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Good Morning,

I've attached my Letter of Intent and Application for appointment to the Tukwila city council. Please confirm receipt.

I hope everyone has a fantastic holiday weekend.

Sincerely,
Hannah Hedrick

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Hannah Hedrick

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Tukwila, WA 98178

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December 22, 2023

Tukwila City Council





City of Tukwila

City Council

Application for Vacancy by Appointment Tukwila City Council Position #3

Applicant Information

Full Name	Hannah Hedrick
Street Address	[REDACTED]
City, State, Zip	Tukwila, WA 98178
Phone	[REDACTED]
E-Mail Address	[REDACTED]

Eligibility Requirements, Notification and Signature

I understand that Councilmembers for the City of Tukwila must be registered voters in King County, Washington and must have lived in the City of Tukwila for 12 consecutive months prior to being appointed to office.

I understand that as an applicant for appointment to public office, the information provided on this application will be available to the public.

Signature	<i>Hannah Hedrick</i>
Date	12/22/23

Additional Information

Are you a registered voter in King County, WA?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Are you a resident of the City of Tukwila?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
How long have you been a resident of the City of Tukwila?	4.5 years	
How long have you lived at your current address?	4.5 years	
If you have lived at your current address for less than 12 months, please list your previous address.		
Previous address and length of time at address.		
Do you or any family member residing in your household, have a financial interest in, or are you an employee or officer of any business or agency which conducts business with the City of Tukwila?		
YES <input type="checkbox"/>		NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please explain.		

Time Commitment

Appointment to the City Council will require your attendance at a number of regularly scheduled and special meetings, which occur at various times including evenings and weekends.

Councilmembers also serve on Council committees, regional boards, and commissions, and represent the City Council at various community functions.

Council activities generally require a minimum time commitment of 10 to 15 hours per week. Are you able to commit this amount of time and can you commit to arrange your schedule to participate fully as a member of the Tukwila City Council?

YES ☒

NO ☐

Have you ever attended a Tukwila City Council meeting?

YES ☒

NO ☐

If yes, please estimate how many Council meetings you have attended in the past year.

10 online and 20 recordings

Supplemental Questions

Please respond to the following questions regarding your interest in the position of appointed Councilmember for the City of Tukwila.

Why are you interested in serving as a Tukwila City Councilmember?

As a young female homeowner in Tukwila, my genuine interest in serving as a Tukwila City Councilmember is driven by my unique perspective and personal investment in the community. Initially, I saw Tukwila mainly as a mall, but my viewpoint evolved after settling into my home and discovering the city's rich geographical history and opportunities. I'm deeply passionate about serving my community, preserving its heritage, and embracing new possibilities.

My qualifications are rooted in both professional knowledge and commitment, aligning with my personal and professional goals to pursue ongoing education and continuous growth. I view an appointment to the city council as a chance to integrate all aspects of my life—my personal investment, professional expertise, and dedication to education—into a setting where I can actively contribute to my city, advocate for diversity, and play a crucial role in shaping Tukwila's future.

Describe your background in community service, including any volunteer work you have done in or around Tukwila.

My community service journey is deeply intertwined with the City of Tukwila, where I've actively immersed myself in the community and neighborhood. I took the lead in planning Allentown's National Night Out, attended numerous council meetings, provided public comments, and closely followed key initiatives like the bridge replacement, truck detour, and traffic calming efforts in Tukwila. Alongside my contributions to Allentown Advocates, I volunteer with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Puget Sound in their high school mentoring program and offer support at Seattle Children's Hospital and Ronald McDonald House. Additionally, I've dedicated my time in the past to promoting and educating youth about trade school opportunities and careers through AGC Associated General Contractors of America.

What do you think are the most important issues facing Tukwila in the next 2-4 years?

In the next 2-4 years, Tukwila faces key challenges: ensuring financial stability through navigating economic changes, optimizing budgets, and fostering sustainability; addressing asylum-seekers with community engagement and acknowledging broader humanitarian responsibility; prioritizing equitable housing for an inclusive community; promoting equity in decision-making for inclusivity and equal opportunities; enhancing transit availability for connectivity; adopting sustainable practices to address global environmental challenges; and confronting failing infrastructure for community safety. Success requires collaborative efforts, strategic planning, and a commitment to a sustainable, inclusive, and resilient future.

Describe your understanding of the importance of regional collaboration and partnership in city government.

