



# 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: Carol Buckingham

### 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:

See attached

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

I have always felt that part of the responsibility of being a good citizen is to contribute in areas where you have talents, interest and available time. I am a logical thinker and my educational and work background have developed good problem-solving and analytical skills that I feel would be useful in the work a City Council member does. I also have a strong neighborhood background that has made me familiar with many people and issues related to the City.

With my current commitments, I do not feel I have the time available to dedicate to a Council position for a full term. However, the shorter time span of the vacated position would make it a manageable commitment for me at this time. If I was appointed, it would be with the intent that I would finish the term of the vacated position only, and not run in the fall election.

**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:**

I feel transportation is a huge issue for our City. Managing our transportation resources, and representing how our transportation needs fit into the larger state and county systems are vital to successful businesses, appealing residential areas, and quality of life for the citizens of Kirkland. I feel in many ways the City does a very good job of looking at the pieces of the transportation system, but could do better at taking the step back to view the overall big picture of how all the parts work together. Working with the Transportation Commission to not only see how to work with the existing elements that are in place, but come up with ideas of new directions and systems to improve performance would help develop better systems.

**4b. Issue #2:**

I think the developing clarity of vision of what Kirkland is and what it wants to become is an important issue for the City Council. Kirkland is a great City and a great place to live. So the tendency of people here is to work to keep things exactly as they are. But nothing is ever static, and everything, including the City, will always change--either through their own choice, or the forces of the things changing around them. If the City had a more clearly defined and dedicated vision of who they are right now, and what kind of City they want to be in the future, it would be much easier to measure proposals as being in the City's best interest and moving us towards the place we want to be. The process of updating the Citywide Comprehensive Plan is just getting started, and that work will provide the progress needed to develop the City vision and let our citizens, business owners and partners know what we want the City of Kirkland to be in the future.

**4c. Issue #3:**

Most strongly, I feel the biggest issue facing the City Council is to improve decision-making process to provide predictability and efficiency for those that bring matters in front of it. The City Council has a great responsibility to the citizens it represents, which can make big decisions daunting. The work of the City Council is a constant struggle to balance the desires of those who are in front of them today with the long-term successful future of the City. While careful deliberation of weighty issues is important, it is important to resolve issues in as timely manner as possible, so those involved can focus on the solution and work to move forward, rather than spending time immersed in the problem, and the differences of opinion that have created it.

**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? Approx. 16 years**

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

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

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# Carol L. Buckingham

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Professional Qualifications	Licensed Professional Engineer in the state of Washington (#34370)
Education	1988 - 1992 Washington State University Pullman, Washington Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Graduated Cum Laude with a grade point average of 3.70 out of 4.00</li><li>• Honors Program graduate</li></ul>
Professional experience	February 1998-present Structural Designs, P.L.L.C. Kirkland, WA Design Engineer <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Self-owned, home-based structural engineering company focusing mainly on residential design projects.</li></ul> 1991-February 1998 Worked in engineering and inspection positions at various firms and agencies
Community Activities	Various times, 1998-present Chair and Treasurer, Central Houghton Neighborhood Association  2011-present Member, Executive Leadership Board, College of Engineering and Architecture, Washington State University  2010-2011 Member, Central Houghton Neighborhood Advisory Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Updating Central Houghton Neighborhood Plan</li></ul> 2004-present Member, Advisory Board for Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Washington State University <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Served as Chair 2007-2010</li></ul> 2003-2004? Neighborhood Representative, Kirkland Economic Partnership (KEP)