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Mayor City of McCleary
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Dear Mr. Mayor,

This is a letter of interest for the position of planning commissioner for the city of McCleary. The reason for my interest is because, as a lifelong citizen of McCleary, I unconditionally care about the best interests and integrity of this city. I chose to raise my own family here in McCleary because I believe this is one of the best places to grow up, as I did. I have many ideas about the future of McCleary as well as memories of the past and what businesses we previously had here. But, I also have some worries about the growth and potential loss of our "small town" community.

I previously worked on the McCleary School Bond about 20 years ago and at that time we discussed the potential expansion of the school and what growth our school could handle. That has been a concern of mine since that time. Being on that board opened my eyes to what McCleary could potentially be and I would really love to be a part of the future of this community.

I have spent a lot of the past 25 years volunteering for school organizations including PTA President (3 yrs) and Treasurer (3 yrs) and Room Parent for 3 kids at the same time at McCleary School (10 yrs), Elma High School wrestling booster treasurer (7 yrs), fastpitch booster president (2 yrs), soccer booster secretary (2 yrs) as well as other voluntary positions within the school districts. I am currently involved with the McCleary Civic Renewal Council. I really enjoy interacting with and planning events for our community. I enjoy working with others to come up with the best ideas and solutions possible.

I hope you would consider me for the position of planning commissioner. I truly care about the future of McCleary.

Sincerely,

Missi Olson

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Planning Commission Vacancy City of McCleary

Supplemental Application Questions

1. [What is your understanding of what the Planning Commission is or does?](#)

My understanding is that the planning commission is in place for the mayor and city council members to use for projects and developments to help provide resources and give input for the best options and solutions for the needs of the city.

2. [Do you think city government should adopt policies and regulations that control or restrict what people can do with their private property? Why?](#)

I believe that there should be policies in place to protect people and the neighborhoods that they live in and to uphold standards that keep up the appearance and integrity of our city. If you let people just do what they want, then unsafe conditions and situations can take hold and cause problems.

3. [Do you have any business interests, employment relations, or are related to anyone within City of McCleary as this could cause a conflict of interest with your role as a Planning Commissioner?](#)

I have no business interests at this time. I am related to Joe Pittman (uncle) who works in the wastewater department. I am also related to Andrew Pittman (cousin) who is the current fire chief.

4. [Can you look at both sides of an issue and be fair and impartial in making decisions? Do you have any particular experience in doing so? And what experience do you have that demonstrates your ability with conflict resolution?](#)

Yes, I feel that I can be fair and impartial in making important decisions. I have been involved with many organizations which the goal has mostly been for fundraising purposes. I have found over the years that to be successful you have to work collectively as a group to accomplish the task at hand. Being a board member of many of the organizations has included making tough decisions regarding how to spend the funds properly and ethically. Not everyone sees things the same way, so being able to discuss and respect other's opinions is important to come to a resolution. As far as conflict resolution goes, I have training in conflict management so it has helped in many situations.

5. [In your opinion, what is one of the most critical planning issues facing our city at this time and what were McCleary's best and worst land development decisions?](#)

At this time I feel that the most critical planning issue is the potential annex and development of the property behind Simpson. The best land development I believe has been the Summit Developments. The controlled growth of that area has seemed to work out well and has been a great addition to our town. I'm not sure of the worst development decision.

6. [What is your vision or where do you see the City of McCleary in ten \(10\) years?](#)

In 10 years I hope to see McCleary with more businesses. Bandana Brewing has brought in a great amount of customers and I hope others will see the potential and follow along in their business plan. McCleary has the potential for some great businesses, I just wish we had more commercial land available in town. I feel like we have room for growth, but I definitely want to see us continue to be a bedroom community to Olympia, not become an extension of it. I want to keep our small town feel and respect the history and families of McCleary. I would love to see more community involvement and resources to provide more family activities. In 10 years I hope we will have accomplished the goals we are striving for now.