

## Newberg City Council District 3 Vacancy - Written Interview Questions

Please complete the following questions and email to [cityrecorder@newbergoregon.gov](mailto:cityrecorder@newbergoregon.gov) by 5pm on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Please limit your responses to 200 words per question.

### 1. What would you say is the largest pressing concern in Newberg?

Affordable housing. Newberg has done well trying to support creative housing solutions and decreasing barriers for housing, but the demand continues to exceed supply. We need to continue reducing barriers.

### 2. What is the duty of a city councilor?

Represent constituents, vote on laws/policies/ordinances that impact local issues and ensure state compliance, address community concerns and liaison with other agencies/administrators as necessary, and serve on committees and subcommittees as needed.

### 3. Why do you want to be a city councilor?

To help our community. I'm happy to help when opportunities arise, and this is the latest opportunity available to me. I have lived in Yamhill County for my entire life. When I reviewed my bandwidth for projects a few years ago once the post-partum fog cleared, I decided to make more of an effort to be involved locally because I really care about our community.

### 4. What do you see as the biggest opportunities and challenges facing our city in the coming years, and how do you plan to address them?

Opportunities: I see many local politicians willing to bridge differences to reach a common goal. My dad always says "it's impossible for two humble people not to get along". I find I respect the integrity of the individuals on our city council even if I don't always agree with the conclusion. Challenges: ongoing budget limitations always lead to difficult decisions around priorities that ultimately leaves a group of people disgruntled and unsatisfied. Election years are always a difficult year to navigate as tensions run high. This requires de-escalation communication techniques from leadership to provide stability.

5. What job or life experiences have you had that would make you an effective and qualified city councilor?

Lifetime resident of Yamhill County, 6 years in Newberg  
I work part-time and enjoy using my time to help others.  
Committees: Traffic Safety Commission (2024), Cancer Survivorship Committee WVMC (2021),  
Joint Replacement Institute WVMC (2021)  
Board Member Henderson House (County DV and SA advocacy and shelter)  
Board Member SNACK (Student Nutrition and Activity Council for Kids)  
Volunteer Experiences at Friends in Service to Humanity (FISH), Lutheran Community Services,  
McMinnville Public Library, Jackson Street Youth Shelter, Salvation Army  
Oregon State University: Undergraduate Student Council, Nutrition and Dietetics Club president

6. What problems / situations would you like to solve while serving on city council?

Continuing to reduce barriers for affordable housing in Newberg is vital. Supporting our downtown development as it blossoms in our post-COVID era. I would love to see greater emphasis placed on addressing childcare gaps to support the city's economic growth. Many parents I know are unable to join the workforce due to lack of childcare. I'm not sure the answer is at a city level, but it would be wonderful to explore options to move the needle.

7. What would you say is your greatest strength that would benefit the council?

I recognize right now there is much I don't know about being a city councilor, but I am openminded, learn quickly, and have a good attitude. I am someone who is able to step into another's perspective and consider multiple angles. At the end of the day, which perspective benefits the majority? Especially with land use concerns with affordable housing, people get attached to their vision of how it should be. I have seen both sides and can hold that tension when making decisions.

8. What could the city improve on that you could positively impact while serving on council?

I imagine that I would serve more of a supportive role for ongoing projects as the interim position is through December 2024. If I come in with an agenda to address something in a 6 month period, it could be more disruptive than energizing.