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First Name

Sam

Last Name

Castic

Home Address

Mailing Address (if different from above)

Phone Number

Do you own property in Lake Forest Park?

Yes

Email

Board, Commission, Committee

Planning Commission

Years a Resident of this Municipality

7

Experience/Professional Expertise/Education (Please provide dates of education and experience.)

I attended college at the University of Washington, and law school at New York University. I returned to the Seattle area in 2007, and started practicing as a data privacy and security lawyer at that time. I've worked as a privacy and security lawyer since then, including at global law firms K&L Gates LLP, and Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe, both in Seattle. I've also worked at T-Mobile (counsel), Nordstrom (Sr. Director and head of privacy team), and Blackhawk Network (a fintech company, as global Chief Privacy Officer), all in Seattle. I now work at Hintze Law, a boutique privacy and data security law firm in Seattle (with several days a week work from home in Lake Forest Park). My husband and I bought an older home (~1910) in Lake Forest Park

and moved here in 2016.

I have strengths reading, writing, drafting, and understanding laws and regulations, and would bring a strong attention to detail to my service on the Planning Commission.

My bio is also at <https://hintzelaw.com/sam-castic> and <https://www.linkedin.com/in/samuelcastic/>.

Current or Prior Experience on Boards/Commissions/Committees

I have served on my town Environmental Commission (Glen Ellyn IL), and on the City of Seattle Commission for Sexual Minorities. Both roles involved advising the municipal council and mayor on policy issues, and the first role involved drafting one of Illinois's first tree protection ordinances. I have also served on a number of non-profit boards over the years, including on the board and as secretary and president of the board of the QLaw (LGBT) Bar Association of Washington Foundation, and when I lived in Seattle as board member and president of my condo association board. I currently volunteer on the National Leadership Council of Lambda Legal (a non-profit LGBT legal advocacy organization), and the Seattle Leadership Committee for Lambda Legal.

Civic Activities and Memberships (Roles with fraternal, business, church, or social groups-please provide dates)

Lambda Legal, National Leadership Council and Seattle Leadership Committee, Volunteer (2013-Present).

Lambda Legal is the country's oldest LGBT legal advocacy organization.

Greater Seattle Business Association, Volunteer Scholarship Committee Interviewer (2021-2022; plan to volunteer next year too). The GSBA is Washington state's LGBTQ+ and allied chamber of commerce.

International Association of Privacy Professionals, Member and past Volunteer (Served as member of the Privacy Bar Advisory Committee 2019-2021)

Future of Privacy Forum, past Volunteer (Served on Advisory Board of global privacy think tank 2017-2021)

Reasons for Wanting to Serve

I love what a beautiful and welcoming community Lake Forest Park is, and am so lucky to live here. My husband and I have made wonderful friendships with neighbors and community members, and find it hard to imagine living anywhere else. We closely follow and engage in civic matters, and I'm concerned about the challenges our area and region face in providing housing for all of our community members. I would love the opportunity to volunteer on the Planning Commission to help Lake Forest Park navigate these challenges in a thoughtful and compassionate way. I believe that can be done in a way that balances the housing needs of our community members, with the unique character that our LFP community has. With my legal and technical experience, I believe I could contribute to drafting, interpreting, and revising policy proposals and ordinances including on zoning and land use, and for the City's Comprehensive Plan. I would be available to attend evening meetings, and would take my volunteer commitments seriously.

Are you able to attend evening meetings?

Yes

Resume, Education, etc. (Optional)

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