CITY COUNCILMEMBER APPLICATION

Application is due by <u>11:59 p.m., July 17, 2024</u>

Name <u>Sam Kniesteadt</u>

Are you a registered voter? <u>Yes</u>

Are you a resident of the City of Stevenson? <u>Yes</u>

Length of residence in Stevenson? <u>5+ years</u>

1. List your educational background (or attach resume). _____
   <u>BS in Computer Science - Oregon State Univ</u>

2. Please state your occupational background, beginning with your current occupation and employer (or attach resume). _____
   <u>See attached resume</u>
   <u>Software Engineer, Project Manager, Manager</u>

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

Boy Scout Leader

Coach multiple sports / age levels when kids were younger

Officer Parent Teacher Assoc at kids Highschool

Ran the intership program for ADP in the Portland area for 2 years

4. Describe your special qualifications applicable to City Council. _____

1) Love of stevenson city and the people that live here

2) My professional career has been focused helping others and whish

to continue that in in the Stevenson community

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

1) Want to give back to the city we have come to enjoy very much

2) Retiring soon and my goal is to be more involved in community

3) Since we have lived in Stevenson we have formed many close friends

and love the character of the city and want to be a part of what makes this a great place to live.
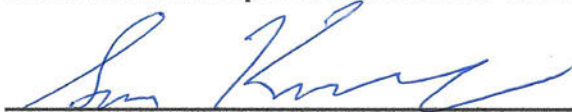
6. Specify any activities that might create a conflict of interest if you should be appointed to the City Council. _____

None that I am aware of

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.

1) Balancing the needs & want's of the local community with the need to drive tourism in the community to generate jobs and a thriving town

2) Water & Sewer rates that are the highest of any place we have ever lived and the impact to lower income / fixed income residents

3) Allocating tax dollars to maximum benefit to the community (Quality of life, strong economy, ...)

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

(signature)

Signature

7/8/24

Date

Sam Kniesteadt

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Stevenson, WA 98648

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Summary

- My passion is to help other people and teams be more successful in what they do
  - It's how I decide if I've had a good day
  - Successful people are happy people & happy people are more productive
- Advanced Certified ScrumMaster through Scrum Alliance
- Firm believer in the Agile Manifesto
- 14+ years' experience working in agile environment
- Trained and coached multiple teams in their agile journey from first exposure to running independently with a self-sustaining culture
- Track record delivering on commitments for large and small scale development projects.

Key Skills

Waterfall and Agile Development, Conflict Resolution, Global Perspective, Project and Program Management, Team Management, Stakeholder Engagement, Risk Management, Strategic Planning, Process Improvement, Budget Management, Leadership, Training and Development, Cross Team Collaboration, Problem Solving, Strategic Thanking, Communication

Technical Skills

Software, Technical Leadership, Agile, Waterfall, TDD, Jira, VersionOne, Azure, DevOps, MS project, Kanban, Scrum, Confluence, SharePoint,

Experience

US Bank, (Remote)   Mar 2019 - Present
Scrum Master

Accelerated transition to new processing solution leveraging continuous improvement methodologies over 5 scrum teams across the world.
Advanced US Bank's transaction processing applications leveraging Windows and Linux environments. Converting teams to Agile methodologies modeling a LeSS framework.

Avista, Spokane, Washington   Nov 2018 – Mar 2019
Scrum Master

Delivered Avista's customer facing web application across a wide range of browsers and hardware including support for mobile devices.   Core features include online bill payment, billing history, historical usage.

Ciena, Spokane, Washington   Nov 2016 – Nov 2018
Manager Software Engineering / Scrum Master

Ciena develops network equipment for a variety of industrial applications including wireless backhaul, Ethernet aggregation, enterprise VPN, long haul submarine, high-speed terabit networks and more.

CDK Global, Portland, Oregon   **2007 – Oct 2016**
Manager / Project Manager / Scrum Master – DSDA
> Leadership for CDK's Document Management & Scanning solutions installed at over 10000 automotive dealerships across North America.
> Responsibilities include roadmap vision, Product Owner, Epic definitions, and Scrum Master in an agile development model.
> Technologies: HTML, CSS, JavaScript, RESTful API

ADP Dealer Services, Portland, Oregon   **2003 - 2007**
Manager / Project Manager – IP Telephony
> Project leadership for the IP Telephony program as it relates to development and productization of the integration between applications and Cisco's IP Telephony offering.
> - Work closely with the leads from each program area to define schedules, dependencies, architecture and rollout strategies to bring these offerings to market.
> - Analysis and definition of technical solutions, education and deployment of solutions to other teams.

Education

Oregon State University   **Corvallis, Oregon**
> Bachelor of Science, Computer Science