SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2015

LOCATION: CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
280 MADISON AVENUE NORTH
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WASHINGTON

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL
   6:00 PM
   Mayor: Anne Blair
   Deputy Mayor: Roger Townsend
   Councilmembers: Sarah Blossom, Wayne Roth, Steven Bonkowski, Val Tollefson

2. COUNCIL CANDIDATE INTERVIEW
   Monica Aufrecht, John Green, Joe Levan, Greg Millerd, Gary Pettersen, and Michael Scott

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION
   Review Qualifications for an Applicant for City Employment (RCW 42.30.110(1)(g))

4. COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

5. ADJOURNMENT

Times listed on this agenda are approximate. Public Comment may be limited to allow time for Council to deliberate. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accommodations provided upon request. Those requiring special accommodations, please contact the City Clerk at 206-842-2545 (cityclerk@bainbridgewa.gov) by noon on the day preceding the Meeting.
Dear Bainbridge Island City Council,

I am writing to apply for Position #4 of Bainbridge Island’s City Council.

When I moved to Bainbridge Island in the spring of 2012, it felt like I was finally coming home. The trees and mountains reminded me of my childhood in Alaska, but the neighbors were friendlier, the weather much warmer, and I didn’t have to worry so much about bears.

I had already been living in Seattle for several years while I earned a Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Washington, specializing in both the philosophy of science and environmental ethics. My research has focused on navigating environmental challenges in the face of competing interests, and on weighing scientific evidence and decision making processes.

I have taught philosophy at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia and Linfield College in Oregon. I currently teach at Seattle Central College and the University of Washington. In addition to my teaching and research, I have recently written a textbook on clear and logical thinking, aimed at helping people think through situations where one must consider evidence. I am currently working on a second volume on that topic, this time written in the form of a mystery novel, to help bring those ideas to a wider audience.

My research and teaching has helped me develop my passion for the environment and for social justice. It has also brought me closer to my goal of understanding many different sides of every story, and of learning to live with ambiguity. Over time, I have learned that if you want to create effective change in the world, a great place to start is at the local level, and through careful listening and compassion.

I am delighted by the opportunity to serve my community and to learn about my new home at the same time. I recognize that I have much to learn about the specific issues on the island. The City Council has been dealing with important, and at times controversial, issues. Many of these – traffic, housing shortages, urban development – are due to new arrivals like me: a combination of young parents and retirees who are attracted to the beauty and rural small-town feel of Bainbridge. As Bainbridge continues to grow, it is important that we newcomers help to preserve those very things that made us want to move here.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Monica Aufrechter, Ph.D.
Philosophy Instructor
Logic, Philosophy of Science, Environmental Ethics
MONICA AUFRECHT

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Bainbridge Island, WA 98110
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Mother, Teacher, and Philosopher

In addition to teaching my two year-old daughter basic skills like language, compassion, personal-care, and reading and writing, I teach and write about Critical Thinking, Environmental Ethics, Gender Inequality, and the Philosophy of Science, all of which is rooted in understanding the forms and processes involved in understanding evidence and reasoning.

Academic Employment
2014, present  Instructor, The University of Washington, Seattle, Washington
2011, present  Instructor, Seattle Central College, Seattle, Washington
2011 - 2012  Assistant Professor, Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon
2010 - 2011  Lecturer, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia
2003 - 2010  Teaching Associate, The University of Washington, Seattle, Washington
2002 - 2003  Special Education Tutor, Vannoy Elementary School, Castro Valley, California

Classes taught include:

Practical Reasoning and Critical Thinking
Logic
Objectivity
Introduction to Ethics

Fundamentals of Philosophy
History and Philosophy of Science
Environmental Ethics
Global Health and Justice

Education
2010  Ph.D.  University of Washington, Philosophy (2005 - 2010)
2000  B.A.  Wellesley College, History and Philosophy of Science, cum laude

Publications
2014  “No More Disposable Love: Expanding the Bechdel Test for Movies,” Feminist Wire 17.2: 51-74
   -- http://thefeministwire.com/2014/04/no-more-disposable-love/
2012  “Rethinking ‘Greening of Hate’: Climate Emissions, Immigration, and the Last Frontier,”
   Ethics and the Environment 17.2: 51-74
   www.jstor.org/stable/10.2979/ethicsenviro.17.2.51
2011  “Climate Change and Structural Emissions: Moral Obligations at the Individual Level,”
   http://dx.doi.org/10.5840/ijap201125218
2011  “The Context Distinction: Controversies over Feminist Philosophy of Science,” European
Monica Aufrecht

Community Service
2014  Committee member for the Metropolitan Parks & Recreation District of Bainbridge Island, Dog Action Committee
2012  Volunteer for the 23rd District office of the Democratic Party
2012  Linfield College Faculty Advisor, New Orleans wetlands restoration spring break project

References

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More references available upon request
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Councilmember Recruitment
280 Madison Avenue North
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

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Supplemental Questions

1. Why are you interested in serving as a Bainbridge Island City Councilmember?

If we want to create positive change the world, then the local level is one of the best places to start. As a relative newcomer to Bainbridge Island, I am interested in giving back to my community, learning more about the issues facing my new home, and preserving the things that make it a wonderful place to live as we plan for the next few thousand new neighbors. The one-year interim term position is a great way to do that. I look forward to using my skills to help with the issues before the City Council.

2. What strength would you bring to the Council?

My skills are in careful listening, seeing multiple points of view, and helping groups of people come to a consensus on complex issues. My training is in Western analytic philosophy, which is grounded in critical thinking and analysis, and involves the careful study of ethics. Critical thinking is useful for evaluating evidence, recognizing and avoiding mistakes in reasoning, and determining the best path forward given the current constraints. Among other things, ethics is about ensuring you are respecting the rights of everyone affected by a decision (affected not just now, but into the future as well).

I also have spent over ten years living in intentional communities, where we made decisions using the consensus model. Contrary to popular belief, the consensus model (when it is working at its best) is not about compromise. Rather, consensus is about brainstorming together the best solutions for the community as a whole. This does not mean holding in mind what you want for yourself, where each person promotes their own interests and hopes to find compromise in the end. Nor does consensus mean you think about the needs of each individual, and try to balance them. Instead, consensus means you focus on the needs of the group as a group. Everyone then works together to reach the goals of the group, while still fulfilling the needs and upholding the rights of individual members. It can be creative and rewarding work and it demands looking past the obvious solutions.

Although I do not expect the City Council to run on a consensus model, I do believe that the consensus mindset had been helpful for me when working on community projects. It helps me set aside my own particular needs, recognizing them as important but only some among many, and it helps me focus on the best decisions for the community as a whole.

3. What are the three highest priorities and/or issues you believe the City needs to address? How would you propose to address these issues?

A. Housing. The people with historical roots in the community; the people who work on the island; young families attracted by the schools. They all play an important role in our community, and keeping them living on and investing in Bainbridge benefits us all.
I do not have a pre-packaged solution to this issue, nor do I know the list of solutions the City Council has looked at over the past decade.

