



Application for - CITY COUNCIL - Ward- #1

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Name (Full) Shawn High

Address [REDACTED]

Contact Phone [REDACTED] **Other Phone** _____

E-Mail Address [REDACTED]

Eligibility Requirements, Notification and Signature

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.

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 [Handwritten Signature] **Date** 9/2/2022

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 1 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>14 years</u>	
How long have you lived at your current address?	<u>14 years</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 September 2, 2022. 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

I would like to serve on Camas City Council to be a part of keeping Camas as one of the best places to live and raise a family. Camas has been so successful in years past with prudent planning that has come from experienced leadership. Camas services has approachable city staff with excellent customer service and people proud of their work. As a co-owner of a local business, I know this type of service doesn't just happen, it's planned. Keeping Camas on the positive path requires active, informed participants, who are ready to prioritize community needs, listen, and make fiscally good decisions. I want to be part of a team who can hear from citizens, research, discuss and make the solid long, term decisions that a growing community needs to make. I want to continue to serve our city, support and grow small business, and work together to provide a positive direction for Camas for many years to come.

My experience, talents and skills come from a diverse work experience. After graduating Washington State University in business administration, I have worked with a local airline for over 25 years as a flight attendant and trainer. I have experience managing a local small business with my wife Katie, High Expectations Dog Training in Camas for almost 15 years. Prioritizing a budget and planning for ample revenue long term is a topic that we as business owners have continued to work on since the day we opened our doors.

We are proud parents of a 6th grader at Skyridge Middle School. I have served 4 years on the Camas Library Board. I currently am serving on the Camas Planning and Zoning Commission and on the board of the West Columbia Humane Society. I attend many of the Camas city events as a volunteer, participant, and attendee. I have stayed current in city affairs and council meetings. We have rebuilt our 1926 home in Camas ourselves.

The organizations and groups that I have been a part of have helped me become a better team player. Each group has different dynamics and I have worked hard to find an individual role that helps bring up the team in production and help pin point the important issues at hand. I'm a good listener, I like to be sure I understand a concern fully, instead of giving a quick answer. Being part of an organization to me means, supporting fully the group decisions, explaining the facts to the public, and reaching out to those affected by a group's decision.

Balancing a city budget while managing new city needs, maintenance, and city services is a difficult decision for any group to take on a consistent basis. I see the Camas Strategic Plan as a great tool that council has used as a framework in the budget process. It lets citizens see an outline of planned improvements, while being a living document that is amendable with changes. I specifically see maintenance, where it makes long term financial sense, as a priority. Continued planned investment in core infrastructure is also an important issue to me, as growth in Camas is a main citizen concern.

An action I would encourage, includes increasing partnerships, agreement, and collaborations with other organizations that have similar goals to help spread out the initial costs and then maintenance. This includes non-profits as the park system keeps growing in size and costs. These are some of the most popular areas of our city and many local groups have an interest in

keeping them accessible. I would also take a hard look at the city's online sales tax revenue rate that has been becoming increasingly an important part of where modern Camas is headed. Lacking the big box retail stores within Camas is something that many in the community enjoy but also limits sales tax income that most cities have.

I believe that three major challenges facing the City of Camas today include managing/planning growth, increasing trust and participation of citizens and coming through with a solid plan for a wider variety of housing. As a member of the Camas planning and zoning committee I have seen first hand how important it is to get in front of predictable growth in our city. The subarea planning process has really shown many benefits and lets the community know what is roughly ahead. I believe highlighting the current building restrictions/codes that are important to the community and moving forward with new ideas on how to keep more original landscape would help make inevitable growth more palatable to citizens. Putting bigger signage with more detailed information, at the location being discussed, seems like an economical strategy to continue to get information out to the community and gain participation and feedback. Develop technology to include a scannable code to link to the available information and meetings, and pair this with a link on the front page of the city website on these locations that are featured upcoming topics.

Building trust and participation in the community is a priority to everyone who represents or works for the city of Camas. Having a city booth at more community gatherings will only help in getting information out. First Fridays seem like a great opportunity to have the city involved. I also like, for the home town feel, a community board. This board would announce meetings, changes and post a community schedule. Placed by the library, this would be highly visible to all those in downtown and add to a heritage feel.

A better mix of housing in Camas is something that is overdue and is leading to a lot of growth anxiety from the community. This has shown up in every community survey. Without more options, our longtime residents, city staff, teachers, and first responders are slowly trickling away from Camas. We need to prioritize this to keep the small, town Camas feel.

Diversification, is a great way to keep a small community feeling its roots, and goes along way with retaining quality employees. There are many options on how to achieve this, and to be successful several should be explored and implemented. These include incentivizing smaller homes in the permit process, requiring larger developments to include varying sized homes, zoning changes, more mixed use zoning, and less conditional use permits, while adding more outright permitted land uses. Having an annual result check in, with actual permits issued would be the measuring stick on effectiveness.

