



# Application Form for Position No. 2 Kirkland City Council

Please return your letter of interest and completed application form to the City Clerk's Office no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2013. You may submit your application materials in the following ways: Email to [kanderson@kirklandwa.gov](mailto:kanderson@kirklandwa.gov) or hand deliver to Kirkland City Clerk's Office, 123 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Kirkland, WA 98033. Applicants selected for interview must be available on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 between 4:30 and 7:00 p.m.. If you need an accommodation in the application process or if you have questions about this application process, please call City Clerk Kathi Anderson at (425) 587-3197. Persons with a disability who need assistance in the application process or who need this application in an alternative format may call (425) 587-3190 or TTY Relay 711.

**NOTE: Please provide answers for all of the questions listed below. A one page resume may be submitted in lieu of question 2. All other responses should be limited to 250 words. Responses may be provided as an attachment to this application.**

*All information on this form, including any attachments, except Personal Information, will become public information when submitted.*

Name: M. Larry McKinney

## 1. Applicant's Statement of Qualifications:

**In order to be considered for this appointment, you must have been a resident of the City of Kirkland for at least one year at the time of the election and you must be a registered voter.**

- a) Will you have been a Kirkland resident for at least one year as of August 6, 2013? Yes  No
- b) Are you a registered voter? Yes  No

## 2. Describe your education, occupational background and/or community activities that qualify you to serve as a Kirkland City Council member. You may provide this information in a resume not to exceed one page:

Résumé attached.

## 3. Describe why you are interested in serving on the Kirkland City Council:

I am interested in serving on the Kirkland City Council because I have a desire to make a difference and believe my skills, experience, and aptitude will mesh well with the Council and its role. I am passionate about working through tough problems and finding solutions, compromises, or alternatives which provide the highest level of satisfaction to the greatest number of people. I believe the Council is there to serve the people, businesses, and environment of Kirkland by acting as its steward locally and champion regionally. I feel that Kirkland is leading the way as far as cities go and would like to be part of the team that sets the standard for other cities to follow.

**4. What do you see as the top three issues currently facing the Kirkland City Council? For each issue, describe the nature of the issue or problem to be addressed, what policy guidance you would provide as a Council member to address the issue and your preferred solution(s). You may provide up to 250 words for each issue.**

**4a. Issue #1:** Council preparation for the upcoming comprehensive plan while still acting on Private Amendment Requests (PARs).

The council must balance the need to review PARs with the upcoming comprehensive plan review to maximize efficiency for the city staff. While there is a need to review PARs and continue to afford its citizens this opportunity, there is an impending comprehensive plan review which will include the review of all zoning code. I would strongly encourage the reviews of PARs to be tabled until the comprehensive plan is completed provided there are no extraordinary circumstances surrounding the PARs. The recent MRM PAR (FILE ZON11-00006) around CBD5 is an example of an extraordinary circumstance and I felt the council made the right decision to review this PAR.

The comprehensive planning process will require the use of significant staff resources. For this reason, the council needs to be prudent when approving additional staff work for PARs that will be covered in the comprehensive plan though perhaps not as timely. A balance must be struck between the good of the people, the workload of the staff, and fairness to the individuals. With these three tenants in mind, the council should make decisions considering all aspects and direct staff accordingly with fairness, efficiency, and respect for resources being paramount.

**4b. Issue #2:** Council allocation of funds for transportation projects including the criteria by which to do so.

The council faces many transportation issues and a limited source of funding to address said issues. From the Cross Kirkland Corridor to the many crosswalks in disrepair to the ongoing street improvement projects around 85th and 124th, the council must judiciously apply the resources to accommodate the safety of children, the thoroughfares throughout the city, and the feasibility of increased mass transit while decreasing single occupancy vehicles.

The Transportation Planning committee works diligently to outline the issues, solicit input from the neighborhoods and citizens, discuss the options, and provide recommendations. The council should use these recommendations and feedback from other organizations involved to deliberate on an action plan. I feel priority should be put on fixing what is already there; this would include the existing crosswalks in disrepair, sidewalks which need maintenance, street maintenance (both repaving and slurry treatment), as well as traffic light timing issues and current congestion areas.