What I do know is that my family and I have already benefited from past decisions, as we live in a “cottage home” development just north of City Hall. There are now eleven families living on the land once occupied by one family. I’ve met and spoken to day care workers and others who have applied for the Community Land Trust development on Ferncliff. I walk through and say hello to the residents of the mobile home park as I walk to the Farmer’s Market.

I have only a cursory familiarity with the proposals to increase affordable housing in the Comprehensive Plan. I look forward to working with those who have been thinking about and working on this issue, to keep moving the process forward.

**B. Traffic and traffic safety.** There has been much discussion about ferry traffic on 305. Like many issues on Bainbridge Island, transportation is entangled with several other issues. However, we might be able to use that to our benefit, since solving the housing problem could go a long way to ameliorating traffic.

In particular, the 2002 license plate study¹ implied that nearly half of the “ferry traffic” heading off island is actually people working on the island who cannot afford to live here -- school teachers, grocery clerks, and other low- or middle-wage workers who are essential to keeping Bainbridge Island running. Creating local housing opportunities cuts down the number of cars crossing Agate Pass during afternoon and evening rush hours.

Public transportation, bike trails and other solutions as discussed in the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan also need to be considered as part of a comprehensive solution. Working with community groups like Squeaky Wheels and other experts, I hope to promote and support the important groundwork that has already been done.

**C. Pollution to Puget Sound.** Not only is traffic a quality of life issue, it is also a clean air and Climate Change issue. What we do on Bainbridge Island matters. This island has a tumultuous past with water pollution into the Puget Sound. We have already taken essential steps to fix that past and to plan for the future, such as the ongoing clean-up of the Wyckoff Creosote Plant, fixing the Eagle Harbor sewer pipes, and monitoring surface run-off. We need to continue working on these projects, and raising support and awareness of their importance, not just for us on the Island, but for the welfare of the entire Puget Sound community.

4. Explain your current and past community involvement and/or service on city, nonprofit, or public boards, committees, task forces, or commissions and how this has contributed to the Bainbridge Island community. Address its relevance to the position of Bainbridge Island City Councilmember.

¹ Referenced in Ch 6 of the 1998 Winslow Master Plan on pg 47.
http://www.bainbridgewa.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/1603

Monica Aufrecht, City Council Application

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My work on the Metropolitan Parks and Recreation Dog Action Committee over the past nine months comes out of the conviction that if I want to be part of the conversation, and certainly if I want to criticize, then I need to be willing to work toward solutions. I do not have a dog, but when I realized that a dog park was needed here, I wanted to make sure it would be safe and well-used, and would truly fit the community’s need. I researched national standards for excellent dog parks, and helped design the new Strawberry Hill Dog Park. I plan to apply the same standards to myself as a City Councilmember: to work toward the best solutions to the problems put before me, whether the problems affect me or not.

5. What do you wish to accomplish during this appointed term as Bainbridge Island City Councilmember?

My expectation for the limited time of this City Council seat is to add my area of expertise (researching and analyzing data, listening to areas of concern, structuring decision making processes) to help move forward existing projects. I do not presume that a new council member in less than one year will likely complete any new projects.

6. What is your vision for our City and community?

Like others, I was attracted to Bainbridge Island because of its small-town feel, strong schools, natural setting, and historical connection.

My partner, an islander since 2002, talks about how KiDiMu, the Harvest Festival, the Transmitter Building, IslandWood, and Mora Ice Cream are “new” additions. In my short time here, it has been exciting to see the remodel of Winslow Way, the Museum of Art, the Strawberry Hill Dog Park, and the construction at T&C.

I envision even more additions over the coming decades, but the goal is to retain the attractive aspects that drew me here as we transition to an island with a larger, denser, and more diverse population.

7. Is there anything else that you may wish to add that would help us get to know you a little better?

I live a modern lifestyle, with a blended family. My partner and I spend half the time with just our daughter, and half the time with the addition of my partner’s three sons. My partner and I were married on the beach at Hawley Cove, overlooking the ferry and Mt. Rainier. Our family is active in three island public schools, Montessori Country School, two part-time ferry commutes, BIFC soccer, KiDiMu, and much more.
John Green: 8750 NE Laughing Salmon Lane, Bainbridge WA 98110.

To: Anne Blair (Mayor), Val Tollefson (Deputy Mayor) and Sarah Blossom:

I am applying for the one year interim position for City Council, because I have the diverse hands on experience needed at this time to assist and work with other Council Members, and support the City Manager. I also have a passion to be a part of our City Government.

I have been a successful entrepreneur the past 40+ years. Roughly 20 years in the garment industry, culminating as a market (industry) leader in California, and a further 20 years here on Bainbridge Island, as a successful Real Estate General Contractor.

Over the past 20 years I have taken a very keen interest in, and participation both in our City Government and Council. My Contracting/Development business, has allowed me to spend more time than most, in the company of City staff, (Planning Department and Public Works), together with the necessary involvement in Council proceedings, including several of the Boards and Commissions (Citizen) at City Hall. My interest has allowed me “Hands On” participation at City Hall, in turn educating myself, to become familiar with the process, the issues and responsibilities. I have watched and listened to various Councils and the members over the past 20 years, involving myself personally with several of them, supporting opinion(s), written and verbal, within specific areas of my expertise. I am acutely aware, that an inexperienced Council member(s) can do and have (in the past), made decisions that are not in the best interest of the Community at large. Experience in our City/Community relations/history and the working(s) of our Government, are an essential necessity towards good decision making. In addition, I supported the transition to a Manager form of City Government. I have also observed the transition of Staff over the years, and the need to constantly be improving our efficiency/professionalism, towards and within the Community.

It is paramount that a new Council applicant be aware of ALL the issues surrounding our Government. I include the past, the current and looking down the road. It is also paramount that an applicant be aware, first hand, of the concerns of the Community, together with the support, (an understanding of same), from those Community members. It is not all bad, and I for one look always at the positive outcome of every decision, every comment, and every proposal.

It is essential to listen……………..

I am a charismatic experienced and seasoned applicant, a team player. I am also well known, within the Community and amongst City Staff.

Yes, I do have a following, and I will help to obtain sustainable results, and be an asset to our City Government.

John Green.
MISSION: Does your daily action and innovation, support social, economical, and environmental values?

Objective:
- To be appointed as a Council Member, City of Bainbridge.

Areas of expertise.
- Hands on participation in local City Government advisory committees, workshops, and code update recommendations, Council member support, City Design Review Board.
- Excellent writing, articulation and public speaking skills.

John Green Land Development and Construction, LLC Bainbridge, WA 98110
Manager/Owner: 1994-to-Present.

