

CITY OF ORLAND



**Application to Serve as
City Councilmember
For the term ending December 31, 2026**

The City Council is accepting applications for the vacancy in the office of Councilmember. The City Council will formally consider these applications at a regular City Council meeting on Tuesday, May 29, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., in Carnegie Center, 912 3rd Street, Orland. Applications are due on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, by 2:00 p.m. Postmarks will not be accepted. If additional room is needed for answers, please attach additional pages as necessary.

For questions, contact Jennifer Schmitke, City Clerk

Submit to: City Clerk's Office, City of Orland
815 Fourth Street, Orland, CA 95963
Email: jtschmitke@cityoforland.com | Phone: (530) 865-1610

Applicant Information

Full Name: WADE S. ELLIOTT
Residential Address: _____
Mailing Address (if different): _____
Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____

Are you a registered voter in the City of Orland? Yes No
How long have you lived in the City of Orland? 35 YEARS

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for appointment, applicants must:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Be a resident and registered voter of the City of Orland
- Not be disqualified from holding public office under the Constitution or laws of the State of California

Please initial each box to confirm you meet the following requirements:

I am a registered voter within the City of Orland.

I currently reside within the City of Orland limits.

I am not disqualified from holding public office under California law.

Education and Experience

Education (optional): BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Occupation/Employer: PROJECT MANAGER

Relevant Work or Volunteer Experience:

Attached

Community Involvement

List any City boards, commissions, or committees you have served on:

Attached

List any other community groups, civic organizations, or volunteer roles:

Attached

Questionnaire

Please respond to the following questions (attach additional pages if necessary):

1. **Why are you interested in serving on the Orland City Council?**

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Attached*

2. **What skills, experience, or perspectives would you bring to the Council?**

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Attached*

3. **What do you believe are the most important issues currently facing the City of Orland?**

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Attached*

4. How do you see the role of a City Councilmember in relation to City staff and the public?

See Attached

5. What are your goals or priorities if appointed to serve the remainder of this term?

See Attached

6. Are you available to attend regular Council meetings (typically held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month), occasional special meetings and County/City Board and Commission meetings?

Yes No

Acknowledgment and Certification

I hereby certify that all statements made in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false or misleading information may disqualify me from consideration for appointment.

Signature: _____

Date: 4-14-2026

Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by the City Council. Selected applicants may be invited to participate in an interview during a public meeting. The Council may appoint a qualified individual to fill the vacancy in accordance with Government Code §36512.

Wade S. Elliott

Supplemental Responses – City of Orland Council Application

These responses go with my application for the City Council vacancy (term ending December 31, 2026).

1. Why are you interested in serving on the Orland City Council?

I've had the chance to serve Orland before, both on the City Council and more recently on the Planning Commission. That experience gave me a real appreciation for how important steady, thoughtful leadership is. I'm interested in stepping back in to help where needed, especially during this transition. I have lived and worked in Orland since 1991 and care about both our "Proud History" and our "Bright Future."

2. What skills, experience, or perspectives would you bring to the Council?

I bring past Council experience, along with years of running projects and working through budgets, regulations, and day-to-day operations. I'm used to listening to different points of view and finding common ground. I try to keep things practical and focused on what actually works. I understand both the policy side and what it takes to follow through.

3. What do you believe are the most important issues currently facing the City of Orland?

Orland is growing, and with that comes the need to stay on top of housing, roads, and basic infrastructure. We need to prioritize funding of essential services including public safety, public works, and core city services such as roads, water and sewer, while also being careful with discretionary spending. Just as important are the decisions we make about city leadership—especially the selection of the City Manager—which will shape how well we handle these issues. Supporting local business and making sure growth fits the character of our town also matters. Good communication and teamwork will go a long way in handling these issues well.

4. How do you see the role of a City Councilmember in relation to City staff and the public?

The Council sets direction and makes decisions, and staff carries those out. One of the most important responsibilities the Council has is selecting and supporting the City Manager, who is the Council's direct employee and responsible for carrying out that direction. Getting that decision right matters, because it affects everything else. A Councilmember should listen to the public, think things through, and make decisions that serve the whole community, while respecting staff roles and avoiding micromanagement.

5. What are your goals or priorities if appointed to serve the remainder of this term?

My goal would be to step in and serve where needed, bringing the perspective I've gained over the past 18 years serving on the Orland City Council and the Orland Planning Commission. That experience gives me a sense of what has worked well over time and where we need to stay focused. I would aim to support current projects, make sound decisions, and help keep things steady and moving forward. I also understand the importance of strong leadership at the City Manager level and would approach that responsibility with care. Above all, I want to be a steady hand and serve the community well during this period.

Wade S. Elliott

Supplemental Information – Education, Experience, and Community Involvement

(In support of application for City Council vacancy, term ending December 31, 2026)

Education and Experience

I earned a Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Leadership from Simpson University, with a focus on communication, leadership, and working through complex decisions with others.

For over 20 years, I have worked in Orland developing, building, and operating senior housing through WestHaven. This has included leading multiple housing projects from planning and entitlement through construction and ongoing operations. My work has involved budgeting, coordinating with contractors and agencies, and working through state and local regulations. It has given me practical experience in creating housing, solving problems as they arise, and keeping projects moving forward over the long term.

I have also spent many years teaching and developing training programs for licensed care providers across California. Through that work, I've led classes, developed curriculum, and worked with people from a wide range of backgrounds. It has strengthened my ability to communicate clearly, listen well, and help people work toward shared goals.

In addition, I have experience in small business ownership and administration, which has shaped how I approach financial decisions and day-to-day operations.

Community Involvement

My involvement in the City of Orland has been steady over many years.

I served on the Orland City Council from 2008 to 2012, including two terms as Mayor. Following that, I continued my service on the Orland Planning Commission through June of this year. Together, that represents 18 years of direct involvement in local government.

Beyond City service, I have remained active in the community through local organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce and regional efforts supporting seniors and housing. Much of my work through WestHaven has also been community-focused, creating housing and services for older adults here in Orland.

Overall, my involvement has been rooted in a long-term commitment to this community and a desire to contribute in practical ways where I can continue to be useful.