

April 9, 2013

To: City Council

Re: City Council Open Position #2

Dear Council Members:

I am excited to have the opportunity to apply for the Open City Council position for many reasons. Several friends and colleagues called to ask if I would apply since they know that I very much love Kirkland and want to be involved in our City.

I hope that my combination of experience and education will be useful to the City. I have strong analytic and teaming skills with many years of increasing leadership responsibilities. I am open and direct and able to make critical decisions that impact considers both the short term and long term needs, not only in business or education, but also in government. When the Houghton Community Council and Kirkland City Council were at odds, I took initiative to meet with the Mayor and work toward cost effective solutions. While I was chair of the HCC, we combined hearings for reduced cost and improved process. This practice continues today.

Kirkland is a fabulous place to live and my family lives here by choice. That doesn't mean there are complex issues and improvements that need to be resolve. I would like to contribute to the vision, goals and growth of Kirkland through serving on the council.

I believe that Kirkland can come up with creative solutions to problems and evolve while maintaining our high quality of life for all our residents and business. We don't have one issue to solve but need to integrate and balance our decisions across a wide variety of goals from housing to recreation to transportation to economic development. The city vision is one I and many others directly contributed to and I hope to serve to ensure our vision continues to be a reality for not only my elderly neighbors and their great grand children but also for our business.

I hope that my qualifications will lead to the next step for an interview.

Thank you for your consideration

Kathleen McMonigal



# 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 Kathleen A. McMonigal \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 x No
- b) Are you a registered voter? Yes x 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:

Attached resume

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

I have lived in Kirkland for 30 years and Kirkland is a wonderful place to live. The city has many residents and business that remain or move to Kirkland by choice. I want to help ensure that Kirkland is the city of choice for a diverse population over many years. My participation in the Houghton Community Council was extremely satisfying personally for many reasons ranging from knowing what was going on in the community, providing recommendations to City Council on land use and legislative issues and working with neighbors and business owners to understand the process and working of our city government. I also think I contributed to the overall City during that time. I worked hard to improve and build solid relationships with City Council and planning department and other city staff. There are issues with maintaining quality of life with changing economies, population growth, regional impacts and cost of government. I would like to contribute to the city at a greater level to help balance our needs for all our community. I retired from the Houghton Council because of my other obligations that meant I wouldn't have enough time to be fully prepared for hearings. My work situation is changing giving me the opportunity to serve the community.

## 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: Economic Development**

Our issues are complex and inter-related. We won't solve one specific problem without the integration and understanding of dependencies of other problems. For example, Economic Development is not separate from transportation issues. A perfect Economic Development plan that attracts business to support city revenue could fail if the time to travel through the city to the business was excessive. We know we have many happy residents and wonderful neighborhoods. To help Kirkland meet the vision, we need to have on-going balanced economic development. Kirkland needs not only happy and successful residents but also successful business of many types. We need local employment, a diversity of businesses, and people willing to balance the needs of residents and business. I don't have a preferred solution that I have chosen. The City Council is responsible for a whole city and we will need many solutions that integrate. The city has talented staff to analyze data and provide recommendations for the City Council to be able to develop the best possible policies. I would encourage greater education to the residents on how businesses improve their quality of life and contribute to Kirkland.

**4b. Issue #2: Housing**

Kirkland has several goals in place to ensure we have a wide range of housing types and affordability. It is difficult to maintain and develop housing in all categories. The city has explored creative changes to zoning and been involved with various organizations to meet ranges of incomes. The city will need to continue to be flexible and learn from other communities on how to have a balance of housing options in the future. My son is Developmentally Delayed so I understand some of the complexity and difficulty of low-income housing and services. My Mother is elderly and I look for housing services to meet her needs. Kirkland is well known for its neighborhoods, parks and quality of life. We need to be able to continue that tradition in a range of housing for all markets.

**4c. Issue #3: Balanced Transportation**

Kirkland's local infrastructure needs to be safe and healthy for the environment. This includes the mundane maintenance as well as new strategies for transportation. We can't work alone, we need to pay attention to both our local responsibilities and participate in regional transportation plans. Regional traffic impacts Kirkland residents and business. In addition to our local community transportation needs for connectivity and reduced travel times, we must continue our participation in regional organizations to improve the availability and safety while reducing costs. These are typical goals for which I have proven track record in my employment. The city has done a good job in programs for city employees. Transportation to me does not limited to cars and busses but includes bicycles and pedestrians. We can look to social media and other technologies for shared rides, bicycle paths to business for shopping for residents as well as our needs for automotive traffic patterns. I do actually drive a car most of the time in Kirkland but other communities offer more alternatives that we will want to add to our city.

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

6. How long have you lived in the City of Kirkland or in the newly-annexed area? \_\_\_\_30 years\_\_\_\_\_



Your Signature\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 4/9/2013

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



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Kathleen McMonigal

**Community Leadership:**

Elected/Appointed Official, City of Kirkland, Community Council, 1994-2003, 2006- 2012

Advocate and Speaker, Parent Coalition, Legislative Forum 2003-2006

Volunteer service includes voter registration booth, community events such as fun runs, fund-raising for various causes,

Boeing/Lake Washington School District PALS program participant (classroom teaching) 1993-1994

**Education:**

Boeing Leadership Center, Senior Management, 2011, Program Management 2008, Leadership 2007

Certified Information System Security Professional (CISSP) 2008, current with Continuing Education

University of Washington, Leadership certificate program 2003

Boeing Executive Potential Program (EXPO) Graduate 1997

University of Washington, Engineering 1984

**Employment Experience:**

Business Sector: The Boeing Company, Senior Manager, Information Security

Education: University of Washington, Director Computing and Communications

Government: Internet 2 Research

- Build Community partnerships in Education and Business
- Gain sponsorship and commitment from executives for investments and future initiatives
- Lead Request for Proposal (RFP), develop partnership relationship with Suppliers and contract negotiation
- Develop Strategic Plans, Roadmaps and create Business Plans
- Develop department plans and budgets
- Develop customer relationships and negotiate Service Level Agreements (SLA)