

City of Visalia Agenda Item Transmittal

Meeting Date: June 20, 2011

Agenda Item Number (Assigned by City Clerk): 1

Agenda Item Wording: Review the applications from Visalians interested in filling the vacant City Council seat, and determine how to fill the position until the conclusion of the 2011 election.

Deadline for Action: N/A

Submitting Department: Administration

Contact Name and Phone Number: Leslie B. Caviglia, 713-4317

Department Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council review the applications over the weekend, and by noon on Monday, provide in writing to the City Clerk the names of the four candidates each believes to be best suited to fill the interim vacancy. The Clerk could compile and publically announce the results, including the designations from each individual Council Member. Based on the results, the City Council could discuss how best to proceed with the process. Staff recommends setting a process that would result in someone being appointed prior to, and with enough time to prepare for, the July 18 City Council meeting

Options the City Council could consider include:

- *Schedule interviews, possibly on June 27, 2011 beginning at 4 p.m. It is suggested that the interviews be scheduled for 20-30 minutes. Council could direct staff to develop a list of possible questions that the Council could use to supplement their own questions.
- *Make an immediate appointment based on the letters of interest
- *Extend the time to file a letter of interest
- *Leave the position vacant until the November 2011 election

Department Discussion

Mike Lane resigned from the Visalia City Council effective May 31, 2011. In accordance with the City Charter (Article VI, Section 14), the City Council may choose to appoint someone to fill the position until the conclusion of the November 2011 election. Regardless of whether an appointment is made, staff recommends the Council take steps to call the special election to fill the vacancy on a permanent basis, so that the special election can be held concurrently with the general council election this November. (Later on this agenda, the City Council will be asked to consider a resolution that will include this unexpired term on the November election ballot.)

For action by:

- City Council
- Redev. Agency Bd.
- Cap. Impr. Corp.
- VPFA

For placement on which agenda:

- Work Session
- Closed Session

Regular Session:

- Consent Calendar
- Regular Item
- Public Hearing

Est. Time (Min.): _____

Review:

Dept. Head LBC

Finance

City Atty

City Mgr

Article VI, Section 14, of the Visalia Charter provides:

Vacancies in the Council: Any member of the Council who is absent from all meetings thereof for two consecutive months, unless excused by the Council, shall forfeit his office. Any vacancies occurring in the Council may be filled by a person appointed by a majority vote of the whole Council. Said person appointed shall serve until his successor is elected and qualified. Such successor shall be elected at the next regular election at which members of the Council are chosen, provided there is sufficient time to nominate and elect such successor at said next regular election. (Underline added.)

In summary, these provisions allow for an interim appointment, with the appointee to serve either until a permanent replacement can be selected at the next regular election, or for the full remainder of the term if there will be no regular election occurring prior to the expiration of the term. In this case, there will be an opportunity to hold a special election to select a permanent replacement, as regular council elections will be held on November 8, 2011. There is "sufficient time to nominate and elect such successor" (as provided in the Charter) at the November 8, 2011 regular election - the deadline under state law for adding the unexpired term to this election is not until July 15, 2011. Therefore, if an appointment is made now, the Charter dictates that the appointee serve only until a permanent successor is selected at the November 8, 2011, election.

(The above provisions of the Charter related to filling vacancies apply to the present circumstance, rather than slightly different provisions of state law applicable to general law cities, because in the event of a conflict with the general state laws on the topic of selection of council members, the provisions of the Charter prevail.)

If the Council chooses to select an appointee, and can agree on an appointee by majority vote, that appointee will serve until a permanent successor is selected at the November 8, 2011, general council election. The appointee is free to, run for election in November, but is not obligated to run. Whether the appointee runs for election or not, the three seats up for election in November will be determined according to Charter provisions (Article V, Section 3): the two candidates receiving the most votes will be seated to full four-year terms; the candidate receiving the third most votes will be seated to the remainder of Mr. Lane's term, which runs until November, 2013.

Appointment Process

At the last City Council meeting, the Council voted to ask qualified Visalians to submit letters of interest by noon on Friday, June 17 if they were interested in being appointed to the City Council. This information was provided to the media, and was distributed via email to a broad base of people including those on the City Council agenda list, the Inside City Hall Newsletter list, Committee and Commission members, and a number of organizations.

