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To: [City Recorder](#)
Subject: Form submission from: City Council Appointment Application Form
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Submitted values are:

First Name: Patrick

Middle Name:

Last Name: Thom

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City: Wilsonville

State: OR

Zip Code: 97070

Is this address within the City? Yes

I have lived in Wilsonville since: December 2020

Home Telephone No. 971-322-8884

Work Telephone No.

Cell/Mobile Telephone No.

E-Mail Address: thompe.or@gmail.com

Are you a registered Voter in the State of Oregon? Yes

Present Occupation: Permanency Caseworker - State of Oregon Department of Human Services
Child Welfare

Please list five (5) Wilsonville residents who support you for this appointment, along with their contact information and their relationship to you.

Steve Ryan - Neighbor - 503-789-5332

Carmen Ryan - Neighbor - 503-939-9447

Staci Larson - Mother-in-law - 503-931-1407

Jenny Benson - Future Sister-in-law - 971-610-8498

Chris Field - Neighbor - 503-819-2008

What in your background, (educational, professional, volunteer) do you feel is most relevant to a City Council position?

Educationally, I have a Bachelor's of Arts in Sociology, concentrated in Crime and Justice, as well as minors in Political Science and Psychology. This educational focus has allowed me to understand and work professionally with youth and families in varying degrees of life circumstances. Professionally, as it relates to my education, I have worked for the State of Oregon since 2016, first in Juvenile Corrections working with delinquent youth to overcome their criminal pasts and earn skills to provide back to society, and currently in my work as a Permanency Caseworker for Child Welfare, working with families to overcome the issues and concerns that brought their children into care, and provide numerous services to those children so that they could continue to thrive with their families, if it were safe to do so.

On a volunteer basis, I participated in numerous volunteer projects through Scouting, where I earned my Rank of Eagle, as well as through my fraternity in College, participating in our own Philanthropy through B+, but also participating in the philanthropies of the other Fraternities and Sororities across Oregon State University. I am also an actively growing member of the local Grace Chapel, and continue to look for opportunities through their organization's

partnerships for volunteer opportunities to assist our local community and neighboring cities. Please describe the ways in which you would best serve the citizens of Wilsonville through public service on the City Council?

As a younger member, I would be able to best serve and connect with the ever-growing young families and couples that continue to move into our growing city, advocating for continued efforts to maintain the safety of the city for our residents and visitors, whether that be pushing for having streets and sidewalks fixed to be made safe to travel on, activities and parks for residents and families to participate in, and ways to expand our cities desire to bring people together through art, community, love and nature.

What do you consider most important for Council to accomplish in the next two years, and how would you go about making those priorities happen?

I believe it is most important that the council accomplish improving Community Development, which coincides with many of the departmental needs for the community. It is noted that there is a growing population of elders, as well as an increase in families moving into the city, where the importance of developing the community more to benefit both groups. I would utilize my knowledge and skills from both my educational and professional backgrounds, as well as the connections to community members I have, to advocate on the benefits this continued development has on a community, and research options through State or Federal grants or community volunteers to provide for this city.

Explain what you believe makes Wilsonville special or unique in a positive way, and how you would propose to preserve, protect, and enhance those qualities.

Wilsonville has a unique, tri-communal city make-up of Urban, Suburban and Rural areas that add to the city's culture. Even within these spaces, the city has maintained a desire to showcase the natural beauty of Wilsonville, and of the State. I would propose continued efforts of maintaining natural settings and protect the nature areas and parks that are already being utilized by residents and visitors alike by ensuring that current policies and practices are up to date, and seek to find ways that the city can embrace more of the natural beauty that surrounds our community and integrate it into more green, natural spaces to enjoy within the central areas of our community, to bring a sense of peace and beauty into some of the areas of the city that need uplifting.

