



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 or hand deliver to Kirkland City Clerk's Office, 123 5th 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: Graham A. Laing

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:

Born and raised in Kirkland, Graham is dedicated to his community. As a teenager he was an active member of the Kirkland Police Explorers, working with the Kirkland Police Department in the education of law enforcement training. Graham also participated and was later on a judge for DECA, a business marketing association geared towards providing young adults real-life business experience. Growing up, Graham was a friend to all in Kirkland, and to this day he cannot walk downtown without someone saying "hi." Graham has extended this passion to business, where he has established a successful career with AT&T working with local Small Business owners to improve efficiencies and help them grow.

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

As a Kirkland City Council Member, I would bring a fresh prospective to our city. I will utilize my extensive community knowledge and business savvy to ensure Kirkland's future, through my corporate experience and being an active member of the community for over 25 years. My friends and family have encouraged me to pursue this position, as I have the ability to connect with all ages and all walks of life.

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: Community Outreach through the City Work Program

City Work Program, developed to revitalize and reenergize the city, is a comprehensive plan with multiple complex elements. This program needs flawless execution to ensure the guidelines are met on all metrics.

I will partner with our neighborhoods and community business leaders to ensure we lead the way for future private sector businesses to further the economic development of our city and while providing Diverse Housing, Economic Development, and Dependable Infrastructure in our neighborhoods.

4b. Issue #2: Economic Development

In 2001, the City of Kirkland began development of the Downtown Strategy Plan. Over 10 years later, the city's plan has progressed, with specific elements failing to be completed. The Council needs to better monitor and assess the progress with Downtown Strategic Plan, specifically concerning pedestrian features that are underutilized as well as continue to focus on building the local city's "Small Business" focused economy.

I will work with municipal agencies and constituents to ensure progress of this project, within set budgetary scope and timeframe. I will reevaluate failing plan elements while holding accountable associated parties to ensure the project continues with minimum interruptions.

4c. Issue #3: Environmentally Sustainable

Kirkland's parks and wetlands are vital to our community and a highlight of our city. Kirkland's participation in the King County Flood Control Zone District Advisory Board and King Conservation District Advisory Committee has critical impact on these issues and needs to be represented in the appropriate manner.

I will protect the community through best practices ensuring we meet or exceed the highest environmental standards possible, including involvement with the King County Flood Control Zone District Advisory Board (Regional Watershed) project.

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? ____25 Years____

Your Signature*: _____ Date: _____

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