Forty-two letters of intent were filed by 12 noon on Friday. Attached is a list of the people, in alphabetical order, who submitted a letter of interest in accordance with the deadline. One letter was received after the deadline and is not being included for consideration. The City Clerk's Office attempted to confirm voter registration prior to the release of this staff report; however, staff will not be able to confirm those for whom there is a question on their voter registration until Monday. Those in question are noted on the list as follows:

*1 – Residential address does not match voter registration roll address

- *2 – No home address listed on letter, but name found on voter registration roll
- *3 – No home address listed on letter, and no name found on registration roll
- *4 – Not found on voter registration roll

The City Council may want to consider the following when evaluating the applications:

Length and type of civic involvement

Length and type of City involvement

Ability to make time commitment

- Regular (7 p.m.), Work Session (4 p.m.) and Special City Council meetings (varied)
- Represent Council on various committees/boards
- Read, study, and generally prepare for City Council meetings
- Meet with constituents, applicants, and others regarding City matters

What type of legal conflicts the applicant might have (The appointed Council member will need to file the appropriate Fair Political Practices Commission documents)

What unique knowledge and/or experience they would bring to the City Council

How they might diversify the Council (Ethnicity, gender, age, area of community they live in)

Prior Council/Board Actions:

6/13/11 – The City Council voted to accept letters of interest and to consider an appointment to the City Council

Committee/Commission Review and Actions:

Alternatives:

Attachments:

Letters of Interest

Recommended Motion (and Alternative Motions if expected):

Environmental Assessment Status

CEQA Review:

NEPA Review:

Tracking Information: *(Staff must list/include appropriate review, assessment, appointment and contract dates and other information that needs to be followed up on at a future date)*

2011 City Council Appointment

Letters of Interest - Applicants

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| 1. | Ainley, Audra |
| 2. | Ainley, Robert *1 |
| 3. | Alvarenga, Dania |
| 4. | Bailey, Donna |
| 5. | Barker, Rusty |
| 6. | Barton, Laurel |
| 7. | Collins, Greg |
| 8. | Dill, Gary |
| 9. | Elizarraraz, David |
| 10. | Feldstein, Luke |
| 11. | Fierro, Mike |
| 12. | Fosberg, Tim |
| 13. | Fry, Paul |
| 14. | Gagliolo, Gary |
| 15. | Gamboa, Jesus |
| 16. | Glenn, Charles |
| 17. | Gong, Wesley |
| 18. | Gosnell, Blake |
| 19. | Hammann, Jefferson |
| 20. | Hernandez-Turnquist, Monica *2 |
| 21. | Hoskin, Dan |
| 22. | Jaramillo, Gil |
| 23. | Lizardo, Robert *3 |
| 24. | Lyerla, Jerry |
| 25. | Mackey, Michael |
| 26. | Martin, William |
| 27. | Morrison, Milton |
| 28. | Mosley, Justin *1 |
| 29. | Mulhair, Sean *4 |
| 30. | Natoli, Steve |
| 31. | Peck, Adam |
| 32. | Reid, Lita |
| 33. | Robinson, Jim |
| 34. | Salerno, Peter |
| 35. | Salinas, Vincent |
| 36. | Sharp, Donald |
| 37. | Sheltzer, Sharon |
| 38. | Soltesz, Roland |
| 39. | Storseth, Greg |
| 40. | Taylor, Brett |
| 41. | Weise, Tom |
| 42. | Wilson, Russell |

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June 16, 2011

Interim City Council Selection Committee
City of Visalia
425 E. Oak, Suite 301
Visalia, CA 93291

Dear Selection Committee:

In response to the recent press release I am not merely interested, but enthusiastic about the consideration of filling the interim sitting council position. Being a Visalia native and an advocate of our distinctive community, I cannot think of a better way to serve faithfully and diligently in the interest of the public.

Aside from a general understanding of what our community offers, I feel that I can contribute from the knowledge I have gained while studying and residing in other communities. I obtained a degree in History with a focus in Public Affairs (which encompasses social welfare, urban planning, and public policy) from the University of California, Los Angeles. While primarily residing and studying in Los Angeles, I interned and temporarily lived in Colorado Springs, CO, Kansas City, MO, Bergen County, NJ and Paris, France. All of these locales offered a varied and diverse cultural and communal background, in which I have to admit, gave me a deeper appreciation for the diversity and opportunity present in our small (not really *that* small) town of Visalia. I believe because of what we have to offer, our community can thrive during these difficult economic times.