Resume Upload (optional): [resume.docx](#)

Other Supporting Document (optional):

Electronic signature agreement. By selecting the "I Accept" button, you are signing this agreement electronically. You agree your electronic signature is the legal equivalent of your manual signature on this Agreement. By selecting "I Accept" you consent to be legally bound by this Agreement's terms and conditions. You further agree that your use of a key pad, mouse or other device to select an item, button, icon or similar act/action, or in accessing or making any transaction regarding any agreement, acknowledgement, consent terms, disclosures or conditions constitutes your signature (hereafter referred to as "E-Signature"), acceptance and agreement as if actually signed by you in writing. You also agree that no certification authority or other third party verification is necessary to validate your E-Signature and that the lack of such certification or third party verification will not in any way affect the enforceability of your E-Signature. You also represent that you are authorized to enter into this Agreement for all persons who own or are authorized to access any of your accounts and that such persons will be bound by the terms of this Agreement.

Signature: Patrick Thom

I Accept: Yes

Date Signed: Tue, 09/30/2025 - 8:51pm

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

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RESUME OBJECTIVE

Emerging program management professional with 8+ years of experience in **child welfare and juvenile justice**. Background in **case planning, supervision, and policy implementation** with a focus on **violence prevention and community partnerships development**. Adept at **coordinating cross-agency efforts** to promote public safety and family stability.

SKILLS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding of State and Federal Guidelines• Cross-Agency Collaboration• Community Partnership Development• Policy Implementation & Compliance | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organizational Skills• Dependable• Attention to detail | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Violence Prevention & De-escalation Strategies• Crisis Intervention |
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EXPERIENCE

Social Service Specialist I – Permanency Caseworker ODHS Child Welfare

Alberta Branch Child Welfare | May 2022 – Present

- **Collaborate on case planning** for **10+ families and 13+ children/teenagers**, coordinating with **courts, law enforcement and service providers** to ensure **child safety and permanency**.
- **Facilitated cross-agency communication and collaboration with legal professionals and community partners** to address family challenges and ensure access to needed services.
- **Streamlined documentation, reporting processes and meetings** to ensure compliance with **Federal and State deadlines** and laws.
- **Provided mentorship and guidance to new staff**, communicating **procedures, State/Federal guidelines, and agency policy** to strengthen understanding and compliance.

Group Life Coordinator II

Maclaren Youth Correctional Facility | September 2016 – April 2022

- **Facilitated conflict resolution** between youth and young adults, promoting **non-violent solutions** and maintaining a safe environment
- Applied **de-escalation strategies** to reduce tension and prevent escalation to physical altercations.
- Promoted **positive behavior and rehabilitation**, helping youth build interpersonal and coping skills.
- **Collaborated with educational, vocational, and therapeutic staff** to support youth in their transition back to the community.
- **Trained and mentored new staff** on facility policies, safety procedures, and best practices in behavior management.

Independent Contractor (Casino Gaming Dealer)

David Efaw Productions – Lake Oswego, OR | June 2009 - Current

- Provide Vegas-style entertainment and instruction of Casino Table Games for a variety of clientele.
- Collaborate with the venue lead and head client on event management including layout, event timing and special requests.
- Lead and supervise Casino Game Dealers for events, ensuring the games are being played fairly, but are still enjoyed by the guests; Coordinate with head client for any changes during the event.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts

Oregon State University | Corvallis, Oregon | December 2015

- Major course work study in Sociology, with a focus on Crime and Justice
- Minor course work study in Psychology and Political Science

General Education Credits Study Abroad

Semester at Sea | Varied

- Studied abroad in multiple countries surrounding Europe, the Mediterranean, South and Central America and Africa
- **Participated in numerous events and community projects** within different cultures, **growing and learning about the differences and similarities between needs, outreach, and struggles faced in our communities.**
- **Gained insightful knowledge of culture, society, religion, law and history** through international study and coursework.

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Earned rank of **Eagle Scout** in the Boy Scouts of America, June 2010
- Held multiple leadership positions within troop including **Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader** and **Junior Assistant Scoutmaster**; selected as **Senior Patrol Leader for my troop at the Boy Scouts of America 100th National Jamboree**, leading 35+ other scouts and Adult Leaders at a national event.
- Completed **National & Advanced Youth Leadership Training**; later served as a **youth trainer** in Advanced Leadership Training, mentoring new leaders.
- Co-founded and re-chartered the **Kappa Delta Rho Fraternity** at Oregon State University, providing organizational leadership, member development and community outreach opportunities.



