



CITY COUNCILMEMBER APPLICATION

Application is due by 11:59 p.m. April 15th, 2026

Name: Adi Elliott

Are you a registered voter? Yes

Are you a resident of the City of Stevenson? Yes

Length of residence in Stevenson? Since December 2023

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

See attached resume.

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

See attached resume.

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

See attached resume.

4. Describe your special qualifications applicable to City Council.

I bring governance experience, executive leadership, financial oversight, and strong legal/compliance judgment. I have spent nearly twenty years in legal services, legal software, data privacy, and security, including senior roles with budget, planning, contract, and fiduciary responsibility. I currently serve as Chief Operating Officer and as a board director of a software company. I also served as an elected Trustee of a 133-unit cooperative, where I helped oversee budgets, legal matters, long-term planning, and community relations. Those experiences prepared me to read carefully, ask good questions, weigh tradeoffs, and make thoughtful decisions on behalf of the Stevenson community.

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

I want to serve on the Stevenson City Council because Stevenson is my home, and I care about helping it be well-run, financially responsible, and worthy of the public's trust. I believe local government works best when it is practical, transparent, and focused on real-world results. I would take the role seriously: reading the materials, understanding the tradeoffs, asking good questions, and helping make sound decisions for the city as a whole. I also believe Stevenson is heading in a positive direction, and the opportunity to contribute to that progress is genuinely motivating to me.

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

I am not aware of any current financial or contractual relationship with the City of Stevenson that would create a conflict of interest. If any matter were to come before the Council involving a personal financial interest, my employer, or any other actual or apparent conflict, I would disclose it promptly and recuse myself when appropriate. I take those obligations seriously and would be careful to follow applicable legal and ethical requirements.

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 believe some of the most important issues facing Stevenson right now are infrastructure and utility costs, housing, city management and accountability, and public trust in local government. These issues are connected, and the City Council has an important role in setting priorities, asking hard questions, and making sure city decisions are practical, transparent, and financially responsible.

Infrastructure and utility management are a major issue because Stevenson residents already bear very high base utility costs, and future capital decisions will have long-term consequences for households, businesses, and the city's growth. Some of that is simply the reality of being a small city with expensive infrastructure and a limited number of ratepayers. But that is exactly why the Council needs to be careful, disciplined, and clear with the public. In reviewing budget and planning materials, I have seen significant future water and sewer spending tied to areas that are currently outside city limits. That raises important questions about annexation, timing, who benefits, who pays, and whether residents are being asked to carry costs today for future expansion that has not yet been clearly debated. The Council's role is to make sure those questions are asked directly and that major infrastructure decisions are well-vetted and clearly explained.

Housing is another important issue, especially the lack of market-rate 'middle' housing. Stevenson has very little of the kind of housing that makes it possible for people in their 20s and early 30s to live and work in town. If we want young adults to be able to stay in Stevenson after high school, and if we want local employers to be able to attract and retain workers, then the city

needs to take seriously the fact that not everyone can jump straight into a single-family home. The Council should pay close attention to whether city rules, costs, timelines, and infrastructure planning are making it easier or harder to add the kinds of housing the community actually needs.

City management and accountability also matter a great deal. A city works best when elected leadership sets a clear direction and staff are accountable to that direction. From my perspective, part of the problem in recent years was not excessive oversight of staff, but the opposite: a lack of clear management, accountability, and aligned execution. When that happens, residents experience city government as frustrating, inconsistent, or unresponsive. I believe this is already improving, and I would want to help continue that progress. The Council's role is to set policy, establish priorities, support competent administration, and insist on clarity and accountability in how city business is carried out.

Public trust and communication are also essential in a small town. Residents should be able to understand what the city is doing, why it is doing it, and how decisions affect them. That has not always been the case. The recent sewer ordinance is a good example of the problem: whatever its policy goals, it was written in a way that is very difficult for an ordinary homeowner to read and understand. It reads more like a technical code than a set of rules that directly affect real people's property and finances. Even when the city must make difficult decisions, those decisions should be communicated in plain English, with the rationale clearly explained.

Overall, I believe the City Council's role is to make careful and lawful decisions, exercise fiscal discipline, ask hard questions before costs and obligations are imposed on residents, and help ensure that Stevenson is governed in a way that is practical, understandable, and worthy of the public's trust.

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



Signature

4/1/26

Date

Application Form Attachment

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Summary

Business executive and former elected cooperative trustee with experience in governance, budgeting, fiduciary oversight, contracts, regulated industries, compliance, and public communication. Nearly 20 years of leadership experience in legal services, legal software, data privacy, and security. Brings practical judgment, financial discipline, and a strong interest in clear, accountable local government.

Relevant Governance & Community Experience

Sherman Garden Apartments Cooperative – Elected Trustee

Evanston, Illinois | May 2011 – August 2013

Elected by residents to serve as one of three trustees governing a 133-unit, multi-building cooperative. Shared responsibility for budgets, governance, legal matters, resident approvals, staffing-related issues, and long-term planning for aging buildings and common property. Worked to improve communication and trust between the board and residents through clearer explanations of plans, decisions, and reasoning.

Stevenson Downtown Association – “Renegade Squad” Volunteer

Stevenson, Washington | 2025 – Present

Volunteer participant in beautification in and around downtown Stevenson.

Professional Experience

Canopy Software

Chief Operating Officer & Board Director | 2021 – Present

Executive leader and board member for a software company focused on data breach response. Oversees sales, marketing, customer success, HR, and selected legal matters. Serves as a fiduciary on the board of directors. Regular responsibilities include strategic planning, budget oversight, contract review, cross-functional leadership, and decision-making in a heavily regulated privacy and compliance environment.

Epiq

Vice President, Market Planning | 2015 – 2018

Led software and market strategy for a major business unit within a global legal services company. Worked on planning, pricing, positioning, and strategic decision-making in a regulated industry under both public-company and private-equity ownership.

Iris Data Services

Vice President, Marketing & Product | 2014 – 2015

Led marketing, product management, and training teams. Helped align teams around a clear managed-services strategy that contributed to the company's successful acquisition by Epiq.

Relativity

Leadership roles in Marketing and Enterprise Sales | 2008 – 2014

Early employee of what became a global legal software company. Built and led marketing and enterprise sales teams serving law firms, corporations, and government agencies.

Education

University of Illinois – Chicago

B.A., Criminal Justice, 2002

Minor in Philosophy