After completing my four years of studies, I returned to Visalia to be the Controller/ Office Manager for a local start-up engineering firm. Helping develop a civil engineering firm, let alone any business, during the past few years proved to not only be extremely trying at times, but quite rewarding. It took me from a "general" to an acute understanding of the development of a city and the operational value of an involved community. Furthermore, I have had the opportunity to volunteer and be an advocate for multiple organizations such as, the Visalia Rescue Mission, California Women for Agriculture (CWA), and Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA).

For many people, they feel that the "grass is greener on the other side" and though I've been able to experience the "other side", I can honestly say that I genuinely feel that the grass is far more green here (in the winter, of course). I would genuinely appreciate being given the chance to bring a possibly fresh perspective to current issues in Visalia and will strive to maintain our city's unique heritage and strong sense of community as we plan for the future.

Sincerely,



Robert Ainley

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June 14, 2011

Interim City Council
Selection Committee
City of Visalia
425 E. Oak, Suite 301
Visalia, CA 93291



Dear Selection Committee:

It is with great enthusiasm that I express my interest in filling the interim city council seat. Visalia is my hometown and I can think of no better opportunity to serve my community then to temporarily serve on its city council in response to this unexpected contingency. Being a graduate of Golden West High School and coming from a family that has a long history of serving this community, I have a vested interest in seeing this city continue to grow during these trying times.

Aside from my general knowledge of the community and its interests, I can offer a broad range of experience and knowledge. I hold two bachelor degrees in political science and organizational sociology from UC Davis. I also hold a master's degree from the University of Warwick in England, and a juris doctorate from the University of Oregon School of Law. During my academic career, I focused on comparative economic systems, organizational structure, and public policy. In law school, my specialties were in criminal law and taxation. I also served on several boards for dispute resolution, public service, and entrepreneurship.

On a more practical level, my most recent positions were with the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (anti-human trafficking), the Fresno District Attorney's Office, the Lane County District Attorney's Office, and Central California Legal Services in Visalia. Prior to this legal experience, I spent time as a director of research and public policy for several national political campaigns. All of these positions have given me a nuanced approach to policy analysis and formation. The council will benefit from a fresh perspective on major issues, such as crime and development, facing Visalia and a smooth transition to a permanent member in November.

I understand that a simple letter may be inadequate space to base your decision, so I have enclosed a resume and please do not hesitate to contact me with any further inquiries about my qualifications or candidacy. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert Ainley

ROBERT AINLEY

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EDUCATION

University of Oregon, School of Law • Eugene, Oregon

Juris Doctorate • Law • May 2011

Honors: John & Elenor Halderman Scholarship • Henry E. Collier Scholarship

Activities: Oregon Review of International Law • ADR Board (Vice Chair, 2009-10)

- Dean's Student Advisory Committee • Mediation & Prosecution Clinics
- Law & Entrepreneurship Student Assn. Board • Phi Alpha Delta (Vice Justice)
- Pro Bono Certificate • Public Interest & Public Service Certificate

University of Warwick • Coventry, United Kingdom

Master of Arts • International Security • November 2008

Honors: North American Postgraduate Scholarship

Activities: Postgraduate Society • Wine & Whiskey Society • Men's Lacrosse Team

University of California at Davis • Davis, California

Bachelor of Arts • Political Science • December 2005

Bachelor of Arts • Organizational Sociology • December 2005

Honors: Dean's List

Activities: Undergraduate Outreach Program • Men's Lacrosse Team

- SCUSA Conference at West Point • Study Abroad – London (Spring, 2005)

EXPERIENCE

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime • Vienna, Austria

Intern – Organized Crime & Illicit Trafficking Branch • January 2011 – April 2011

- Researched prosecutions and convictions on human trafficking worldwide;
- Compiled the cases into summarized briefs to be fed into the global case law database;
- Conducted analysis on successful trafficking prosecutions and compensation claims;
- Researched trafficking for organ removal cases and drafted a preliminary report;
- Assisted in liaising with offices within the United Nations and external organizations;
- Carried out other tasks related to the implementation of the Global Programme Against Trafficking in Persons as assigned.

Lane County District Attorney's Office • Eugene, Oregon

Prosecution Extern • August – December 2010

- Acted as a court certified student with the ability to try cases before the Circuit Court;
- Conducted arraignments and sentencings on a bi-weekly basis;
- Tried three cases, one being a felony bench trial for first-degree theft.

