

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 am running for city council because:

- 1.) I want to get involved rather than just observing
- 2.) I want to make a difference.
- 3.) I am willing and able to serve the community.
- 4.) Because I am self-employed, I would have the necessary time that the position requires.
- 5.) I have an excellent understanding of the issues within our city.
- 6.) If I did not run for office, one council position would have been uncontested.
- 7.) I would be delighted with the \$850 monthly salary that would supplement my income.

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

- **Honest**
- **Serious**
- **Sincere**
- **Passionate**
- **Proven ability to listen**
- **I follow through and do what I say I will do**
- **Ability to accomplish objectives**
- **If I do not know something, I am not afraid to say so**
- **Leadership qualities**
- **Ability to work with others**
- **Detail oriented**
- **High energy**
- **Strong work ethic & a willingness to do whatever it takes**

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.

- 1.) started my own successful business from ground up with little to no resources**
- 2.) managed a successful service department (BMW Bellevue) with approx. 25 employees**
- 3.) I have raised 5 children & am very proud to have become a grandfather (twice) this year.**

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.

Community/Civic activities:

- 1.) Attended all City of Sammamish Town Center Committee meetings.
- 2.) Attended almost all City of Sammamish Planning Commission Meetings from 2006 to 2008.
- 3.) I have attended City Council meetings on a regular basis since March 2006.
- 4.) Attended the last City of Sammamish Council Retreat.

Because of my considerable involvement over the last 3 plus years, I am aware of the issues

Family:

My wife and I have raised 5 children and have 2 grandchildren. Raising children requires much planning, listening, decision making, & leadership. As well as the willingness & ability to learn and adapt.

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

- 1.) attend all council meetings**
- 2.) attendance & involvement in regional meetings/councils**
- 3.) meeting with citizens**

I feel the most important duty would be communicating with citizens. Not only listening, but being responsive to what I hear. I would be proactive in dealing with citizens – instead of just listening to someone's 3 minutes of public comment, I would also seek out people who show a need to have their position on an issue understood.

- 4.) setting policy direction**
- 5.) attending other city meetings & events within the city**
- 6.) represent the city in a professional, responsible manner**