

SECTION II

In this section, we are seeking responses that reflect the four ratings criteria: involvement, effectiveness, character, and knowledge. These are defined as follows:

- **Involvement:** What has the candidate done previously in family, neighborhood, community, volunteer work, employment or public life to suggest readiness to accomplish challenging objectives? How do these activities demonstrate readiness for the challenges unique to the office sought?
 - **Effectiveness:** Has the candidate demonstrated promise of being productive in the office sought? Has the candidate shown the ability to work with other people?
 - **Character:** Do the candidate's personal traits show the ability to take on the responsibilities of campaigning for and holding the public office she or he is seeking? Is the candidate a leader, participant or observer? Is the candidate trustworthy, reliable and candid?
 - **Knowledge:** Has the candidate demonstrated the willingness and ability to learn and adapt? Does the candidate understand the duties and challenges of the office sought? Does the candidate have a firm grasp of the issues important to his or her constituency and their potential effects?
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1. In one page or less, why are you running for this office? (Note: the interview committee will be given a copy of this statement before your interview; at the beginning of your interview you will have the opportunity to expand on this statement in any way you wish.)

I believe that this city (Sammamish) is facing challenging circumstances. To meet these circumstances you need talent, energy, creativity and commitment, and I have them all. The City of Sammamish faces critical issues; financial, growth, traffic, wetlands, parks and recreation, taxes, impact fees, police and fire safety, and more. For me, I have long been prepared to serve, devoted to my community and fellow citizens, caring beyond myself. I bring vision, integrity, and problem-solving experience committed to quality of life for all residents, and I want to be a part of Sammamish's foundation.

2. Describe your most important personal characteristics or traits as they relate to the office you seek.

I have played a significant role in establishing Sammamish as a “family-friendly, kid-safe” community using vision, integrity, and problem-solving experience. As Deputy Mayor, I worked hard to establish less city government by holding the lid on hiring non-essential positions, while inviting government to be inclusive by establishing a Parks and Recreation Board and Youth Advisory Board, including a high school student representative on the City Council. As mayor, I worked with the other Council members to establish the Planning Advisory Board and develop the city’s first Comprehensive Plan. I have advocated for citizens’ participation I planning sessions, including input for road, trais, parks and growth.

3. Please describe, in sufficient detail, one to three accomplishments or contributions of which you are most proud. These examples should illustrate skills and capabilities you think apply to the office you are seeking. These accomplishments may have occurred at any time in your personal, professional, or public life.

As a Councilmember, my role is that of a policy maker. I have always believed that policies drive the outcomes and expectations of institutional goals. Policies should be consistent and fair for all, fostering equal opportunity in a diverse society. I shall continue to support and create policies that serve the best interest of all, including employees. The three areas in which I am most proud to have been a significant contributor are: *Shoreline Master Program, **Town Center, and *collegial participation with other government entities (cities, school districts, fire district, etc. I contributed most significantly to their success by being open, honest, and inclusive. I initiated the concept of town hall forums and community meetings to engage citizens in the development of these policies. The end result is that citizen input for the SMP is over 60 meetings, 125 participants and 2,000 hours of study and input. The Town Center planning process produced similarly numbers for community participation. We have met with and continue to meet with our sister cities and two school districts twice a year to not only serve our collective constituents, but to collectively use our resources for economic advantage, such as permitting and facilities use.**

4. Please list or describe current and past activities in the community in which you have acquired skills that relate to the office you seek. Include your role in the activity and the year(s) in which you were involved. Involvement consists of many areas such as family, neighborhood, community, employment, or public life.

As president of the Rotary Club of Issaquah, I made one of my goals the sponsorship of a new Rotary Club in Sammamish. The Rotary Club was sponsored by the Issaquah Club and has become a very strong and active service organization which is now very active in Sammamish community events. In 2001 I was one of four founders of the "Sammi Awards, (Sammamish Acknowledges Magnificent Moments of Inspiration,) celebrating through community sponsorship and participation in the accomplishments of individuals and businesses. I continue to serve on its Board to this day. Additionally, I am on the Board of Friends of Youth, the Chris Elliott Foundation for Glioblastoma Brain Tumor Research, the Community Advisory Board and Design Team for the new Swedish Hospital---Issaquah and I serve on the Board of Directors for Eastside Fire & Rescue, representing the Sammamish City Council. As a Board member of these many organizations and business, I have a record of leadership, problem-solving, and teamwork. Each of these organizations requires the highest ethical principles and strong work ethic, as well as excellent inter-personal skills.

5. Please describe the duties of the office you seek. Which are the most important duties and why?

As I have said, the primary role of a Councilmember is that of policy maker. Policy makers need listening skills, dedicated leadership on the issues of growth, traffic, wetlands, parks and recreation, taxes, impact fees, police and fire safety. In addition to 10 years experience on the Sammamish City Council, one year as Mayor, one year as Deputy Mayor and currently serve as Deputy Mayor for a second term, I bring 35 year career in public service. Teaching and coaching were my first callings. I taught business and vocational courses in high school and junior college for eleven years. I then became a high school administrator and later Assistant Superintendent for School for Finance/Personnel. In this capacity, I led contract negotiations, facility planning, managed a \$32 million budget, insurance, purchasing, transportation, health and safety, public relations, and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities act., (ADA) I have a proven record of leadership, problem-solving, and teamwork--now including both city government and public education. I bring excellent inter-personal skills, high ethical principles and a strong work ethic. I dedicate nearly full-time effort to my elected position.