
Dear Council:

My name is Emmett Doerr and I am a Medina resident applying for the position on Medina's City Council.

I am 46 years old, a father/husband, cyclist, and a technologist at heart. I am neither a lawyer nor a real estate developer. I believe local government should comprise people from a variety of vocations and backgrounds. I have built computer systems at some of the largest tech companies in the world (Microsoft and Meta) and grew and led organizations at multiple Seattle-area startups (Redfin and PayScale). I have two boys at Medina Elementary and a daughter at Chinook Middle School. I would be proud to serve this city and its people, and advocate for maintaining Medina as a wonderful place to live.

My qualifications:

I bring a hands-on understanding of technology, big data, AI and social media. As a council member, I could maintain, improve, and transform our technology infrastructure affordably and in a privacy-centric manner.

I have been a local landlord for over 10 years, renting two homes in the Seattle area, and I also own an Airbnb in Chelan. As a homeowner, former renter, and landlord, I see and understand all participants in this complex industry. Ultimately, I am an advocate for helping people find, build, and maintain affordable housing. I would bring a passionate and nuanced understanding to how we implement Washington State Laws like House Bill 1337 in our community.

As a cyclist, I have advocated for cyclists in the community and actively encouraged residents to ride more for work, errands, school, and play. I have participated in all the major Seattle area rides - from STP to RSVP—and have been both a daily bike commuter and a light rail commuter. I regularly ride my kids to school on my German-built box bike, where they can ride in the front and get a first hand view of the city as we make our way through the park to Medina Elementary. I envision Medina could be the most cyclist-friendly community in Washington. As a driver, I have advocated for slower speed limits and better intersections.

As a runner, I regularly circumnavigate our town on 4-5 mile runs. I envision safer streets for pedestrians, dogs, cyclists, and drivers.

I am a social member of Overlake Golf and Country Club and am their close neighbor. I do not golf and would love to see Overlake make a positive, more active contribution toward community building.

My resume is attached. I look forward to your consideration.

Sincerely,
Emmett Doerr