

**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: 2 YEARS

EDUCATION: Bachelors in History, Certification in Business Analytics

OCCUPATION: Member Experience Analyst, OnPoint Community Credit Union

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES: Planning Commissioner, 2018

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: 10/21/18

Return application package to City Hall at 7121 E Loop Road, PO Box 371, Stevenson, WA. 98648

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.

Applications are due by October 17, 2018.

My background involves having joined this community during the Snowmageddon of 2016/2017. My wife and I have always appreciated visiting Stevenson, and were thrilled with the opportunity to purchase a home and officially join. Over the last two years we made connections with school staff, helped out at Track & Field events, and joined the Stevenson Planning Commission. Professionally, I have led operational analytics for seven years, and having been involved with the many stages in bringing about development towards long-term goals at department and company-wide levels, while investigating and maintaining accountability for resources and decisions. Through my career, I have led teams in analyzing projects, behaviors, and procedures to find ways of implementing LEAN so as to be successful with less resources, improving our staff's experience, and improving our external customers' experience, while saving over \$1 million each year through these efforts.

In regards to my interest in the positions posted, I realize there is a delicate balance between developing a community in its natural progression towards tomorrow; maintaining the environment and resources we have through careful, sustainable, and forward-thinking measures; and ultimately maintaining the highest standards for those chosen to guide our community, our progress, and our futures.

I have appreciated the uniqueness and challenges the Planning Commission has faced this last year, and I am grateful for the time I have been allowed to serve on it. With this Council opening, I find it to be a greater opportunity for me to bring my skills to a more challenging role, while continuing my commitment to serve the community. With an interest in human and economic development, environmental sustainability, governmental accountability, and operational effectiveness, I believe this would be a great pairing between the Council and me.

In those years of working with managers, directors, and executives in the private sector, I know there are many plates spinning at any one time for any one project which must satisfy far-arching goals. Additionally, this last year has permitted me to work with City staff, and gain some understanding of the flow and needs, allowing me to hit the ground running if selected for this seat. I feel my background in research, data-driven decision making, and project management will add to the already respectable group currently in place.