**Mayor's Supplemental Questionnaire
City Council Vacancy Appointment Process 2025
Required Prior to Meeting with the Mayor**

Applicant Name: Patrick Thom

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Wilsonville City Council. Prior to your scheduled meeting with the Mayor, please email the completed questionnaire—including the date and your signature—to the City Recorder Kim Veliz (veliz@wilsonvilleoregon.gov) and Mayor O'Neil (oneil@wilsonvilleoregon.gov).

Your responses will help focus the conversation on your experience, perspective, and understanding of the responsibilities of this role. Please answer each question truthfully and thoughtfully. Your completed questionnaire will be shared with other Council members as part of the appointment process, and will be subject to public disclosure under Oregon Public Records Laws. If you need additional space to respond to any questions, you may attach extra pages.

To comply with Oregon Government Ethics and public meeting laws, applicants **may not discuss, seek assistance from, share their responses with, or distribute this questionnaire** to any current members of the Wilsonville City Council, other than the Mayor as part of this process.

Sharing questionnaire responses with Council members or seeking their input would likely constitute a prohibited communication and could disqualify the applicant from further consideration.

This completed and signed questionnaire must be submitted by 9:00 p.m. on the evening before your scheduled meeting with the Mayor.

Timely submission is essential to allow for adequate review and preparation. If the completed and signed questionnaire is not received by the deadline, the meeting will be canceled and the Mayor will be unable to consider the application further as part of the appointment process.

Mayor's Supplemental Questions

1. Describe your past involvement with the City of Wilsonville or other community organizations. Please include any service on City boards or commissions, task forces, nonprofit boards, or other civic leadership roles. Describe in detail how this experience has prepared you for service on City Council.

I have not been a part any boards, commissions or task forces within City of Wilsonville. Growing up, I was

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a member of Boy Scouts of America, earning the rank of Eagle. My time is scouting prepared me for Leadership, Community Service, and working conjointly to better community for all.

2. Have you ever previously applied for appointment to, or run for, elected office in Wilsonville? If so, please describe the position, the year, and what you learned from that experience.

I have not previously applied or ran for elected office in Wilsonville

3. Serving on City Council involves a significant time commitment and responsibility. Please explain how you plan to manage the workload, your willingness to serve through the remainder of this term, and whether you intend to run for the position in the November 2026 election.

I plan to Calendar meeting times and time for projects or work, making sure to not let duties fall behind. I am prepared to serve the remainder of the term, and already planned to run for a seat in the 2026 election.

4. The City Council adopted its 2025-27 Council Goals earlier this year. Please discuss your understanding of the Goals, your understanding of the role the Goals play in the Council's work, and any particular priorities you have toward accomplishing the Council goals.

My understanding of the goals is that the city seeks financial health for its residents, as well as maintaining their safety. The city also wants to communicate its growth plan to residents + be transparent. The goals play into the Council's work, as they are the voice + Liaison for residents. My priority is to continue being that voice for the residents

5. What motivates you to seek this appointment at this particular time? How do you see your role in advancing the City's adopted goals?

I already planned to run in the 2026 elections, so when the opportunity arose, I took it. I believe my role in advancing the city's goals is one of a new perspective, considering the current goals + progressing them in the best way possible, to benefit the ever growing community.

6. How do you approach forming positions on complex policy issues? Describe how you balance your own views with input from staff, community members, and fellow Councilors.

I form positions on complex policy issues by listening to all points, looking at the short and long-term pros + cons, and gain

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insight from experts on the subject, community members that would be affected by the policy, and discussion points from fellow Councilors.

7. Share an example of a time when you had to support a policy decision you did not personally agree with. How did you handle it?

While working with the Oregon Youth Authority, we were presented with policy changes that did not work in the environment we were in. We discussed the issues with the policy decision and ultimately proceeded with the change as written, until a new policy decision was brought forth.

8. Wilsonville is home to residents from diverse neighborhoods, backgrounds, ages, and experiences. A core value of our community is fostering a sense of belonging—making sure everyone feels valued, welcomed, and heard.

a. Describe what “belonging” means to you in the context of Wilsonville. Share any relevant personal or professional experiences that have shaped your perspective on building an inclusive community.

Belonging, in the context of Wilsonville, includes allowing a voice to be heard, ideas pronounced and being invited to participate in the city. It's a feeling that who you are is respected in Wilsonville. I've seen this belonging if Ramadan being finished in Greece and the festival Diwali being celebrated while studying abroad.

b. How will you support and foster the City's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion programming if appointed to Council?