- Purchase of environmentally sensitive land, for development into large and small lot subdivisions, resulting in residential construction of single-family homes.
- Work with City Planners, Public Works, City Council, to follow City guidelines and ordinances.
- Manage Surveyors, Engineers and Wetland Biologists to design roads, stormwater mechanicals and utilities, for Final Plat approval and construction.
- Consult and work with Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources and Health Department, to ensure responsible environmental procedures are put in place and monitored.
- Supervise Contractors in construction of roads, utilities and stormwater mechanicals, for final Plat Approval.
- Heavy equipment operating experience in road construction; utilities; stormwater detention; logging and landscaping.
- Responsible for infrastructure financing with lending institute; profitable budgeting; forming of Homeowners Associations.
- Design and Construction of Single Family homes.

Retail store(s) specialized in sale of imported English clothing. Started small cut and sew, T-shirt silkscreen printing operation, to support further sales. The warehouse manufacturing, T-shirt printing operation, expanded
into 80,000 square feet and the responsibilities grew to include daily operations management; management of 200 staff, two shifts, and 120 commissioned sales force; P&L responsibility; sales and marketing management; product development and design; national trade show participation. Closed both stores to pursue manufacturing.

Major accomplishments:

- Directly responsible for increasing annual sales volume over 9 year period from $0 to $65 million.
- Created and developed private label programs for J. C. Penny, Sears, and Mervyns.
- Developed sales of licensed products in Japan, England, Italy and Germany.
- Developed a product line for Champion (Hanes) for distribution to their college accounts nationally.
- Negotiated over 30 licenses with Walt Disney, Warner Brothers, Budweiser Beer, Jose Quervo (National Beach Volley Ball), Coors Beer, Jack Daniels, Coca Cola, The Simpsons, Chevrolet Motors, Triumph Motor Cycles (England), The Olympic Jamaican Bobsled Team, European Universities and Philip Morris Marlboro (Emerson Fittapaldi) motor racing. Licensed product was T-shirt’s/Sweatshirts.
- Consulted with computer Software Company to handle screen-printing, sales tracking and distribution of product, decreasing turn time, increasing gross profits. Product sold at all levels of retail.
- Worked with Deloitte & Touché to establish materials resource planning, and automated warehousing systems. Increased inventory turns by 80%, reduced lead times from 30 days to 7 days.
- Directly responsible for purchase and further development/design of multi-color garment printing equipment. Increased color prints from eight to ten. Doubled hourly production on many designs.
- Re-engineered manufacturing operations for ten hour, four day work week that eliminated overtime, and therefore reduced operating expenditures by more than 15%. This was a first in our industry.

Attended University of Southampton, School of Navigation, England. Four-year Merchant Marine Officer training course.
- During this period, promoted from Cadet to Third Officer, serving on Cruise Ships, Freighters, and Container Ships.

International Living Experience in England, Africa, Australia and USA

There is not a personality, whom I cannot turn into a productive and willing team player.
Application for Appointment to Bainbridge City Council.  

John Green:

1. I have taken a very close interest (participation) in Council/Community/Staff relations since 1995. Since 1995 I have been a regular applicant for various construction permits at City Hall, and have become very familiar with the Planning and Public Works process, the DRB and Planning Commission, codes, land use and zoning. I have closely followed City Council and several Council members over the years. I “Ran” for position #4 in 2012 and again (briefly) in 2013. I have diverse, hands on strategic problem solving skills, which would greatly benefit the Council in decision making, on a wide range of issues. My Political vision is about honesty, clarity and fairness. It is about respect for every citizen (listening), and a personality to apologize and reach out, if I make a mistake.

2. I have more than 40 years’ experience, as a business entrepreneur, starting in England in the 1970’s, later moving the operation to Los Angeles. I have, since 1995, been a General Contractor here on the Island, involved in real estate development and construction. My strengths are leadership, strategic planning, contract negotiation and the ability to fully sustain an equitable budget, finding the very best use of funds. In my work, I always have to be looking at the most cost effective, practical and productive method(s) to achieve long term sustainable results. In addition, I am familiar with our process at City Hall, issues (debate) going back at least 15 years. I have written detailed analysis on a number of subjects, roads(cost breakdown), live-a-boards, Gateway project, Winslow Way Construction (Consultants), SMP, Inventory/cost analysis of Public Works equipment, to name just a few.

3. I take this passage from the current “Draft Vision”

“We work to make the relationship between each citizen and the Island a source of pride”.
This is taken from the Comp. Plan.............very articulate, but it falls way short of the actual real time perception of City Government.

a. The Comprehensive Plan, Growth Management Act, City Council, Citizen Boards and Commissions, with respect to codes and each other, need to all have common language and dialogue. They (Council members) need to understand, how the different entities’ fit together and work.

b. Storm water cleanup: Runoff from roads (automobiles), industry and sewage, is the number one polluter of the Puget Sound waters, and degradation of marine life. I propose we start cleaning up ALL our discharge points (Outfalls) into the Sound. The Dept. of Ecology has a number of simple methods (handbook), which we NEED to adopt. It is not a complicated or costly process; (I propose increasing discharge fees), the short time cost is necessarily affordable, compared to what the resultant environmental cost are going to be if we continue to ignore the issue.

c. Fiscal responsibility: We must look at outsourcing, as an alternative method of “cost of overhead” in the service areas. Raise the “Car fee tab” (Roads). In addition, “sun-setting” unnecessary projects (Public Works). With a now declining historical access to Real Estate and Tax revenues, we have less capital available in the General Fund. In addition, most Law suits, in my opinion, can be settled with honest dialogue and transparency, together
with a willingness to admit mistakes and move on. This “common sense” approach will result in huge financial and time saving gains, over time.

4. **Current and past**…...I was involved in the Code update process in 2008. My recommendation(s) to Kathy Cook, read five pages. Knowing a little about the codes and how they apply is vital, in order that they (Council) understand any directive on the subject matter from Staff or comment/question from a Citizen.

Suzuki property advisory committee. Land use and potential impacts, critical in decision making, for a Council member. Currently on agenda January 6th, to be reviewed.

HDDP advisory committee. This was a very detailed and creative use of potential high density development; again, Council should be aware of these kinds of development options, as they tie in to the Comprehensive Plan, Growth Management Act and density requirements for the future. I also feel it is paramount that the HDDP is made permanent, and encourage the use of, within neighborhood Service Centers.

Design Review Board, 6.5 years. (I stepped down when running for Council seat, 2012). DRB is a building platform for all future development. Council members must be aware of the long term effects of the Board (DRB) decisions/recommendations, and how they relate to the Comprehensive Plan and Growth Management Act.

I successfully completed the Police Academy training for Citizens, in 2012. Highly recommend it for all Council Members. It does give a very good perspective on Police responsibilities, challenges and individual(s) insight, towards our community at large.

Most recently, I sat on the Lateral Oral interview Committee for Police Officers, chaired by Amber Richards (December 3rd 2014). Again, a further understanding of process and formality. In addition, I have also sent an abundance of written comment to Council (Available in Public Records), over the past fifteen year period.

5. I would like to open dialogue on all of #3 above. Storm water clean-up is paramount. There is no excuse, none at all; we have the Staff capacity and funds, to get the job done.