I would allocate the existing funds to cover these activities on a priority basis with the priority being set with input from the planning commission, the staff, and citizen feedback. If there is a budget shortfall, I would address this by forming a work queue plan which the council can use to demonstrate the issues will be addressed or through the procurement of additional funds (through which ever methods are most ideal or successful).

**4c. Issue #3:** Council inclusion of neighborhoods in the comprehensive planning processes especially the newly annexed neighborhoods of Finn Hill, Juanita, and Kingsgate.

Many neighborhoods in Kirkland feel that it has been too long since they have had a plan review. They feel left out of the process and desperately would like to participate. While they are included to some degree in the process already, most neighborhoods would like to do more.

I would like to leverage the willingness of the neighborhood to participate in the comprehensive planning process in two specific ways. First, I would like to create a neighborhood committee or commission which would include one member from each of the neighborhoods. This will include the newly annexed neighborhoods and get all of Kirkland together to voice opinions on matters which affect all of us. Working together the neighborhoods could address the problems common to all of them. Second, I would like to have each neighborhood create their own version of the plan updates they would like. This would be their recommendation and would reduce some of the leg work staff would have to do during the planning processes. While they already do this piece, I would like them to start on this now as opposed to when the city starts its planning processes.

While this may require some additional help from staff to support the neighborhoods, I feel the building of community and the amount of work and drive shown by the neighborhoods would more than justify the resources.

**5. If appointed, would you seek election to the City Council in 2013? Yes  No  Undecided**

**6. How long have you lived in the City of Kirkland or in the newly-annexed area? 3 years and 5 months**

**Your Signature\*:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Applications submitted electronically will be signed during the interview process.**

## M. Larry McKinney

### Mission:

I am looking for a challenging leadership position with advancement potential at a dynamic company to leverage my current skills while continuing personal and professional development.

### Qualifications Summary:

Information technology leader who consistently demonstrates the ability to meet or exceed managerial, technical, and customer requirements while developing and implementing effective end-to-end solutions heavily leveraging SAP's product suite using various project-management methodologies and operating within the manufacturing, telecommunications, technology, aerospace and defense (A&D), utilities, pharmaceutical, and retail industries.

### Core Competencies:

Strategic Planning and Direction	Business Requirements Gathering
Tactical Execution and Implementation	Business Process Redesign/Optimization
Budget Administration	SAP Modules (SD, MM, PP, FI, CO, HR, etc.)
Client and Vendor Relations	SAP Technologies (Basis, ALE, ITS, etc.)
Team Building and Recruitment	SAP Architecture (NetWeaver, SOA, eSOA)
Performance Management	SAP Development (ABAP, Java, Forms, etc.)
Succession Planning	EDI Standards (x12, EDIFACT, EANCOM, XML)
Project Management (Lean, ASAP, 6σ, etc.)	EDI Applications (Gentran and Seeburger)
Presentation Skills (C-Level to Deep Dives)	Data Warehousing

### Professional Experience:

**X-Factor Consulting**, Kirkland, WA (2009 – Current)

*Member*

- Work with clients to facilitate, prioritize, and communicate functional, technical, and scheduling requirements for IT and business projects while serving as a liaison between the CIO, IT, and business executives.

**SAP America**, Palo Alto, CA (2004 – 2009)

*Managing Principal Consultant*

- Project Manager responsible for the oversight of several multi-million dollar projects including being the global architect for SAP's largest AFS implementation.

**Pacific Coast Feather Company**, Seattle, WA (1998 – 2003)

*SAP Development Analyst*

- Design, develop, and configure SAP to providing solutions to business requirements in various SAP modules including: SD, MM, PP, FI, and CO.

### Education:

**SCPM** – Stanford Certified Project Manager, Stanford Center for Professional Development

**PMP** – Project Management Professional, Project Management Institute

**ITIL Foundations** - Loyalist Certification Services

**MBA** – Masters of Business Administration, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, WA

**BA** – Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, WA

**AA** – Associate of Arts in Accounting, North Seattle Community College, Seattle, WA

**EM** – Electrician's Mate, Naval Nuclear Power Command, Orlando, FL