

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

Name (Full) Stephen Robert Dabasinskas	<u>Please</u> Print	
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Eligibility Requirements, Notification and Signature		
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Please return this form, your cover letter, resume and answers to the supplemental questions to the City of Camas City Hall (616 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue) **no later than 5:00 pm on February 1, 2023.** <u>Applications received</u> <u>after 5:00 pm will not be accepted.</u>

The application and attachments should be sent to:

Clerk's Office Camas City Hall 616 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Camas, WA 98607 Contact Phone: (360) 834-6864 Email Address: <u>administration@cityofcamas.us</u>

### Stephen Dabasinskas

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
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email:	

### **Employment History**

President/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 SupervisorCalifornia Department of Justice, Orange, CA1995 – 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.

<u>Special Agent</u> California Department of Justice, Orange, CA

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

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.

1988 - 1990

1990 - 1995

### 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 } County of Clark } ss. City of Camas }

#### DECLARATION

I, Stephen Robert Dabasinskas	, declare that I am a registered voter residing a	
	, 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 day of 2023.

Signature of Acknowledging Official

Official Acknowled

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Notary Public State of Washington ELIZABETH A CLINE COMM. # 21012630 MY COMM. EXP. March 4, 2025