6. **My vision** is to encourage balance, respect and support from the Community toward Staff and City Council (City Government). In turn, Council must at all times, show professional respect, listening to all citizens, including City Staff/Management. I also feel passionately, that Council Members have a clear understanding and grasp of the Governance Manual.

7. Please review my LinkedIn profile...........I also feel that a Council Applicant(s) should be up to speed and ready to go to work from day one, with an understanding of the basic issues and responsibilities,........and not rely on...............“On the Job Training”.
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO BAINBRIDGE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL POSITION #4

Applicant Information
(Please type or print)

Applicant Name  JON LEVAN

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Cover Letter & Resume

Please attach a one page cover letter and a resume of no more than two pages to this application.

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Joe Levan  
747 NE Brookcliff Ln  
Bainbridge Island, WA  98110

December 29, 2014

Roz Lassoff, City Clerk  
Council Recruitment  
280 Madison Ave North  
Bainbridge Island, WA, WA 98110

Dear Ms. Lassoff and City Councilmembers;

Please consider this my cover letter for the position of City Council Position #4. I’m interested in this position because I’d like to assist our city council make as smooth a transition as possible after losing one of its councilmembers. More broadly, I’d like to assist the council lead our city to be a beacon of good government in this region and throughout the state. I’ve lived on Bainbridge since 1995 and I care deeply about our island community.

In terms of qualifications, I have a unique blend of knowledge, experience, and commitment to successful local government and I’m confident that I can contribute to the success of our city. On a daily basis, through my position as a legal consultant and staff lawyer for MRSC, I work with elected officials, management, and staff of cities, counties, and special purpose districts throughout the state on legal and policy issues of the greatest concern to them. I answer their questions, help them solve difficult problems, provide them with practical information, and connect them to solutions and strategies that are being used successfully by other local governments.

I’ve served in my current position for the past seven years and, previous to that, I served cities and other local governments in a variety of legal and policy roles (e.g., interim assistant city manager), via both the private and public sectors. Earlier in my career, I was an aide for three members of the U.S. Congress. My commitment to working for effective government runs deep.

I’m an open minded and reasonable person who can work well with fellow councilmembers and the city’s administration to achieve positive results for the city. My background working with and for local governments over many years, as well as my level temperament, I believe, give me the skill set to be a particularly effective Bainbridge councilmember. My qualifications and experience are detailed and described further in my résumé and in the completed application and other materials I submitted.

Please feel free to contact me at (206) 819-5418 or via e-mail at joe.levan@comcast.net.

Best regards,

Joe Levan
PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

LEGAL CONSULTANT/STAFF LAWYER
MRSC, Seattle, WA November 2007 – Present
Experienced lawyer for a nonprofit organization that provides legal consultation services to all cities and counties and hundreds of special purpose districts throughout Washington state. Respond to over 5,200 legal inquiries from local government elected officials and staff on all significant areas of municipal law, including the Public Records Act (PRA), the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA), land use/planning, utilities, governance, management, finance, personnel, labor relations, ethics, public works, contracting, bidding, economic development, environment, parks and recreation, technology, and public safety. Leadership role in several key initiatives, including managing contracts through which MRSC provides legal consultation services to over 500 special purpose districts. Engaging and effective presenter on essential topics for cities and other local governments, including conducting more than 20 in-person and webinar presentations to hundreds of local government elected officials and staff over the past few years.

CITY ATTORNEY
City of Maple Valley, WA April 2007 – November 2007
Successfully served as the City of Maple Valley’s first in-house City Attorney. Effectively provided legal counsel to city councilmembers, the city manager, and city staff at all levels on a broad range of issues, including land use and environmental matters, zoning, condemnations, real estate acquisitions, planning, utilities, policy development and implementation, code compliance and enforcement, right of way and utility agreements, annexation, transportation, taxation, budget, finance, public works, and other issues.

INTERIM ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
City of Maple Valley, WA January 2007 – April 2007
Served as the city’s Interim Assistant City Manager and in so doing assisted the city make the transition to a new Assistant City Manager. Successfully completed a national search and RFP process to contract with a management company to operate the city’s newly acquired Lake Wilderness Golf Course facility.

CITY ATTORNEY
Effectively provided a broad range of city attorney and litigation services to multiple cities. Successfully served as the City Attorney for the City of Maple Valley, Assistant City Attorney for the City of Sammamish, and provided legal counsel and litigation services to several other cities, including Duvall, Burien, and Shoreline. Effectively provided legal counsel to, and advocacy for, the cities I served.

LEGAL CONSULTANT
Sound Transit, Seattle, WA April 2005 – July 2005
Successfully provided legal counsel on a wide range of issues. Prepared updates to lease-leaseback agreements placing commuter rail cars into service, provided legal guidance regarding complex tax issues related to construction projects, researched and analyzed multiple issues related to labor agreements arising from extensive light rail project, and provided a variety of litigation services.

LITIGATION ASSOCIATE
Keating, Bucklin, and McCormack, Seattle, WA October 2001 – February 2005
Effectively provided legal counsel and defense services to municipalities and their employees in a broad range of litigation, including matters involving land use, zoning, utility agreements, contracts, law enforcement, constitutional, civil rights, and negligence claims. Active in all aspects of litigation.
LEGAL COUNSEL
Sound Transit, Seattle, WA April 1999 – September 2001
Successfully provided legal counsel to board members, directors, and staff on a wide array of issues, including transportation and intergovernmental relations. Also provided litigation services, effectively defending the agency in complex lawsuits involving civil rights, constitutional, statutory, and environmental claims.

GOVERNMENT AND LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE
SPECIAL PROJECTS ANALYST
City of Burien, Burien, WA May 1995 – May 1998
Project Manager on a myriad of key initiatives, including successfully providing crime analysis and contract management services. Analyzed complex systems, made recommendations, and assisted in implementing sound organizational practices and cost control methods that saved the city significant amounts of money on its contract for law enforcement services. Produced detailed analytical reports, made numerous public presentations, and managed multiple contracts.

CONGRESSIONAL AIDE
U.S. Representative Maria Cantwell, Mountlake Terrace, WA August 1994 – January 1995
Researched, analyzed, and prepared policy documents on a range of legislative issues including tax, business, labor, and immigration. Represented constituent interests before federal agencies.

LEGISLATIVE AIDE
Developed legislation, guiding it through each phase of the legislative process, authored floor statements and press releases, prepared detailed analyses on legislative initiatives, managed legislative strategy, and provided legislative and political counsel on budget, tax, business, and economic issues.

LEGISLATIVE AIDE
Prepared analytical reports, policy memoranda, and constituent correspondence on a multitude of issues including the federal budget, tax law, economic policy, banking, and government operations. Actively engaged in development and implementation of legislative strategy and policy objectives.

