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City of Yachats Application for Vacant Council Position - Submission #205

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COUNCIL VACANCY APPLICATION

Length of Appointment

Remaining term of vacated position: through December 31, 2024

Expected Time Commitment

2 Council regular session meetings per month; 1 council work sessions per month, including meeting materials reading & meeting preparation. Potential Additional Commitments: Committee meeting(s) as Council liaison; Special Meeting(s) as needed; Budget Meeting(s) in Spring; Representation on outside agency boards & committees.

Meeting days/times:

City Council: Regular Sessions are 3rd Wednesday of every month at 2:00PM; Work Session followed by Regular Session is 1st Thursday of every month at 9:30AM; Committee Liaison assignments depend upon appointment.

Qualifications for Office

Registered Oregon Voter and City of Yachats resident for 12 months prior to taking office.

City Councilor Responsibilities

Ability to become knowledgeable on a wide variety of issues affecting the city. Willingness to consider differing opinions in arriving at a position that will be in the best interest of the city as a whole. Understanding of how the city operates through its City Charter and how the Council functions.

Background / Experience Which Will Be Useful

Ability to make a decision and to accept the will of the majority of your fellow councilors. Good communication skills. Prior committee membership in a private or public organization. Analytical skill. Ability to accept public criticism. Sense of humor.

First Name

Barry

Last Name

Collins

Address



City

Yachats

State

OR

Zip Code

97498

Phone Number

[Redacted]

Email Address

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Are you a registered voter?*

- Yes
- Yes

What do you think are the biggest issues facing the City?*

The lack of affordable housing impairs civic progress in many ways. First, it subverts the economic viability of the City when employers cannot find employees to operate the businesses that sustain the city's economy. Equally important, a lack of economic diversity puts the City in danger of transforming into an elitist enclave, which would be contrary to our historical acceptance of all who feel at home here.

(Additional responses below.)

What is your primary motivation for seeking the vacant Council seat?

Nothing more – and nothing less – than a feeling of obligation to do my part. In my life, I have worked for and been affiliated with many organizations and I have always felt a need to help make the organization run as smoothly as possible.

Please list any previous involvement, such as City Council, Commission member, Committee member, or other community service in Yachats or elsewhere

For about 6 years, I have been a Certified SHIBA Counselor. Our organization assists seniors with issues involving Medicare and other forms of health coverage.

What other experience or education have you had relevant to serving as a Council member?*

I am a retired attorney. For the bulk of my career, I worked in a labor law firm in Chicago. My own practice was limited to representing multiemployer health and pension plans. Prior to law school, I earned a B.A. in Philosophy and an M.A. in Organizational Communications.

What are your major interest in, or concerns with our Community?

(Continuation of response to the first question:)

I would hope to help promote a civil social fabric that avoids the polarization that cripples our state and nation.

What are your major interest in, or concerns with City Departments and/or administration?

(Continuation of response to the first question:)

I favor maximizing cooperation with other governmental entities and agencies to enable the city to recover from any disaster.

I support maintaining an infrastructure that will continue to provide residents with an adequate water supply.

Do you have any other major interests or concerns?

Other than the concerns listed above, my major interests involve minor things. I am detail-oriented. If appointed, I promise to point out the typos in documents I review. For instance, there is a typo ("nay") in this question and in the antepenultimate one ("interes"). I also promise to maintain a sense of humor and to be grateful when others correct my typos. Finally, I promise not to use the term "antepenultimate" again.

Applications are due to City Hall by 1:00 PM July 17, 2023

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Electronic Signature Agreement

By checking the "I agree" box below, you agree and acknowledge that 1) your application will not be signed in the sense of a traditional paper document, 2) by signing in this alternate manner, you authorize your electronic signature to be valid and binding upon you to the same force and effect as a handwritten signature, and 3) you may still be required to provide a traditional signature at a later date.

I agree.

Electronic Signature

Barry G. Collins