

# Application for City Council Appointment

*This application is for Council appointment, not for Elections.*

*If you would like to run for office during a General Election, please contact the City Elections Official at (503)366-8217.*

## PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

Applicant Name: Virginia Carlson

Home Address: 499 S 7th St

City, Zip: St Helens 97051

Phone: 503 438 0950 ☐ Mobile ☐ Home

Email: gin.mc2@gmail.com

Mailing Address: 499 S 7th

City, Zip: St Helens 97051

How long have you resided in the city limits of St. Helens? 25 Years 2 Months

*Applicants must have resided inside the city limits of St. Helens for at least 12 months prior to appointment, per Charter<sup>1</sup>.*

Are you a Qualified Elector as defined in the Oregon Constitution<sup>2</sup>? (see page 2) ☒ Yes ☐ No

### Civic Activities (offices held, honors, etc.):

Main Street Board member, Chamber of Commerce Board Member, CAT Board Member, Ford Family Foundation Leadership graduate and Community Advocate, Youth Council creator and Advisor, Tourism Committee, Budget Committee, Oregon State Habitat for Humanity Advisory Board, City Councilor Service, Keep it Local Founding Committee

### List names, addresses, and phone numbers of three references not related to you:

Brady Preheim PO Box 761 St Helens Or 97051 503 543 4884  
Doug Morten 484 Grey Cliffs Dr St Helen's OR 97051 503 396 5145  
Jennifer Shoemaker Columbia City Oregon  
Jennifer Anderson Columbia City 503 396 6421

### Briefly summarize educational background:

Ongoing adult education through LOC, Ford Family Leadership as well as Pacific Program for Catalytic Leadership, Life long learning, volunteer work and community advocacy, Past Business Owner/Manager

Present Employer Name: Lifempowered Phone: 503 397 1922

Present Employer Address: 105 Port Ave St Helens

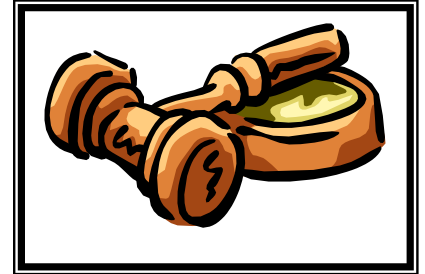
Title of Position Held: Community Support Specialist

### Why do you want to be appointed to the City Council?

I would like to help support Council Goals and serve the community. My history shows I continue to work and advocate for our community and all its citizens.

### What do you hope to accomplish during your time on the City Council?

Offer experience and stability to complete the open seat. Serve my community. Provide stable leadership with an eye on resources.



Additional information you would like us to consider:

I am not a career politician, not looking to advance any agenda, just offer my support and time to the team and my community. I am a survivor by nature, single mom of 2, one college graduate and a son with special needs beginning college. During Covid 19 I Built and purchased a forever home with Habitat for Humanity and continue to volunteer and serve both at the state and national level to raise affordable home ownership for all. I have volunteered also for rights and fair wages in the Disabled Community as well. I don't know what quitting is. I believe my unique skill set might be just what the situation requires. We have a very special community and opportunity to facilitate positive change. I would love to help.

**I hereby certify that I am a "qualified elector" as defined in Article II of the Oregon Constitution<sup>2</sup> and I have resided inside the city limits of St. Helens for at least 12 months prior to an appointment<sup>1</sup>. I further certify that this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.**

**Signatur**

**Date:** 8/25/23

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Completed applications must be received by this deadline; postmarks will not be accepted. If sending by email, applicant is responsible to make sure their application was received by the deadline.**

**Please return by mail or drop-off to:** City of St. Helens  
Attn: Kathy Payne  
265 Strand Street  
St. Helens, OR 97051

**Or by email to:** [kpayne@sthelensoregon.gov](mailto:kpayne@sthelensoregon.gov)

**PROCESS: The City Council will interview all applicants at a Special Session on Thursday, September 14, 2023, beginning at 5:15 p.m. via Zoom. Please mark your calendars. The agenda with the Zoom link will be posted by 5:00 p.m. on September 11, 2023.**

If you have any questions, please contact City Recorder Kathy Payne at (503) 366-8217.

**<sup>1</sup> St. Helens Charter  
Chapter VI Elections  
Section 27. Qualifications.**

- (a) The mayor and each councilor must be a qualified elector under state law, and reside within the city for at least one year immediately before election or appointment to office.
- (b) No person may be a candidate at a single election for more than one city office.
- (c) Neither the mayor nor a councilor may be employed by the city.
- (d) The council is the final judge of election and qualifications of its members.

**<sup>2</sup> Oregon Constitution, Article II  
Section 2. Qualifications of electors.**

- (1) Every citizen of the United States is entitled to vote in all elections not otherwise provided for by this Constitution if such citizen:
  - (a) Is 18 years of age or older;
  - (b) Has resided in this state during the six months immediately preceding the election, except that provision may be made by law to permit a person who has resided in this state less than 30 days immediately preceding the election, but who is otherwise qualified under this subsection, to vote in the election for candidates for nomination or election for President or Vice President of the United States or elector of President and Vice President of the United States; and
  - (c) Is registered not less than 20 calendar days immediately preceding any election in the manner provided by law.
- (2) Provision may be made by law to require that persons who vote upon questions of levying special taxes or issuing public bonds shall be taxpayers.