Regional collaboration and partnership within city government are absolutely essential in navigating the intricate challenges that municipalities encounter. It's evident in Tukwila that our issues often align with those of our neighboring cities, underscoring collaboration in ensuring effective governance. Here are some key points that emphasize why regional collaboration is so crucial:

- **Shared Challenges:** Problems such as transportation, housing, environmental concerns, and economic development are often not confined to one city's borders. Collaborating regionally allows cities to identify common challenges and develop collective strategies to address them more efficiently.
- **Diversity of Leadership and Expertise:** Each city has its own leaders, experts, and individuals with unique experiences. By collaborating, cities can tap into diverse talent, ideas, and perspectives. This diversity enhances the quality of decision-making and fosters innovation in problem-solving.
- **Resource Pooling:** Cities vary in financial resources, workforce, and infrastructure. Regional collaboration enables the pooling of resources, creating a more robust support system. This collective approach allows cities to undertake larger projects, share the burden of costs, and achieve economies of scale.
- **Knowledge Sharing:** Different cities may have successfully solved common problems. By collaborating, cities can share best practices, learn from each other's experiences, and avoid repeating mistakes. This knowledge exchange accelerates the development and implementation of effective policies and initiatives.
- **Efficiency and Effectiveness:** The concept of "working smarter, not harder" is emphasized in regional collaboration. Instead of duplicating efforts, cities can coordinate their activities, preventing redundancy and optimizing the use of resources. This collaborative efficiency enables cities to achieve more with the same or fewer resources.
- **Teamwork and Synergy:** The analogy of an assembly line is apt – just as collaboration enhances efficiency in manufacturing, it does the same in city governance. When cities work as a team, the synergy often leads to more comprehensive and well-rounded solutions. The combined effort is greater than the sum of individual contributions.

In a nutshell, when it comes to addressing shared challenges, regional collaboration and partnership in city government are non-negotiable. By tapping into the diverse leadership, expertise, and resources available, cities like Tukwila, including our own, can operate more strategically. This approach allows us to pool knowledge, work more efficiently, and generate a collective synergy, ultimately contributing to the success of comprehensive solutions and plans that benefit the entire region.

Summarize your experiences working collaboratively with others from different backgrounds.

I have consistently collaborated with individuals from diverse backgrounds as an engaged community member. In Allentown, where diversity is significant, I find myself in the minority as a white woman with English as my first language. Recognizing my privilege and actively participating in my community, I use my voice to advocate for the underrepresented. My experiences range from working for the City of Seattle in communication and dispatching, addressing public concerns and de-escalating tensions, to the construction industry, where I communicated with and worked alongside renters and homeowners in various communities and economic backgrounds, including custom single-family housing to various types of multifamily housing. Additionally, at Seattle Children's Hospital, my collaborative efforts extend to working with clinical staff, facilities, trades, vendors, general contractors, consultants, and executives, showcasing my ability to work seamlessly with individuals from diverse backgrounds to reach a common goal and serve a common mission.

Discuss your qualifications relevant to the position of Tukwila City Councilmember.

When considering my qualifications for the role of Tukwila City Councilmember, my professional journey has equipped me with substantial experience in project management, construction management, and long-term planning across various contexts. Specifically, I have experience in the municipal landscape as an instrumental team member in the Planning and Facilities division of Seattle Parks and recreation. I participated in the planning of key components of new parks, including security infrastructure and aquatic features.

Within residential construction, my active involvement in restoring multi-family housing buildings stands out. Through collaboration with private homeowners' associations (HOAs) and the Seattle Housing Authority, I have actively contributed to the rejuvenation of communities, aligning closely with long-term planning objectives for both buildings and the neighborhoods they enhance.

Additionally, my professional scope extends to the healthcare sector. Here, I have played a pivotal role in constructing and launching new facilities and navigating the challenges of expanding departments to meet the needs of evolving patient populations. I have led operational reconditioning efforts during patient surges and been actively engaged in the strategic, long-term planning of infrastructure maintenance and upgrades to align with sustainability goals.

From an educational standpoint, my journey reflects resilience and commitment. Balancing the pursuit and completion of my bachelor's degree while working full-time demanded significant self-discipline and effective time management – skills that undoubtedly parallel the commitment required for a role as crucial as Tukwila City Councilmember.

These collective experiences underscore my capacity to comprehend and address our community's diverse challenges, highlighting my potential to contribute meaningfully to the city's long-term planning and development.

Please provide any additional information or comments you believe will assist the City Council in considering your application.

I am genuinely thrilled about the diverse voices shaping the 2024 City Council. With a mix of personalities and members from various backgrounds, I see an exciting dynamic unfolding. As a strong, committed, and independent woman, I can contribute meaningful contributions to this diverse council. My whole-hearted

commitment aligns with my goal of elevating new voices while introducing my unique perspective, ultimately serving the diverse people of Tukwila and contributing to the city's progress.

Additionally, as a resident of Allentown, I am excited to bring another layer of diversity to the City Council. Being part of an underrepresented neighborhood within city leadership, I aim to represent its voice and work towards a holistic vision for the city that promotes equity across all neighborhoods. I am eager to bring my passion, dedication, and diverse perspective to contribute to the betterment of Tukwila.

Thank you for your interest in serving the Tukwila community as a member of the Tukwila City Council.