



# CITY COUNCILMEMBER APPLICATION

Application is due by 11:59 p.m., July 17, 2024

**Name** Charles K. Oldfield (Chuck)

**Are you a registered voter?** Yes

**Are you a resident of the City of Stevenson?** Yes

**Length of residence in Stevenson?** 7 years 6 months

1. List your educational background (or attach resume). \_\_\_\_\_

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology - California State University of Fullerton - 1982

Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) - Chapman University - City of Orange, CA - 2001

Post Graduate Work toward a Tier 1 Administrative Credential (never completed)

(in excess of 30 units completed beyond MAT)

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2. Please state your occupational background, beginning with your current occupation and employer (or attach resume). \_\_\_\_\_

June 2016 to present - Retired

July 1997 - June 2016 - Teacher - Rowland Unified School District, Rowland Heights, CA

Teacher settings - 6th grade self contained and team teacher settings

- 7 grade Math Teacher

- Teacher in Charge

- Temporary Vice Principal

June 1982 - July 1997 - Branch Manager - Downey Savings and Loan Association

During these years I managed 4 different offices, my last was the Downey Branch, the largest of some 150 offices, a 400 million dollar office with 32 plus full time employees.

Prior Banking experience was with Bank of America while completing initial degree - experience

includes Teller, Proofing Operator, Operations Assistant, Management Trainee

Other previous experience: Manufacturer's Rep (Sales) Automotive Tooling,

1970 - 1976 - Ralphs Market- Boxer, Apprentice, Journeyman Clerk

3. Describe your community activities and volunteer work (or attach resume). \_

Aside from City Sewer Committee and small issues previously brought before City Council and Planning Committee, my contributions to Stevenson have largely centered around our church since retiring and moving to Stevenson (Stevenson United Methodist Church). Prior to retirement I was involved with both local Chambers of Commerce and local Kiwanis chapters

4. Describe your special qualifications applicable to City Council. \_\_\_\_\_

Having spent half my life working in the private (business) sector, the other half working in the public sector in service to students and parents, I have a unique business acumen that has been molded by my experience of working in the public sector. In business, I honestly felt in my naivety, I never had a problem I couldn't either solve, or get rid of. Working in the public sector was humbling, and I had to learn how to work with existing resources and problems that required strategies and not necessarily solutions. I tend to be very analytical. I ask questions, and look for solutions. I view problems as obstacles to overcome, not reasons to do nothing. I don't appreciate my time being wasted, and I don't like perseverating on issues that are already decided, or are beyond my pervue

5. Why do you want to serve on the Stevenson City Council? \_\_\_\_\_

The entire second half of my career was always been about service to others: students, parents, and the communities that serve them. It was always fulfilling work. I am now retired and willing to continue this service to our community. I see our city at an inflection point. As we grow (and yes we will continue to grow), it is up to us to decide how that growth will take place. I would like to be a part of tranforming our city into a place that attracts others that want to be a part of it as well. I know there are some that prefer our city never change. If in the future, voters were to make a determination of my continued tenure in this position, based upon this premise, I would ask they never consider me. You plan for success. Lacking this foresight, is a plan for failure.

6. Specify any activities that might create a conflict of interest if you should be appointed to the City Council. \_\_\_\_\_

Barring any issues that may affect me as a homeowner in our community, I see no conflicts.

7. Briefly explain what you believe are the most important issues facing the Stevenson community at this time and the role the City Council can play in addressing each issue.

I think our city struggles with its identity. How do we plan for growth by ensuring we will have the resources to create a healthy and beautiful community for people to live in. We need to create a community that will attract people to visit (tourism) and to be a permanent part of our city...a place where people want to live. We need to attract investment in our community. (BTW targeting retired tourists to Stevenson with cash equity in existing homes to reinvest in our city, would not necessarily be a bad thing...just saying).

Making a better assessment of our existing city's assets and ensuring that we can adequately care and nurture these assets. Ensuring that all public projects are adequately funded by line item on a city budget. We should never rob Peter to pay Paul on any new ideas. The city should exercise all appropriate financial means to take care of existing infrastructure.

Okay, okay specifics: If not already done so, the city council should finalize all issues related to sewer upgrades and costs to constituents. Be done with it.

-City Council should do what it can to finish revisions to Strategic Plan, then prioritize steps, and concentrate on those priorities.

-It is my understanding that the issue of the Court House improvements is a done deal, so I won't bore you with my opinion.

-As an adjunct to our Stevenson Downtown Association, I think City Council might consider instituting a committee for the entire city of Stevenson. Its purpose would be the beautification of our entire city.

-Complimenting this aspiration would be appropriate city code enforcement. This would include providing adequate funding and delineating, in specific terms, job related goals and requirements.

-Plan and form a city Storm Water Management district. While, this is not currently required because of the size of our community, it will be likely be a state requirement as we grow. We have properties and facilities related to this management that are not being appropriately cared for or managed. This could possibly create litigation issues in the future should be systems fail.

-As far as immediate concerns for Council: This Council needs to find a congenial path toward collaboration. Each member needs to first understand that we are to support the needs of our community by supporting one another, that we are in the business of service to that end and nothing more.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the information provide herein is true and correct.

Charles K. Oldfield

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