collaborations like these, I think we can increase interest in our events without having to spend taxpayer dollars.