



Application for City Council Vacancies

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Occupation/Profession: _____

Years living in Newberg: _____ Live in City limits? _____ Are you a registered voter? _____

How would you currently rate City's performance? _____


What ideas do you have for improving the City's performance? _____

Why are you interested in serving on the City Council? _____

What qualifications, skills, or experiences would you bring to the City Council? _____

What contributions do you feel you can make to the City Council? _____

I have sufficient time to devote to this responsibility and will attend the required meetings if appointed.

Signature:  _____ Date: _____

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Council District Reside In: _____

Registered Voter: Y _____ N _____ Since: _____

Utility Customer Y _____ N _____ Since: _____

Other: _____

How would you currently rate City's performance

The City of Newberg currently has strong performance. As a long-term Newberg resident, I have greatly appreciated changes and updates the city has made, particularly in the areas of communication. The changes in provision and accessibility of information, response to questions, and accessibility of information are noticeable. The 2023/2024 goals identified by City Council are clear objectives that are tangibly connected to improving the livability, viability, and long-term success of the Newberg community and I have appreciated the work of our city's leadership to center those goals in decisions made and work completed.

What ideas do you have for improving the City's performance?

Many of my areas of interest and focus directly align with those values and directives currently expressed by City Council. While our city has made significant shifts and changes in communication, transparency, and is striving to support economic and infrastructure development, there is still lots of work to do. Newberg, like many of our surrounding communities, continues to feel the significant impact of COVID and disastrous consequences of Measure 110, impacting both addiction and housing related concerns. There are lots of opportunities to ensure that Newberg continues to be a community that is safe, open, and welcoming for everyone.

As a member of city council, I am hopeful to support ongoing work in addressing aspects of community safety, including addressing issues of homelessness and access to supportive services and job placement for our community's houseless population. I hope the city will continue its proactive approach of holding community partners accountable and carefully scrutinizing how resources are utilized and allocated in addressing these complex issues. These are complex challenges requiring both compassion and firm considerations for safety and wellness of the community. Simultaneously supporting law enforcement and community policing initiatives can help to further increase our community's sense of safety, cultivate positive relationships, and proactively address identified community needs.

I have high value in the work that is being done to enhance public service and hope to support the work that our city manager is doing through enhanced operationalizing of our city's needs through the use of technology, services, and provision of information that are easily accessible for our community. Supporting infrastructure development and attracting businesses to our city are also essential for long-term viability. Communication of the incredible work that is happening is also essential. Unfortunately, a significant portion of our broader community is not fully aware of the city government, the work that is happening, and the efforts that are being made to serve and improve Newberg. Without broad, effective communication, we risk both missing dissemination of important information and we risk missing and not hearing from a substantial proportion of the constituents, their voices and their identified needs.

Why are you interested in serving on the City Council?

Growing up in Yamhill County, I frequently spent time in Newberg attending the Old-Fashioned Festival, participating in various work-related events for my parents, and later getting my first 'official' job here in town. We officially became part of the community when my husband and I moved to Newberg in 2009, while I attended George Fox University. We have considered Newberg our home and have lived here continuously since then (with the exception

of 2-year required training placement from 2011-2013). We returned to Newberg as quickly as possible in 2013 and have lived here since that time. Both my children were born in Newberg, attend Newberg schools, and my family is actively engaged and committed to serving and supporting this community in a variety of capacities.

My desire to join the Newberg City Council stems from my deep-rooted commitment to this community, and desire for a long-term vision of success for the city of Newberg. I am excited by the thought of having the opportunity to represent my neighborhood, foster civic engagement, and cultivate relationships throughout the city with our local government, community-based organizations, civic groups, and stakeholders to support developing a sense of community and engagement. I have a genuine interest and passion for public service. Having the opportunity to serve Newberg and work towards making a positive impact in my community through growth and development would be an incredible honor.

What qualifications, skills, or experiences would you bring to the City Council?

I have a number of skills and qualifications that are directly relevant and applicable to the work of City Council. I have direct experience in leadership both in my former capacity for Providence Medical Group where I served as a Psychologist Medical Director for the Oregon region before returning to directly support the community of Newberg through partnering with the Newberg School District. In addition to my current work for the school district, I support two different non-profits organizations, serving in various capacities including as an Executive Director and Director of Behavioral Health Services. I also manage and run my own private practice in town. I believe strongly that my background and training as a psychologist will bring a unique lens and perspective to the city and my work as a city councilor.

Both my current and prior work experiences have resulted in an in-depth understanding of finance and budgeting, including grants and federal government restricted financing policies. While the budgets I have worked on have not been the size and extent of the City's current budget, I am confident that my background, understanding, and fiscal management will carry over and serve the city well. In addition to my background in department and organizational budgeting, I have a strong background in data analysis and research skills, supporting evidence-based decision making, and utilizing formal methodology to analyze data and support policy consideration and implementation. These skills will support effectiveness of city programming and services to support data-driven recommendations.

I'm highly collaborative and a strong communicator. My relational approach and desire to collaborate with individuals from all backgrounds and areas of interest and expertise support a proactive, community-centered approach to identifying and supporting those issues most pressing to our community.

What contributions do you feel you can make to the City Council?

As a long-term resident of Yamhill County, and Newberg, I am excited for the opportunity to serve on the council. I strongly believe that I will be able to cultivate relationships with local constituents, serving as an approachable, accessible bridge between citizens and the government. I will advocate for community needs, supporting projects and policies that will benefit the community and help to address the significant needs facing our city including infrastructure, public safety, and economic development.

As a member of the council, I will promote transparency, accountability, and fiscal responsibility in governmental operations and prioritizing the long-term health of the city. Part of this work in transparency and accountability, includes close active partnership and collaboration with stakeholders including organizations, businesses, and our local school district to ensure that solutions developed are comprehensive and fully address identified concerns. Leaning in to collaborative community partnerships with stakeholders will additionally further support the city's work in attracting businesses, promoting entrepreneurship and creating local, living wage jobs.