EDUCATION
JD: Seattle University (1999)
BA: Political Science, Seattle University (1989)

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE
Seattle University Student Government – President of Student Body (1989), Vice President (1988)

BOARDS
Board Member, Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial
Past President and Board Member, Bainbridge Island Arts and Humanities Council

LICENSED
Washington State Bar Association (Since 2000)
ANSWERS TO SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS RE: BAINBRIDGE COUNCIL POSITION #4
SUBMITTED BY: JOE LEVAN

(1) I’m interested in serving as a Bainbridge Island City Councilmember because I believe I can assist the council in making an effective transition in the wake of the unexpected resignation of one of your members. Due to my unique background and many years of experience working with and for cities and other local governments throughout the state, if selected for this appointment, I believe I can hit the ground running and get up-to-speed quickly as a councilmember and advance the best interests of the city. As a Bainbridge resident since 1995 who has spent most of his adult life in the trenches assisting cities and other local governments solve difficult problems, and as a person who is collaborative and works well with others, I believe, if you select me for this position, that I can have an immediate and positive impact on the council.

(2) The strengths that I would bring to the council include:

- **Local government experience.** I have almost 20 years of direct experience working with and for the best interests of local governments in this state, including in policy and legal roles. That experience has allowed me to gain a clear perspective on strategies that can be implemented to foster a successful and effective city government.

- **Legislative experience.** I have several years of experience working as a legislative and congressional aide in Washington, D.C., and in this state. This experience has given me a good sense about effective legislating at the highest level, as well as providing me with an understanding about the extent to which local and state government issues can be interconnected with national issues.

- **Commitment to the Bainbridge community.** I have lived on Bainbridge since 1995 and I know this community and its needs and interests well. I live here with my family because I care about this special place, and its people and its natural environment, and I think our city government can be an effective and positive force in the community. I have demonstrated my commitment to the community in a variety of ways, including by serving on Bainbridge nonprofit boards (see below), volunteering in a variety of ways, and running for a position on the city council in 2011.

- **Legal and policy-making background.** I have been a practicing local government lawyer for about 15 years, working in the private sector (e.g., MRSC, law firms, consulting) as well as in the role of in-house counsel (e.g., as a city attorney, as a lawyer for Sound Transit), so I have a good sense about legal issues that impact cities and how to solve very difficult problems. I have also served in policy roles for cities (e.g., as an interim assistant city manager, as a special projects analyst), so I’m clear-eyed about how to work well with others to make and implement effective policies.

(3) The three highest priorities and/or issues that I believe the city needs to address are:
1. Most immediately, I think it’s important that the city council, as the city’s policy-makers, move forward in a positive direction following the unfortunate resignation of one of its members. If selected to this council position, I’m committed to assisting the council in making a smooth transition and tackling the most important issues the city faces.

2. As identified in the city’s 2015-2016 Preliminary Budget, I think the city needs to address its goals related to creating and fostering a safe city, working toward a green and well-planned community, and providing for reliable infrastructure and connected mobility.

3. As also identified in the city’s 2015-2016 Preliminary Budget, I think the city needs to strive for a healthy and attractive community, work toward a more vibrant and diversified economy, and implement good governance practices and values.

If selected, I propose to address these issues by being a good listener and considering in good faith the perspectives of my fellow councilmembers and others regarding all issues that come before the council and before me as a councilmember. If selected, I’m committed to working closely with fellow councilmembers, the city manager, and others to get up-to-speed quickly so I can effectively represent the best interests of residents of the Central Ward and of the Bainbridge community as a whole.

(4) Regarding my current and past community involvement and/or service on city, nonprofit, or public boards, committees, task forces, or commissions, my experience includes the following:

- I’m a board member on the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial Association (BIJAEMA). If selected, I would resign from that position to avoid any potential appearance of conflict.
- I’m a former president and board member of the Bainbridge Island Arts and Humanities Council.

I’ve been honored to serve on the boards of these organizations because they contribute to the Bainbridge Island community in so many ways. BIJAEMA contributes to the community by honoring the Bainbridge Island residents of Japanese descent who were forcibly removed during WWII by promoting understanding, compassion, and peace through education. The Exclusion Memorial is a place of learning and healing to understand our common history, share the lessons of human rights, and promote the spirit of Nidoto Nai Yoni (“Let It Not Happen Again”).

The Bainbridge Island Arts and Humanities Council (BIAHC) contributes to our community through its longstanding dedication to preserving and enhancing culture, arts, and the humanities on the island. Its mission is to create an environment on Bainbridge Island where the arts and humanities flourish. Its vision is for a Bainbridge Island in which the arts and humanities are fully integrated into place, activities, architecture, commerce, livelihood and education, with the Arts and Humanities Council as the hub that connects them all.
The positions have relevance to the position of a Bainbridge City Councilmember in many respects, including because they involve working on a governing body of community leaders, working for the best interests of particular communities within the larger Bainbridge community while at the same time striving to serve the Bainbridge community more broadly, operating with limited resources, and always being cognizant of the impact of decisions and actions not only on current Bainbridge residents, but also on future generations of islanders.

(5) If selected, I wish to accomplish a number of goals, including those that I described above in response to Question (3). If selected, my primary initial goal will be to listen carefully to my fellow councilmembers and others who have been directly involved in developing the city’s goals for the coming year and in putting forward plans to meet those goals. I won’t come to the council with a particular agenda, other than to get up-to-speed quickly, to be a fully functioning councilmember, to represent the best interests of my constituents, and to promote an effective and open city government.

(6) My vision of our city and community aligns with the effort that has been underway, for example, related to the city’s visioning workshops. That vision includes a Bainbridge community:

- That sustains for future generations the qualities that keep us here, draw us here, and often draw us back.
- That effectively addresses growth and change, mindful of the limits and the possibilities of our island geography and environment.
- That nurtures the creativity and diversity that enhances our cultural and economic life, while celebrating the heritage of Bainbridge Island.
- That provides a safe, green community that is physically and economically open to people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities.
- That works to make the relationship between each citizen and the island a source of pride.

(7) With regard to whether there is anything else that I may wish to add that would help the council to get to know me a little better, councilmembers may not know that I have particular expertise related to open government issues, including with respect to the Public Records Act and the Open Public Meetings Act. In addition to authoring many articles related to such issues in my role at MRSC, I have conducted several training presentations, including the following: *Public Records – Tackling the Tough Questions Related to Electronic Communications (smart phones, laptops, etc.); The PRA and Adequate Search – Seeking Best Practices; Legal Considerations and Practical Tips Regarding Executive Sessions for Elected City and Town Officials; Keeping Out of Trouble: Basic Legal Guidelines for Local Government Officials; Social Media for Special Purpose Districts; Social Media Archiving Tools.*

Thank you for your consideration.
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO BAINBRIDGE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL POSITION #4

Applicant Information
(Please type or print)

Applicant Name

Residence Address

Home Phone Work/Cell Phone

E-Mail

Cover Letter & Resume

Please attach a one page cover letter and a resume of no more than two pages to this application.

