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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: STEPHEN R. TOPAZ

Home Address: 360 ST. HELENS, STREET

City, Zip: ST. HELENS, 97051

Phone: 503-366-7994 ☐ Mobile ☒ Home

Email: T STEPHEN.TOPAZ@gmail.com

Mailing Address: 360 ST. HELENS STREET

City, Zip: ST. HELENS 97051

How long have you resided in the city limits of St. Helens? 23 Years 8 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.): GIRL SCOUT LEADER, COUNCIL LEVEL, NEW JERSEY, CUB SCOUT

PACK MASTER, MASSACHUSETTS, LOTUS PROJECT, HOMELESS MAKE WORK, UTAH, FOUNDING MEMBER MAIN STREET

PROJECT, ST. HELENS, CITY COUNCIL, ST, HELENS

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

AL PETERSON, 101 ST. HELENS STREET, 503-366-7220

JUDY THOMPSON, 185 4th STREET, 503-397-6056

KRISTI WARD, 474 NORTH 15th STREET, 503-366-7220

Briefly summarize educational background: CANTON LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL, CANTON, OHIO, PURDUE UNIVERSITY, SMC

RUTGER UNIVERSITY, PARTIAL MASTERS

Present Employer Name: RETIRED Phone: _____

Present Employer Address: _____

Title of Position Held: _____

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

TO START A MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE, MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC THE CITY'S ADMINISTRATIVE PLANS

FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS

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

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Additional information you would like us to consider:

I HAVE MULTI-STATE EXPERIENCE THAT ENCLUDES, being a faculty of, A MAJOR MEDICAL CENTER, the CLEVELAND CLINIC, THREE MEDICAL UNIVERSITIES, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ENGINEER AT FOUR

COMPANIES, TWO BEING ON THE FORTUNE 500 LIST, AND A ENGINEERING CONSULTANT I HAVE HAD EXPERIENCE

IN DEALING WITH LONG TERM PROJECT PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION THAT INVOLVED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. THIS EXPERIENCE WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL WITH THE RENEWAL PROJECTS OF THE CITY.

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: _____

8/30/2023

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.