I will seek to take all residents' needs + differences into account. I will voice concern if a program, policy, or activity is missing a key piece to make whatever change as inclusive + equitable as possible. I will strive to learn more about the different diversities in Wilsonville.

c. How will you support and foster Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission initiatives, if appointed to Council?

Arts, Culture + Heritage are paramount in what makes Wilsonville unique. I will support any program as able, through attendance, volunteer work, or even simply going and learning from our residents who wish to share what they care most about.

9. In your view, what role should City Council play in ensuring that all voices are included and considered in decision-making?

I believe that City Council should have the voices of residents heard in anyway possible, in-person, by mail or email, or by phone, especially if a decision is going to affect numerous people.

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10. Briefly describe your familiarity Oregon's government ethics laws, including financial disclosure requirements.

My understanding of the ethic's laws, including financial disclosure, is that any one that holds a public job, office or appointed seat may have their finances disclosed so as to ensure there are no unethical practices occurring, and that they are not in their position for nefarious reasons.

11. How would you handle a situation where your personal views differ from adopted Council goals or legal obligations?

I would reflect on my different views and seek to understand more of the goal or obligation so as to put my biases aside. I would also voice my differing view to seek knowledge as to how the goal was achieved and if all considerations were made.

12. You may use this space to provide any other information you would like the Mayor to consider.

Nothing to add at this time

Declaration and Signature

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Oregon that the information I have provided in this questionnaire is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Patricia Mrom

Date: 10/13/2025



Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the City Council appointment process. I understand that you have already received a questionnaire from the Office of the Mayor. I would like to solicit your response to a few more questions. I appreciate you taking the time to thoughtfully answer the following questions.

Please provide your response to the Wilsonville City Recorder, Kim Veliz, at veliz@wilsonvilleoregon.gov and me at cunningham@wilsonvilleoregon.gov by Wednesday, October 15th at 9:00 pm so that the responses can be included in the City Council agenda packet for the October 20th meeting.

I appreciate your time completing this additional questionnaire and apologize for the extra “homework” but I think these questions ensure that important aspects of each candidate are addressed. I am open to meetings with each applicant and will try to be as flexible as possible in scheduling those. I prefer in-person meetings but can make remote meetings over the phone or Zoom work if necessary. If you would like, feel free to email me at the above listed email address to schedule a time to meet.

Thanks,
Adam Cunningham
Wilsonville City Councilor

Questions from Councilor Cunningham

Applicant's name: Patrick Thom

1. What criteria would you use in your decision-making process as a member of the City Council?

The criteria I would use in my decision-making process would be parallel to how I go about making other big decisions: I would read into the topic or item that is being discussed, taking into account pros and cons of why the topic is good or bad, will do well or not for the community or the group that it would aim to effect, and then listen in to those who have a stronger knowledge or professional insight if possible. From there, if available, I would gain insight from points that others had of the topic or item, to garner any similar mindsets, or receive other points of view I hadn't thought of while looking into whether it would be something to vote for or against.

2. Given the City Manager's comments in the FY 2025-2026 Budget introduction, how would you work to make the general fund more resilient?

I would want to look at reasons as to why the development of growth in the city has been declining, as well as ways to reprioritize projects and what other options for grants or community assistance in providing the high quality we wish to provide for the residents and visitors of Wilsonville. Even in the current economic climate and uncertainty of where money from State and Federal grants or funding may or may not come, there must be community connections that can be explored to assist in strengthening the general fund by allowing it to grow without a need to pull more from it.

3. The city will receive a \$6.45 million lease payment in FYE 2027. If you could spend that money on anything, what would it be and why?

I would spend that money at looking to build through existing infrastructure a performing arts center and gallery for the city, and/or a pool and rec center that can be built within current vacant structures and could build into the existing urban growth plan of the city center. Both would provide not only space for community growth, but would also allow the residents and visitors to enjoy classes, performances, games and artwork put on by their community members. It would also be another stream of revenue for the city to expand on current programs offered, but also would create more work and space for community learning, expanding on current offerings of classes to more life skills, including cooking, public speaking, performance, or lifeguarding, for example.