Supplemental Questions

Please respond to the following questions regarding your interest in the position of Councilmember for the City of Bainbridge Island on separate pages using no more than 3 pages total:

1. Why are you interested in serving as a Bainbridge Island City Councilmember?
2. What strength would you bring to the Council?
3. What are the three highest priorities and/or issues you believe the City needs to address? How would you propose to address these issues?
4. Explain your current and past community involvement and/or service on city, nonprofit, or public boards, committees, task forces, or commissions and how this has contributed to the Bainbridge Island community. Address its relevance to the position of Bainbridge Island City Councilmember.
5. What do you wish to accomplish during this appointed term as Bainbridge Island City Councilmember?
6. What is your vision for our City and community?
7. Is there anything else that you may wish to add that would help us get to know you a little better?

Please return this form, your cover letter, resume and answers to the supplemental questions to the City Clerk at Bainbridge Island City Hall (280 Madison Avenue North) no later than 4:00 pm on Tuesday, December 30, 2014. Applications received after 4:00 pm will not be accepted.

The application and any correspondence should be addressed to:

Roz Lassoff, City Clerk
Councilmember Recruitment
280 Madison Avenue North
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

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206 780 8481, greg.millerd@gmail.com, 206 779 1692 (c)  

EDUCATION  
MBA, Graziadio School of Business and Management  
Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA December 98  

Bachelor of Science, Political Science & Mass Communication  
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse La Crosse, WI  

EXPERIENCE  
Cushman & Wakefield/Commerce Real Estate Solutions, Seattle, WA  

Commercial Real Estate Agent  
2005-Present  
Commercial Real Estate transaction advisory services to owners and users of real estate  
• Established a client list of local, regional, and national firms in a market area where none existed previously  
• Provided clients with guidance in transaction structure, deal analysis, and negotiating strategy  

Gainline, Inc. (dba Hometown Windows) Camarillo, California  

President, Founder  
2000-2005  
Window & Door sales to general contractors and with installation services home owners and property management firms  
• Established and managed all aspects of a new dealership  
• Grew sales from start up to $700,000 annual revenue  
• Managed multiple professionals providing services to the company  

Milgard Manufacturing, Tacoma, Washington  

Southwest Region Woodclad Specialist  
1994-2000  
Manufacturer of fiberglass and fiberglass-wood clad window and door products  
• Led sales growth of 300% over three years in California, Arizona, & Nevada  
• Coordinated product related marketing and sales activities of over 40 representatives  
• Implemented and coordinated customer training programs  

ADDITIONAL SKILLS  
Proficient in all MS Office applications, Customer Relationship Management Applications (i.e. Salesforce, ACT)  

AFFILIATIONS & INTERESTS  
Bainbridge Island Youth Soccer club Board Member, BIYSC Coach, Pacific Northwest Rugby Football Union Referee, Volunteer-Matt Talbot Center  

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Greg Millerd-Supplemental Questions

1) I’m interested in balanced governance that takes into consideration both the short and long term needs of the community and its citizens. I think council members should be available and accessible to their constituents; as a daily commuter to Seattle I’ve become that by default.

2) As the father of three school age children, husband to a member of the school district’s teaching corps, I’m at a phase in my life similar to many on the Island. I think the perspective of a working professional is different than someone who has completed a career. I think that different perspective would be of benefit to the community.

3) A-I think the city needs to review the Police Department location decision. It makes no sense to me that both the fire department and police department would have unique facilities. B-The city should evaluate its current portfolio of real assets and seek to dispose of those that don’t have clear utility for current or anticipated needs. I’d apply my experience as a real estate agent in the process. C-

4) I’ve was a member of the Bainbridge Island Youth Soccer club for 8 years, a non-profit that provides recreational and competitive soccer playing opportunities for kids 18 and below. The club, like the city, has many unique constituencies who didn’t always agree. Members were very parochial in their view of what the club should do with its resources, whether they were financial or other. Understanding how to address the needs of a group with a diverse, but common set of objectives, was a key skill learned while with the club.

5) I’m not sure, given the long term nature of many of the city’s projects (and the short term of this position), that “accomplish” is the right objective. I’d like to contribute to processes and projects already ongoing, and hopefully steer them in a direction and manner I think will benefit the City.

6) I’d like to see the Island continue to be a great place for families.

7) While I am comfortable engaging with just about anyone on any topic, I’m not always inclined to offer an immediate response or opinion. It’s taken a while (and a few bumps), but I’ve learned to gather as much information as is reasonable before making a statement or decision of significance.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Greg Millerd
1533 Whited Pl NW
I am applying for the newly vacant City Council position. I have attached my resume and answers to the seven questions. To summarize these two documents, I have served on both the City of Winslow Planning Commission, the City of Bainbridge Island Planning Commission and am a Bainbridge Land Trust steward for a parcel in the Fort Ward area. As a resident of Winslow my major concern is preserving the downtown Winslow as the vibrant pedestrian oriented place it has become. I love the wider sidewalks and landscaping, the unique stores, restaurants with sidewalk tables, museums, and even appreciate the tourists who walk off the ferry spending money that keep restaurants and shops healthy so I can shop there too. Winslow is one of last of a dying breed. It’s a nice compact small town that didn’t pave itself over with vast parking lots and car oriented big box stores. With Winslow tasked with taking 50% of the growth on the island, we need extra attention to keep it vibrant and pedestrian friendly.

Gary Pettersen
GARY PETTERSEN

OBJECTIVE:  City Council Position

WORK SUMMARY:
Have worked as a draftsman and computer programmer. Most of my computer experience is as a database programmer, where I developed forms, screens, reports and invoices. My main talent is to be able to put myself in the ‘shoes’ of the user to design databases that are intuitive and easy to use.

WORK HISTORY:
2010-2013  Boeing Everett Plant, 3003 W Casino Road, Everett, WA 98208
  • Modified legacy databases developed by engineers who had since moved on to other jobs in other departments. Added needed reports and new forms.
  • My last assignment was to run meetings tracking the weekly progress of the development of the Refueling tanker, a modification of the existing 767.

2003-2009  Imagenet LLC, 6411 South 216th Street, Kent, WA 98032
  • Developed a “Production” database to for Imagenet whose business was is to convert paper documents to electronic copies and to store these copies in web searchable databases. My “Production” database tracked boxes of documents as they entered the door and were processed through the various stages. The database captured client billing criteria (pages, claims, hours), created box labels, recorded box storage location and produced billing, revenue, progress and timesheet reports.

  • Responsible for maintaining all computers and updating software in an engineering company with 100 employees.
  • Expert with MS Word, MS Excel, MS Project and MS Outlook.
  • Developed Access database to capture scanned drawings and retrieve them as needed.

1982-1986  John Graham Company, 520 Pike, Seattle, WA
  • Shared system admin duties on networked Prime 9750/550/2250 computer system.
  • Responsible for all aspects of project scheduling using programs PVS and Project.

1974-1980  R.J. Brown, Rijswijk, The Netherlands
  • Draftsman on undersea pipeline and drilling platform projects.
  • System administrator for Honeywell mini-computer.

1973-1974  Boeing, 9404 E Marginal Way S, Seattle, WA
  • Draftsman on the 747SP project (ink on mylar drawings).