Thank you for your consideration,

Shawn High

 Camas WA

Public Service

Camas Library Board

Board Member

2015-2019

Included hiring new director, planning, and monthly meetings

Camas Planning and Zoning Commission

Board Member

2019-Current

Evaluating zoning changes, Monthly meetings

West Columbia Gorge Humane Society

Board Member

2021-Current

Monthly Meetings and fundraising

DECLARATION AND AFFIDAVIT OF CANDIDACY

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

DECLARATION

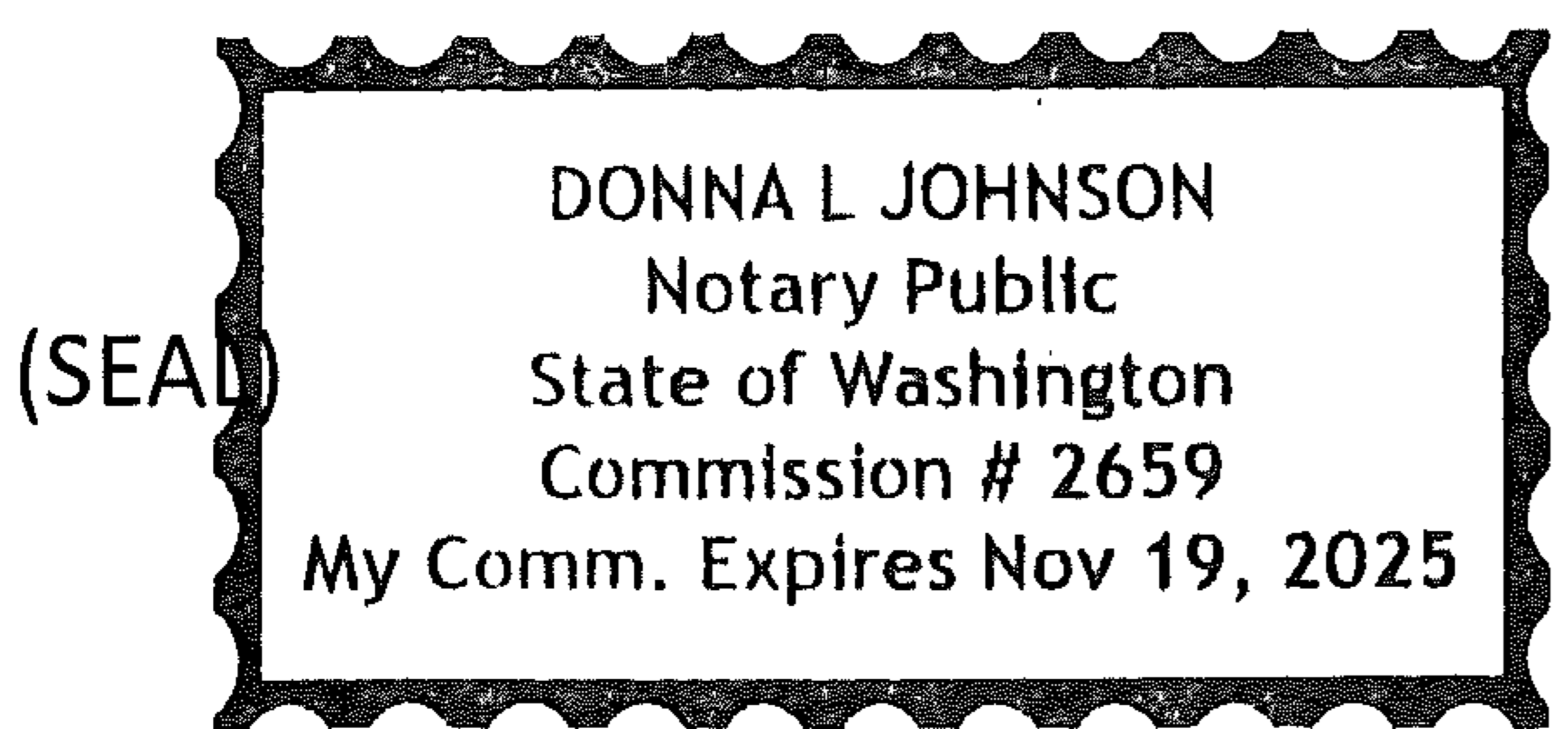
I, Shawn High, declare that I am a registered voter residing at [REDACTED] Camas, WA, City of Camas, Clark County, State of Washington. I further declare that I am legally qualified to assume the office of COUNCIL MEMBER, if selected. I hereby request that my name be placed before the City Council, as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

[Handwritten Signature]
Signature of candidate as registered to vote

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of September 2022.



[Handwritten Signature]
Signature of Acknowledging Official

Notary
Title of Acknowledging Official