



Santaquin City
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Santaquin City is accepting applications to fill an at-large vacancy on the City Council. The term of office for this appointment is through 12:00 noon on the first Monday of January 2024. Those interested in being appointed to fill the vacancy must meet the Requirements for Office outlined below and shall submit a complete and notarized application to the Santaquin City Recorder* no later than Friday, November 19, 2021 at 1:00pm.

Applicants to fill this vacancy will be interviewed by the Mayor and City Council in an open public meeting of the City Council to be held at 6:00pm on November 23, 2021 at the City Council Chambers on the 2nd floor of the Public Safety Building, 275 West Main Street, Santaquin, UT. It is anticipated that the Mayor and Council will then select an applicant to fill the vacancy during the same meeting.

City Council Member Appointment Application

Name: Nicci McNeff

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Number of years as a Santaquin resident: 11 U.S. Citizen (Y/N) Y Registered voter? (Y/N) Y

Requirements for Office:

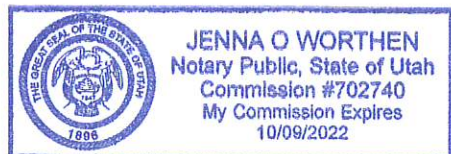
1. Must be at least 18 years of age, a United States citizen and a registered voter of Santaquin City;
2. Must have resided within the boundaries of Santaquin City for at least twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding the date of appointment;
3. Must not be a convicted felon; must not have been convicted of treason or of an election crime; must not have been declared mentally incompetent; and must not have had the right to hold public office restricted pursuant to Article IV, Section 6, of the Utah Constitution and U.C.A. 20A-2-101.5.

I, Nicci McNeff, certify that I have read and understand the Requirements for Office listed above to file as a potential City Council member in Santaquin City, Utah, and verify that I meet said requirements and understand the legal qualifications for office.

State of Utah
County of Utah

Nicci McNeff
Signature

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 19th day of November,
20 21 by Nicci McNeff.



Jenna O. Worthen
Notary Public
My commission expires 10/9/2022

Please provide responses to the following questions. A cover letter and resume may be submitted with this application. Note: Any information submitted with this application is considered public, will be provided to the Mayor and City Council, and will be made available to the public in the City Council Agenda Packet for the November 30, 2021 meeting.

- 1) Please provide information about your background in Santaquin City and your interest in serving on the Santaquin City Council. How will you be an asset to the Council? Include any professional or civic experience you may have had. (NOTE: Professional or civic experience is not a requirement to be appointed to the Council). You may attach a cover letter and resume. (Should we add something like the following to each of the 3 responses requested "Additional space/sheets may be added by the applicant if the space provided below is not sufficient to capture an applicant's response" ? Just my thoughts coming from recent public comments regarding the General Plan effort that we have not provided enough space for lengthy feedback....)

My family and I have lived in Santaquin City for about 11 years with 3 of my 4 children having been born here. I recently ran for City Council office this year but did not make the cut in the Primary Election. However, this has not deterred me from staying up to date with everything going on in the city, nor has it kept me from wanting to continue to serve the residents of Santaquin. I truly do miss being actively engaged in the city processes and working with the city staff. As a candidate, I was able to attend Santaquin University and become more familiar with how the city works and is run. I am thoroughly impressed with all the hard work that everyone puts into their jobs to help run the city smoothly and as efficiently as possible. I am also involved with keeping up to date on the issues that the residents of Santaquin are most concerned about. I do my research to know what has been done, what can be done, and I hope to have a stronger hand in helping make needed changes in our city.

I have an extensive education background, including but not limited: to civil engineering classes, a Bachelor's of Science in English Teaching with a minor in Psychology from Utah State University, a Master of Arts in English Education from Western Governors University, as well as experience teaching and working in local schools. As such, I am able to follow the details and understand the different development projects throughout the city and as well as know building and city codes. I can help liaison between citizens and city officials since I am able to communicate well in various aspects – from simple summaries to complicated professional communications.

Not only will I be able to help make educated decisions as a member of the city council that will best represent the desires of Santaquin residents and support their needs, but I will also be able to then communicate those details to the residents, explaining the different processes and needs.

As a resident and mother in the community, I am always focused on serving those around me, and listen to the people I serve. I want to help. I want to be a part of what makes this city great. I know I can be a real asset to the amazing team that already serves the city.

2) What do you perceive as the three best things about Santaquin City that set it apart from other cities? I feel like Santaquin's greatness comes from its history, the people here, and the unique way of living that sets it apart from other towns, even Payson. Santaquin's history, including the Chieftain Museum and the generations of families who have lived here and have so many stories to share, is something that needs to continue to be cherished and shared with everyone moving into our town. The people here are unlike any that I have lived with in the many cities throughout Utah I have lived. They are so willing to jump and help out during tough times, are such good neighbors, and have made my family not only feel welcome but feel like part of their family throughout the years. With the orchards and farms throughout the city, in the middle of neighborhoods as well as the outskirts of town, help shape what makes our city special. We work hard, we appreciate the earth and where our food comes from, and love to be in nature. This is such a great atmosphere for our children and grandchildren to grow up in, and as a city we need to preserve this unique way of life.

3) Please share a current or past issue in Santaquin that you are passionate about and how you feel your appointment as a City Council member can impact that issue.

One of the biggest hot button topics is that of high-density housing. While I fully understand the process and needs of landowners and developers, I also appreciate the citizens wanting to keep the small-town feel and keep from turning into just another city in Utah County that you can drive through anywhere around. I feel the city codes are very broad in many building aspects that allow for this kind of out-of-control-feeling construction going on through our city. The codes need to be looked at, adjusted to fit our city's needs and desires, and then upheld throughout every aspect and department of our city. I know our staff is well versed in how the codes work and what works and what doesn't, and I do feel with their help we can resolve the issues that need to be addressed and fixed.