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#### First Name

Malcolm

#### Last Name

Cross

#### Home Address

Maplewood Drive

#### City, State, Zip Code

Stephenville

#### Mailing Address

Maplewood Drive

#### City, State, Zip Code

Stephenville

#### Primary Phone Number

#### Alternate Phone Number

#### Email

#### Employment Status

Employed Full-Time

#### Employer

Tarleton State Univesity

#### Please indicate what board you are applying for. (First Choice)

Stephenville Type B Economic Development Authority Board of Directors

#### Please indicate what board you are applying for. (Second Choice)

#### Please indicate what board you are applying for. (Third Choice)

#### Are you currently serving on a board or commission?

Yes - Seeking Reappointment

#### Have you ever attended a Board or Council meeting?

Yes

**Availability**

- Daytime (8:00am - 5:00pm)
- Evening (after 5:00 pm)

**Are you registered to vote in Stephenville?**

Yes

**Are you a property owner within the community?**

Yes

**Do you or a family member own a business within the community?**

Yes

**Please indicate which category of the local economy that you represent.**

Education - Serving in higher education at high school level or beyond

**Reason for Applying**

Economic development to grow and diversify Stephenville's economy is necessary to create more jobs, expand the tax base, and generate more revenue from local sales and property taxes without having to raise rates. Although I'm a strong believer in free market libertarian economics, I also recognize the value of government initiatives to promote economic growth and development. Having been a member of the SEDA Board of Directors for the past 4 years, I've been most impressed with the leadership of its President and Vice President and other Board members in promoting economic development and I wish to remain supportive of their efforts and those of the City Council as well. I believe the knowledge I've acquired in my graduate studies, as a participant in Stephenville's governance and through participation in community activities such as Leadership Stephenville and the Citizens Police Academy have helped and will continue to help in the making of decisions to advance Stephenville's best interests.

**Educational Background**

BA in Government and International Relations, Carleton College, Northfield, MN, 1972.

MS in Public Administration, University of Missouri; Columbia, Missouri, 1975, with emphasis in local finance and administration

PhD in Political Science, University of Missouri; Columbia, Missouri, 1980, with emphasis in local finance and administration

MA in History, Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas, 1999.

**Occupational Background**

Staff Assistant, City of Berkeley, Missouri, 5/74-8/74

Assistant to the City Manager, Portage, Michigan, 11/75-7/76.

Teaching Assistant in Political Science, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, 8/76-12/79.

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, 9/80-6/87

On teaching staff at Tarleton State University since 8/87 (Assistant Professor of Political Science 8/87-8/92; Associate Professor 9/92-8/11; Professor 9/11-present)

Head, Tarleton Social Sciences Department, 6/08-8/13.

**Relevant Experience**

Positions with Berkeley, Missouri and Portage, Michigan

City of Stephenville Board of Adjustment 1990-2000

Stephenville City Council, 5/00-5/14

Mayor Pro Tem, 5/08-5/14

Chair, Appraisal Review Board for the Erath County Appraisal District, 2015--present

Member, SEDA Board of Directors, 1/18-present

Graduate, Leadership Stephenville, 2002

Graduate, Stephenville Citizens Police Academy, 2002

All these positions offered opportunities to learn more about the local economies of Stephenville and elsewhere.

### **Community Involvement**

Actor, Stephenville Area Little Theater, 1989-1991

Member, Erath County Republican Party, 1990-present

Election Judge, 1990-2000

Treasurer, ECRP and financial administrator for primary elections, 1992-2013

Member, Stephenville Board of Adjustment, 1990-2000

Member, Ad Hoc Advisory Commission of City Government Elections, 1992

Stephenville City Council, 2000-2014

Chair, ARB for the ECAD, 2015--present

Board of Adjustment, 2017

SEDA Board, 2018-present

Member, St. Luke's Episcopal Church since 1987

Delegate from St. Luke's to conventions of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth, 1995-1996, 2000-2001, 2006-2019

SubDean of the Southern Deanery of the Episcopal Church in North Texas, 2019-present

Member of the Finance Committee of the Episcopal Church in North Texas, 2010-2016, 2020-present

Member of Stephenville Rotary Club, 2012-present

Participant and Chair of Boards of Review for Eagle Scout Candidates and other volunteer work with the regional division of the Boy Scouts of America, 2011-present

Graduate, Leadership Stephenville, 2002

Graduate, Stephenville Citizens Police Academy, 2002

Guest speaker for various civic groups (1988-present)

Note: I neither own a business myself nor have a financial interest in any other business in Stephenville or elsewhere. I am a widower but my late wife's relatives consider me to still be part of their family. My late wife's older sister owns the Santa Fe County Taco Company. Hence I checked "yes" to the question of whether or not I or "a family member" own a local business. I do not know the degree, if any, to which I am legally related to her.

### **Submit Application**

Malcolm Lee Cross

### **Date**

Fri, 10/29/2021

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