



## 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]			

### 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 [Signature] Date 1-24-2023

### 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?	3 1/2 years	
How long have you lived at your current address?	3 1/2 years	
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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Camas, WA 98607

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

Bernie Bacon, Camas City Clerk

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

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## 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

Camas, WA 98607



## 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.

**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.**

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is required for HOA's. It's what Camas should be doing as a city. Negotiated informal agreement with City of Sacramento over significant water waste preventing enforcement action and implemented major irrigation system overhaul.

**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

I, Randal A. Friedman, 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.

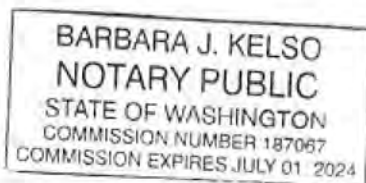
### AFFIDAVIT

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]  
Signature of candidate as registered to vote

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

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Barbara J. Kelso  
Signature of Acknowledging Official

Notary Public  
Title of Acknowledging Official