

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: Steve Toschi

Home Address: 215 N. River Street

City, Zip: St. Helens, OR 97051

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Mailing Address: 215 N. River Street

City, Zip: St. Helens, OR 97051

How long have you resided in the city limits of St. Helens? approx 3 Years Months

Applicants must have resided inside the city limits of St. Helens for at least 12 months prior to appointment, per Charter¹.

Are you a Qualified Elector as defined in the Oregon Constitution²? (see page 2) ☒ Yes ☐ No

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

Planning Commissioner, approximately 2021 - May 2023

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

Antonia Doggett, 385 S. 3rd Street, St. Helens, (503) 442-6427
Dianne Dillard, 124 N. 2nd Street, St. Helens (503) 396-7797
Russ Hubbard, 275 N. River Street, St. Helens (503) 519-7014

Briefly summarize educational background:

Juris Doctor, McGeorge School of Law, 1986
BA, Politics, University of California at Santa Cruz, 1983
High School Graduate, Branham High School, 1979

Present Employer Name: Toschi, Collins, Doyle & Houvener, APC Phone: (510) 835-3400

Present Employer Address: 5145 Johnson Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588, stoschi@tcdlegal.com

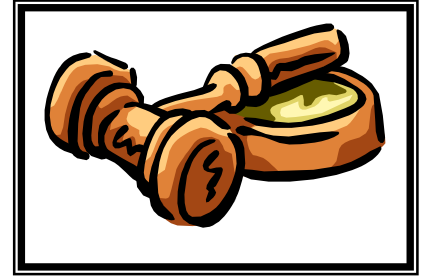
Title of Position Held: Managing Partner, President

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

Citizens are asking me and they want me to run. I want to see a developed waterfront that achieves the vision of beauty and economic vitality our citizens expect. The City needs to grow in a way that will preserve our small town way of life. I have the life experience to implement plans to help achieve this goal. I want to help the City achieve economic vitality. I want our businesses to thrive. Having been a successful business person, I have a perspective that will aid Council decisions.

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

Aid the City to overcome problems with its finances and personnel management issues. Aid the City to make sound planning decisions regarding economic vitality of the people of St. Helens. Help the City plan for future regulations anticipated to be issued from Salem. Protect the health, safety, and welfare of our citizens. Improve communications between the City and its citizens. Increase citizen involvement in the government and use of City Committees, per the laws of the City. Ensure that as we grow, we maintain our small town lifestyle.



Additional information you would like us to consider:

Having lived in many places that have gone through growth, I've seen how a plan for quality of growth can vastly improve the long term outcome for a City and its citizens. I've run a business for more than 20 years. I've had to manage finances, income, expenses, and personnel, and have worked within a corporation and partners in doing so. I've handled complex litigation. I have future vision and a long track record of success.

There are many issues facing St. Helens right now that require innovative and complex solutions. We have conflicting views in our City regarding how the City should move forward regarding controversial subjects. I'm not beholden to anyone in the City. I can and will make decisions in the best interests of all citizens. I have a very broad base of support. I received 1986 votes in the last election. I've kept up with issues facing the City. More people approach me daily encouraging me to run for office. I have a depth of experience which is rarely seen in someone interested to get involved in government. I'm not doing this for me at all. People of St. Helens want me to lead them and they tell me so. I believe that whoever Council chooses to sit with them should have gone through the election

I hereby certify that I am a "qualified elector" as defined in Article II of the Oregon Constitution² and I have resided inside the city limits of St. Helens for at least 12 months prior to an appointment¹. I further certify that this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ **Date:** August 30, 2023

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

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.

¹ **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.

² **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.