  • Served in US, Ethiopia and Thailand

Non-WORK HISTORY:
2014  Bainbridge Land Trust – steward for a parcel in Fort Ward area.
2013-2014  Striders walking club
2009-2010  City of Bainbridge Island Planning Commission
           (approx.)  City of Winslow Planning Commission
1981  Relocated from Holland to Bainbridge. Traveled for seven months through Africa, Thailand, Australia and New Zealand.

EDUCATION:  UW Extension, Seattle, WA  Visual Basic and Software Development courses
             ITT Technical Institute, Seattle, WA  Data Processing (12 month course)
             University of Washington, Seattle, WA  Geography Major

ADDRESS:  426 Parfitt Way, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110
           Home: (206) 842-3712  Email: garypettersen9@gmail.com
Gary Pettersen - Answers to the Seven Questions

1-Why are you interested in serving as a Bainbridge Island City Councilmember?
   To give back to the community where I have lived for 30 years and to see that it changes for the better and not for the worse.

2-What strength would you bring to the Council?
   I have served on the Planning Commission twice, so am familiar with public meetings and the need to weigh private rights and desires against public regulations. I have lived on the island over 30 years, 20 years of which was spent commuting to Seattle on the ferry. Thus, I see the need for convenient access to the ferry, but not at the price of paving over the island for parking or routing traffic through pedestrian oriented downtown and neighborhoods. I recently joined a walking club which has given me an appreciation of the entire island especially for the parks and wild places between developments. Also, I am currently serving as a Bainbridge Land Trust steward for a parcel in the Fort Ward area.

3-What are the three highest priorities and/or issues you believe the City needs to address? How would you propose to address these issues?
   1. My highest priority would be to keep downtown Winslow the pedestrian oriented place it is now. I love the wider sidewalks, the plantings, the sidewalk tables outside restaurants, the hanging planters and museums. This means managing the ferry. The ferry is both a blessing and a curse to Winslow. It is the reason Winslow exists and it provides a stream of tourists who walk off and spend money in shops and restaurants to keep them open so I can also shop there. The curse is parking. We could pave over Winslow and still not have enough to satisfy the demand. We need to continue the delicate balancing act between parking for shoppers and ferry users. We need to allow convenient parking for shoppers that is not abused by ferry users and to keep ferry parkers from using neighborhood streets. A parking garage at the ferry terminal and another behind Winslow Way near BPA are possible long term solutions, but are probably solutions for a private developer.
   2. Better direct traffic from the south end of the island to avoid clogging up downtown Winslow with through ferry traffic. One possible solution is to extend Wyatt Way all the way to 305. A second less costly solution is to change stop signs and slightly reconfigure the roads so that traffic at the head of the bay is directed to Finch, Sportsman Club Road, High School Road and then 305.
   3. Resume broadcasting the City Council meetings. This would allow the average citizen to see government at work (I used to watch). Currently only those with an axe to grind for or against a proposal attend the meetings. The solution is to find the tax dollars either through a small tax increase or a total revision of the existing tax sources. Currently a large portion of tax income comes from a sales tax on real estate. This is a tax that spares current home owners and is only imposed on new people to the island. Aside from fairness concerns the downside of this tax is that it fluctuates from year to year as was the case in the big drop in revenue in the recession of 2007-2008.
4-Explain your current and past community involvement and/or service on city, nonprofit, or public boards, committees, task forces, or commissions and how this has contributed to the Bainbridge Island community. Address its relevance to the position of Bainbridge Island City Councilmember.

I have served on the Planning Commission twice, once for the City of Winslow and once for the City of Bainbridge Island (I can’t remember the exact years). During my City of Winslow service the Planning Commission was deeply involved in revising the comprehensive plan. Our biggest innovation was to divide the city into districts such as Downtown, Marina, Historic (lower Ericksen), and High School Road. This allowed the city to identify issues/problems/desires unique to each area.

Later I served approximately two years on the City of Bainbridge Island Planning Commission and enjoyed my time. However, I resigned when the commission outvoted me to approve a project in the Historical District that would have demolished an historic house and replaced it with a modern home/office complex. This was an important issue to me as I was involved with setting up the Historical District in the first place, and in the intervening years it became even more historic as the Historical Museum moved from Strawberry Hill Park to Ericksen. I’m happy to say the economic downturn of 2008 probably prevented this project from being built and that historic house remains. As an aside, my personal taste runs to the clean lines of modern architecture, but I could not continue to serve on a commission that voted to violate the comprehensive plan.

As for relevance, and as stated in question 2 my Planning Commission experience means I am familiar with public meetings and the need to weigh private rights and desires against public regulations.

5-What do you wish to accomplish during this appointed term as Bainbridge Island City Councilmember?

To make progress on the three items listed in question 3 above:

1. Keep downtown Winslow the pedestrian oriented place it is now,
2. Better direct traffic from the south end of the island to avoid downtown Winslow.
3. Resume broadcasting the City Council meetings.

6-What is your vision for our City and community?

A livable walkable downtown Winslow and a happy medium on zoning regulations and laws – enough to enforce community values but not onerous enough to keep lawyers fully employed and development cost ballooning.

7-Is there anything else that you may wish to add that would help us get to know you a little better?

I raised two kids on the island so have a deep appreciation for the quality of our schools. My wife is Dutch and for the first six years we were married we lived in The Hague, Holland. This has given me an appreciation for other cultures and points of view. We lived in an urban area very much like downtown Winslow where housing was just a few blocks walk from stores and shops. I did not own a car, but biked to work or took public buses or trams. This is why I favor preservation of pedestrian oriented downtown Winslow and the business hubs at Lynwood Center, Island Center and Rolling Bay. I also appreciate that we are a distinct island community, all the more so since I grew up in the suburbs of north Seattle, a vast shifting car oriented area with no center, no boundaries and no common values.
December 30, 2014

Roz Lassoff, City Clerk
Council Recruitment
280 Madison Avenue North
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Re: Application for Appointment to City Council, Position No. 4

Dear Ms. Lassoff:

Please accept my application and resume for review by the City Council as it considers candidates to fill vacant City Council Position No. 4.

I have resided on Bainbridge Island since 1989. I moved to the Island shortly after my oldest daughter was born, and all three of my children (Anna, Lizzie, and John) attended our public schools and graduated from Bainbridge High School. I was proud to serve as a member of the Bainbridge Island School Board from 2001 to 2004, and from that experience have developed an abiding interest in contributing to our community through involvement in our local government. The current opening on the Council presents an attractive prospect for very meaningful public service, and I would be greatly honored if I were offered the opportunity to work with the Council, City Manager, and City staff to help foster a healthy and vibrant community.

I look forward to meeting with the Councilmembers to discuss my qualifications, interests, and goals. Meanwhile, please let me know if any further information would be helpful to the Council’s consideration of my application.

Very truly yours,

Michael R. Scott

cc: (w/ encls.) Mayor Anne Blair
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO BAINBRIDGE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL POSITION #4

Applicant Information
(Please type or print)

Applicant Name: Michael R. Scott

Residence Address: 400 Winslow Way E, #280, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Home Phone: (206) 842-5504 Work/Cell Phone: (206) 351-4218

E-Mail: michael.scott@alumni.stanford.edu

Cover Letter & Resume

Please attach a one page cover letter and a resume of no more than two pages to this application.

