

12 January 2021

TO: Scott Anderson, Mayor of Stevenson
Stevenson City Council Members

FROM: Dave Cox
196 NE Shepard Avenue
Stevenson, WA 98648

Dear Mayor Anderson and the City Council members,

Please accept this letter as a request to you as my letter of interest as a possible replacement for the currently open city council position vacated by Matt Knudsen in December 2020.

Stevenson has been home for over 33 years for my wife, Debby, and our 5 children. As such, we have been heavily involved with all of the activities that accompanies raising 5 children through high school graduation, and beyond.

Stevenson is a unique community. The atmosphere that a "small town" has is one of the key factors that draws families here. The downtown core is crucial to Stevenson's survivability as a small town. As opportunities for change comes, which they will, I would hope the focus will be on how those changes can better our community for the long term, and for the generations to come.

In my later years working for the Skamania County Sheriff's Office, I've had the opportunity of working in the Command Staff under Sheriff Chuck Bryan and Sheriff Dave Brown. I became Undersheriff under Sheriff Brown in 2003. Some of my duties, until I retired in 2015 included responsibility for the Sheriff's Office \$3 Million+ budget, vehicle fleet management, management of the Skamania County Radio system, and management of the Skamania County E911 system. Additionally, I was the Press Information Officer for the Sheriff's Office and also a Press Information Officer and Finance Section Chief for the Southwest Washington Type 3 All Hazard Incident Management Team.

Those experiences have provided a keen understanding of the critical nature of public service. As a public servant, you DO NOT have a private life!! Everything you do and say reflects on the agency and position in which you serve. Additionally, these work experiences have provided the opportunity to fully understand the dynamics and importance of teamwork as we worked to problem solve many issues related to extreme budget cutbacks for some of those years, and my work as a member of the Incident Management Team.

If selected, I look forward to working with this team as we move the City of Stevenson toward a brighter future for our upcoming generations.

Respectfully submitted,



Dave Cox

**APPLICATION FOR CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF STEVENSON**

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ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER IN THE CITY OF STEVENSON? Yes

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN THE CITY OF STEVENSON: 33 years

EDUCATION: BA Elementary Education, University of Portland 1976, Washington State Basic Law Enforcement Academy 1983, Law Enforcement Command College 1998, FEMA ICS 100 – 800, FEMA Public Information Officer, National Wildfire Coordinating Group Finance Section Chief.

OCCUPATION: Undersheriff, Skamania County Sheriff's Office Retired

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES: Public Information Officer Southwest Washington Type 3 All Hazards Incident Management Team 10 years, Dare Officer 8 years, SHS Varsity Assistant Football Coach 10 years, SHS Assistant Track Coach 5 years, volunteered with many various activities with Stevenson Carson School District 15 years, Elder Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, City of Stevenson Planning Commission member (I can't remember the dates, I'm retired you know!!)

Please attach a letter of interest explaining your qualifications and why you are interested in serving on City Council for the City of Stevenson.

SIGNATURE: 

DATE: 12 JAN 2021

Return application package to City Hall at 7121 E Loop Road, PO Box 371, Stevenson, WA, 98648 or via email to leana@ci.stevenson.wa.us.

To be eligible to serve on City Council, the applicant must:

1. Be a registered voter of the City of Stevenson.
2. Have been a resident of the City of Stevenson for at least one year immediately preceding the election/appointment.

Applications are due by January 19, 2021.