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## Medina City Council

I am interested in being considered for the open seat on the Medina City Council.

I have served on the Medina Planning Commission since May 2021, and as Chair of the Planning Commission since January 2023. In that role, I have provided input to City staff on the Comprehensive Plan. I have developed an understanding of the challenges facing our community with the adoption of the Washington State Middle Housing and Affordable Housing mandates, which collectively could have a significant impact on Medina. I have regularly attended City Council meetings to help facilitate communication of matters which have been delegated to the Planning Commission and to gain an understanding of matters being addressed by the Council. I have also served on the Development Services Committee.

My professional background includes 30 years with PwC as an audit partner, advising companies and their Boards on wide ranging issues affecting their financial operations. During my career, I served startup companies, taking over 20 companies public, and also worked with Fortune 100 firms, including T-Mobile and Microsoft, among others in the Seattle area. I completed my service at PwC in 2018 as the lead Global Relationship Partner for Intel Corp. I believe my financial background would be useful to the City Council.

My family has owned our home in Medina since 2002. Our daughters attended Medina Elementary, our oldest graduated from Bellevue HS and my husband served as PTA President at both Medina Elementary and Bellevue High. I was transferred to the Bay Area in 2010, and we returned to our Medina home after my retirement.

I am committed to working to help our community adapt to the state rules on housing in a way that addresses the need for affordable housing for our long term residents on fixed incomes, yet keeps “the Medina in Medina”. I was motivated to served on the Planning Commission by the notable changes that I observed upon our return in 2018, in particular the loss of tree canopy and the scale of homes being built.

Thank you in advance for considering my interest in the City Council.

Sincerely  
Laura Bustamante