Supplemental Questions

Please respond to the following questions regarding your interest in the position of Councilmember for the City of Bainbridge Island on separate pages using no more than 3 pages total:

1. Why are you interested in serving as a Bainbridge Island City Councilmember?

I would value the opportunity to serve our City as a member of the City Council, working with the other Councilmembers to protect and enhance our community’s social, economic, and environmental well-being. I have considered running for the office before, and have deferred any decision until I could be comfortable that I would have ample time to devote to the office. I feel I have reached such a point in my life.

2. What strength would you bring to the Council?

I am an experienced and collegial problem solver. I am effective at studying issues, listening to and learning from differing points of view, and working with others towards a common goal. When there are strongly held, conflicting points of view, I believe I have an ability to see past the conflicts to the essential elements of an issue—to strip away the “personality” or “noise” of an argument or position, and reflect back options to help resolve the disagreement.

3. What are the three highest priorities and/or issues you believe the City needs to address? How would you propose to address these issues?

- Continuing to develop and improve policies that foster graceful, balanced, sustainable growth on our Island, while preserving open spaces. I think this goal requires broad community engagement, and purposeful, visionary, long-term collaboration—working together to maintain a community that welcomes and retains a diverse range of individuals and families, communities and natural places, farms and businesses.
• **Improving the infrastructure surrounding the Island’s ferry terminal.** I would like to see us work with Bainbridge Island citizens, other off-Island commuters who use the terminal, the Washington State Department of Transportation, and others with relevant knowledge and interests to collaborate in further enhancing a vibrant, convenient, and beautiful gateway to and from our Island community.

• **Maintaining and improving a healthy business district in downtown Winslow, and fostering healthy smaller commercial centers in Lynwood Center, Rolling Bay, and other neighborhoods.** This would involve listening to the needs of the various constituents—business owners, neighbors, and customers—and working with them to address their concerns and needs.

4. Explain your current and past community involvement and/or service on city, nonprofit, or public boards, committees, task forces, or commissions and how this has contributed to the Bainbridge Island community. Address its relevance to the position of Bainbridge Island City Councilmember.

I served as a member of the Bainbridge Island School District Board from 2001 until 2004. I greatly enjoyed my work in that office. Prior to my service on the School Board, I served on two school bond committees. My involvement with the School District gave me valuable experience with local governance, and helped develop my ability to work with a variety of constituents and stakeholders.

I was active from 1988 until 2002 as a member of Rolling Bay Presbyterian Church, and served on its governing Session. I have been a member of Grace Episcopal Church since 2002, and serve there as a lay minister. Through my involvement with these two faith communities I have had the opportunity to get acquainted with a large number of our Island neighbors.

I was active in the Bainbridge Island Y-Guide (Tyee Nation) program for many years, during all three of my children’s involvement. I served as the “Nation Chief” for one of those years. My involvement with the Y-Guide program was another great opportunity to expand my circle of Island friends and neighbors.

I served on the Board of Elderhealth Northwest (now Full Life Care) from 1992 until 1998, including two terms as President of the Board. I continue to serve on the advisory committee of Full Life Care. Full Life Care provides day health services to frail adults, enabling them to stay in their homes, with their families and communities. My work with this wonderful organization has helped me to better understand the needs of elderly and frail members of our community.

I have served as a volunteer and committee member of Pride Foundation since 2004. Pride Foundation is a regional community foundation that works to expand opportunities and advance full equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) people across the Northwest. I was elected to its Board in 2007, and continue to serve on the Board as Secretary and as a member of the Foundation’s Executive Committee. Working with Pride Foundation has given me a greater appreciation of the power of visionary community involvement. (If selected to serve on the Bainbridge Island City Council, I will resign from the Pride Foundation Board to ensure that I have sufficient time to devote to my duties as a Councilmember.)
5. What do you wish to accomplish during this appointed term as Bainbridge Island City Councilmember?

I wish to meaningfully contribute to the work of the Council in making well-informed, carefully considered policies for our City that will sustain its long-term social, artistic, and economic health; community vitality; and natural heritage.

6. What is your vision for our City and community?

I envision a City that continues to feel like a small community even as we grow; that values and guards our waters, forests, parks, farms, and neighborhoods; that is a wonderful place to live, work, learn, and play; that supports arts and artists; that cares for the less fortunate among us; and that remains culturally, economically, and demographically diverse and close-knit.

7. Is there anything else that you may wish to add that would help us get to know you a little better?

If it would be helpful to you, you may talk with any of the following Island residents who have offered to serve as references in connection with this application:

- Jack Johnson, jack_pam@sprynet.com, 206-842-5215
- Dan Gottlieb, dan.gottlieb@hcmp.com, 206-470-7627
- Bruce Weiland, bpweiland@comcast.net, 206-842-1611

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Please return this form, your cover letter, resume and answers to the supplemental questions to the City Clerk at Bainbridge Island City Hall (280 Madison Avenue North) no later than 4:00 pm on Tuesday, December 30, 2014. Applications received after 4:00 pm will not be accepted.

The application and any correspondence should be addressed to:

Roz Lassoff, City Clerk
Councilmember Recruitment
280 Madison Avenue North
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110
Michael R. Scott

Profile

I am currently the chair of the Hillis Clark Martin & Peterson Litigation Group, and my practice focuses on litigation involving a wide variety of commercial disputes in state and federal trial and appellate courts, and in arbitration and mediation forums. My cases have encompassed the following areas: securities litigation; patent, trademark, and copyright infringement; software quality disputes; employment discrimination and wrongful discharge; product liability; unfair competition and antitrust; real property; and contract disputes. I also regularly serve as an arbitrator and mediator.

Professional and Civic Involvement

- King County Bar Association (Judicial Screening Committee)
- Washington State Bar Association (Board of Bar Examiners, Court Rules and Procedures Committee, and Litigation Section)
- American Bar Association (Litigation, Business Law, and Intellectual Property Law Sections)
- QLaw, Judicial Evaluation Committee
- Pride Foundation, Board of Directors
- Bainbridge Island School Board, Former Director
- ElderHealth Northwest, Past President and Board of Directors
- Leadership Tomorrow, Class of 1991

Employment History

Hillis Clark Martin & Peterson Principal 1982 – present

Education

J.D., Stanford Law School 1982
A.B., Political Science, Stanford University, with distinction 1979
B.S., Biological Sciences, Stanford University 1979
Phi Beta Kappa 1978

Bar Court Admissions

- Washington State Supreme Court
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
- U.S. District Court for the Western and Eastern Districts of Washington

Honors & Awards

- A/V Preeminent Lawyer 2015, Martindell Hubbell
- Repeatedly Recognized by Best Lawyers, most recently 2015
- Repeatedly Recognized as a Super Lawyer by Thomas Reuters’ Washington Super Lawyers, most recently 2015