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4/18/2025

City of Tenino  
Attn: Planning Commission Application  
149 Hodgden Street S  
Tenino, WA 98589

Dear Members of the Tenino Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my sincere interest in serving as a member of the Planning Commission for the City of Tenino. As a resident who is deeply invested in the growth, character, and future of our community, I welcome the opportunity to contribute to the thoughtful planning and sustainable development of our city.

Tenino is a unique and historic community, and I am eager to be part of the process that helps guide its future. I value balanced growth that honors our city's heritage while embracing smart planning practices that enhance livability, protect our environment, and encourage economic vitality. I am particularly interested in supporting initiatives that preserve the small-town charm of Tenino while making room for innovation, inclusion, and resilience.

I bring to this role a strong commitment to civic engagement, a collaborative spirit, and a keen interest in land use, zoning, and community development. I'm excited to provide my experience in historic preservation, arts programming, education and public service to the community I live in and am raising my daughter in. I am confident that my dedication to thoughtful dialogue, research, and public input would make me a valuable contributor to the Commission's important work.

Thank you for considering my application. I would be honored to serve and to support the vision and goals of the City of Tenino through this role. I welcome the opportunity to further discuss my interest and qualifications with you.

Sincerely,



Valerie Roberts



# CITY OF TENINO

## City Commission Vacancy Application

*(Please type or print clearly)*

**Name as registered:** Valerie Erin Roberts

**Physical Address:** 1464 Sussex Ave E, Tenino WA

**Mailing Address:** Same

**Home Phone:** 541-292-3003 **Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** valerie.e.roberts17@gmail.com

**How long at Residence:** 3 years **Best time to contact:** 8 am - noon

### **Personal Information (optional):**

Resident of Tenino, and looking to connect and contribute more to my community. My background is in art, education, museums, national and state parks management, and public/non-profit partnership development and I currently work for the City of Olympia as a Project Manager to help develop their first community Art Center at the Olympia Armory. In my personal time I am a mother, fiber artists, gardener, and hiker.

### **List any prior experience as an elected official:**

Although I have not been an elected official, I have served on many committees, panels and organizational teams. Currently, I'm a member of the Arts Culture and Heritage workgroup in Olympia and am a member of the Weavers Guild.

### **List any applicable work experience:**

Armory Building Manager, City of Olympia 2023-2025

Partnership and Volunteer Manager, Washington State Parks 2021-2023

Visitor Experience Manager, Burke Museum of Natural and Cultural History, 2019-2021

### **List any applicable experience working with budgets:**

I've managed multi-million dollar capital budgets and annual operating budgets up to \$800,000 annual.

**Please list three (3) references:**

**Name:** Sylvana Niehuser, Intirrum Director of Parks Arts and Recreation

**Address:** 601 4th Ave E, Olympia WA, 98501

**Contact Number:** 360-753-8068

**Name:** Matthew Rounsley, Executive Aide, County Commissioner Wayne Fournier

**Address:** 3000 Pacific Ave SE, Olympia WA 98501

**Contact Number:** 360-529-6296

**Name:** Fen Regelein, Associate Director of Membership, University of Washington

**Address:** 1410 NE Campus Pkwy, Seattle WA 98195

**Contact Number:** rregelei@uw.edu

Council members make recommendations and decisions that affect the entire community.

- 1.) Do you foresee possible conflicts of interest with any of your current employment or civic positions? ☐ Yes (Please explain on back) ☒ No
- 2.) When making recommendations and decisions do you feel you could be impartial and base your decision on the overall need and benefit of the Community? ☒ Yes ☐ No (Please explain on back)
- 3.) Are there any days or evenings you are unavailable to meet? ☐ Yes (Please explain on back) ☒ No

**Signature:** Valerie Roberts **Date:** 04/18/2025

Please return completed form and any additional information to:  
City of Tenino – Attn: City Clerk, 149 Hodgden St South, P.O. Box 4019, Tenino, WA 98589  
For more information please call (360) 264-2368