



CITY COUNCILMEMBER APPLICATION FACT SHEET AND INSTRUCTIONS

City Council Position #2 of the Lake Forest Park City Council is currently vacant. The City Council will appoint a qualified Lake Forest Park resident to serve in this role for a term of approximately six months. The appointment will commence upon Council action and will expire when King County certifies the results of the November 2025 General Election.

Current Compensation: Councilmembers receive a stipend of \$800 per month (set by the independent Salary Commission).

WHO MAY APPLY?

Residents who are registered to vote in Lake Forest Park and have resided in the City for at least one year may apply for this position using the attached Application Form.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND PROCEDURES

- Complete and submit the City Councilmember Application Form by 5:00 p.m. on May 27, 2025.
- Forms may be submitted online www.cityofflp.gov, mailed or delivered in person, or scanned and emailed to the City Clerk's Office:

Matt McLean, City Clerk
City of Lake Forest Park
17425 Ballinger Way NE, Lake Forest Park, WA 98155
Phone: (206) 368-5440 Email: mmclean@cityofflp.gov

- Please complete the Application Form as accurately and comprehensively as possible. If you need additional space, you may attach extra sheets.
- The successful candidate will be required to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement with the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission within two weeks of appointment.

ABOUT THE LAKE FOREST PARK CITY COUNCIL

Lake Forest Park's seven part-time Councilmembers establish City policies and laws, adopt the biennial budget, approve appropriations and contracts, and hire and evaluate the City Administrator. Councilmembers serve staggered four-year terms and are elected at-large. Regular Council meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., with Work

Sessions at 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday and Committee of the Whole meetings at 6:00 p.m. the Monday before the 4th Thursday; special meetings are scheduled as needed. Council members are expected to prepare for meetings by reviewing the council packet before each council meeting.

NEXT STEPS IN THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS

- Application period opens: May 13, 2025
- Application deadline: May 27, 2025
- Council reviews applications and selects finalists: May 29, 2025 starting at 7:00 pm
- Public interviews & Council vote to appoint: Depending on the number of applications received, the Council will tentatively interview on June 4 and June 5, 2025 starting at 6:00 pm
- Appointee sworn in and assumes duties: June 6, 2025
- Appointee serves until King County certifies the results of the November 2025 General Election

CITY COUNCILMEMBER APPLICATION

Application is due by 5:00 p.m. on May 27, 2025.

Name	Juan Sebastian Quesada (Preferred name: Sebastian)	
Home Address		
Zip Code	98155	
Telephone Number		
Email Address		
Are you a registered voter?	YES	
Are you a resident of the City of Lake Forest Park?	YES	
Length of residence in Lake Forest Park	~2 Years	

1. List your educational background.

B.S. Aerospace Engineering, University of Florida

Professional Certificate, Systems Engineering, MIT ProX

Professional Certificate, Software Product Management, University of Washington

2. Please state your occupational background, beginning with your current occupation and employer.

Rocket Engine Control Systems Engineer, Blue Origin

Airborne Electronic Attack Systems Engineer, The Boeing Company

Avionics Design Engineer, The Boeing Company

3. Describe your community activities and volunteer work.

I have been very active in the Society of Professional Hispanic Engineers. I have mentored many young engineers and have helped them propel their careers.

4. Describe your special qualifications applicable to the City Council.

Three years ago, the house I was living in was severely damaged by a fire. Rebuilding it required navigating the full spectrum of city processes—including planning, permitting, building inspections, and code enforcement. Drawing on my engineering and project management expertise, I led the rebuild from start to finish, working directly with city officials and contractors to bring the home back to life.

That experience gave me first-hand insight into the challenges homeowners face when undertaking renovations or improvements that require city involvement. It also reinforced my ability to interpret and resolve technical issues related to

ordinances, permits, and residential codes—skills I’ve developed through years of engineering and project leadership.

In addition to my technical background, I bring a strong sense of empathy to this role. I understand what it’s like to be on the other side of the counter, and I’m committed to advocating for the residents of Lake Forest Park with both compassion and competence.

5. Why do you want to serve on the Lake Forest Park City Council? **(300 Word Limit)**

My wife and I feel incredibly fortunate to have found our forever home in Lake Forest Park. We chose this community intentionally—drawn by its natural beauty, tight-knit neighborhoods, and the unique character that generations before us have worked hard to preserve. As a young couple laying down roots, I’m committed to protecting what makes Lake Forest Park special while helping shape a safe, inclusive, and vibrant environment where our future children—and all families—can thrive.

I’m running for City Council to be a thoughtful, responsive leader who listens actively and represents the voices of our residents with integrity. I believe Lake Forest Park is—and will always—be one of the best places to live in the Greater Seattle area.

As a council member, I will focus on addressing the city’s most pressing issues: ensuring fiscal sustainability in the face of budget deficits, advancing pedestrian and traffic safety, protecting our tree canopy and green spaces, and holding Sound Transit accountable as the SR 522/Stride project moves forward. I will advocate for responsible development, environmental stewardship, and stronger representation for our community at the county and state level.

6. Specify any activities that might create a conflict of interest if you should be appointed to the City Council.

None

7. Briefly explain what you believe are the most important issues facing the Lake Forest Park community and the City Council's role in addressing each issue. **(300 Word Limit)**

Lake Forest Park is a uniquely beautiful and close-knit community, but like many small cities, it faces significant challenges that require thoughtful leadership and collaboration.

The most urgent issue LFP is facing is the projected budget deficit. The City Council members must collaborate and work transparently with residents to prioritize essential services such as our police department, and explore sustainable revenue options, to ensure long-term fiscal stability without compromising the character and beauty of our community.

Traffic and pedestrian safety are also key concerns—especially around schools and high-traffic corridors like Ballinger Way. The city must continue investing in smart infrastructure, including traffic calming measures, and sidewalks to ensure the safety of all residents especially in areas children and elderly are at great risk.

As Sound Transit’s Stride S3 Bus Rapid Transit project advances, we need strong local advocacy. We must work to protect Lake Forest Park’s environment and livability by

pushing for tree preservation, minimizing neighborhood disruption, and ensuring thoughtful design that reflects community input.

Environmental conservation is key to maintaining LFP's identity. Preserving our urban forest, restoring native habitats, and expanding green spaces must remain a top priority. We, the residents of LFP, but especially the council plays a vital role in adopting policies that protect our natural resources while managing responsible growth.

How do we accomplish the above?

By fostering strong community engagement, which is key to effective governance. City leadership must be accessible, transparent, and proactive in seeking resident input. Building trust through inclusive communication and collaborative decision-making will ensure that LFP continues to reflect the voices and values of the people who call it home.

APPLICATION FORM ATTACHMENTS

8. Please provide contact information for two professional references (not related to you):

Professional Reference 1 – Name, Relationship, Phone, Email:

Trevor Gahl, Coworker,

Professional Reference 2 – Name, Relationship, Phone, Email:

Tobias Doviak, Coworker,

9. Letters of Recommendation (optional): You may attach up to two letters of recommendation to this application.

Available if requested.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the information provided herein is true and correct.

Signature Juan Sebastian Quesada	Date 5/26/25
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