Fresno County District Attorney's Office • Fresno, California

Certified Law Student – Felony Trial Team • June – August 2010

- Participated in over a dozen pieces of litigation;
- Authored several opposition motions with a perfect record of success; (search & seizure, speedy trial/due process, motions to vacate, etc.)
- Conducted several preliminary hearings and argued motions in court. (felony gun possession, heroin possession & sale, grand theft, burglary)

Central California Legal Services, Inc. • Visalia, California

Summer Legal Clerk • July – August 2009

- Handled the bulk of small claims advising for Tulare and Kings counties;
- Interviewed clients for landlord-tenant and foreclosure cases;
- Assisted a supervising attorney with research for a federal civil rights case.

**Continued*

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Brownback for President • Des Moines, Iowa

Iowa Field Representative • June – August 2007

- Assisted the National Advance Director with Lead Advance (event implementation).
 - Networked key grassroots organizations for the Straw Poll.
 - Planned several highly successful voter mobilization events.
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Greene for U.S. Congress • Commerce, Georgia

Director of Research • March – May 2007

- Supported the Campaign Manager, Deputy Campaign Manager, and Political Director.
- Advised the candidate on policy statements and all policy related public statements.
- Analyzed key issues for policy papers, such as immigration, the fair tax, and eminent domain.

Harris for U.S. Senate • Tampa, Florida

Director of Research and Public Policy • September – November 2006

- Conducted all research and public policy analysis for a high profile U.S. Senate campaign.
- Worked directly in tandem with the Campaign Manager.
- Assisted the candidate with preparations for two televised debates.
- Analyzed key issues for policy papers, such as climate change, trade deficits, and national security.

Quad Knopf, Inc. • Visalia, California

Geographic Information Systems Intern • February – June 2006

- Mapped all utilities and assets for the city of Tulare, California using GPS technology
- Maintained sensitive satellite transponder equipment
- Demonstrated initiative by maintaining an autonomous work schedule that proved to be very efficient and optimized profits
- Gained basic knowledge of AutoCAD (engineering software)

Davis Fire Crew • Davis, California

Emergency Wildland Firefighter: Mendocino National Forest • May – October 2004

- Direct experience with bureaucratic processes and functions
- Worked effectively under the most extreme spectrum of conditions ranging from mundane tasks to sleep deprivation and literal physical danger
- Operated efficiently in a very team oriented/dependent environment
- Developed strict discipline regarding work ethic and deadline/objective achievement
- Refined leadership and communication skills

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Memberships: International Studies Association • Phi Alpha Delta

Academic Research: Military Intervention • East Asian Security Relationships • Failed States

Interests: Football • Baseball • Lacrosse • Soccer • Photography • Foreign Affairs • History

Volunteering: Medical mission to Costa Rica (*Summer 2000 & 2002*)

Humanitarian work in China, South Korea, Philippines, Singapore, and Taiwan
(*1988 & 2001-2002*) • Food for Lane County Garden

[DANIA M. ALVARENGA]

June 14, 2011

City of Visalia
425 E. Oak St. Suite 301
Visalia 93291



Re: City Council Position

To The Current City Council Members, Mayor and Vice Mayor:

I would like to be considered for the vacant position of City Council Member. I am a small business owner, attorney and citizen of Visalia. I feel that my multifaceted background can be a good addition to the City Council and feel confident that I can greatly contribute to our city.

My family and I own Inventions I, LLC, which we founded last year and operate out of our home. Our business has enjoyed success both in Visalia, throughout California and the rest of the United States. Previously, I worked as a litigator and served as both general counsel and board member of the Fresno Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. I not only advised the Chamber on legal matters, but I also voted on important policy that helped shape the future and direction of the Chamber.

My legal background helps me analyze and understand the scope, breath and consequences of city policies. I can understand the importance of being a Council member as well as have an in depth knowledge of the resolutions and ordinances influencing our city. I can also wisely respond to the questions and concerns of fellow city members.

My business background helps me understand the concerns, needs and wants of small business owners in Visalia. It has also helped me learn about customer service, the importance of having a strong foundation as well as the importance of budgets and financing.

I am also fully fluent in Spanish and can relate to, be liked by, and be representative of the Hispanic community, which in this city is a 40.6% percent.

I would love to dedicate my time and energy to the continued growth and wellbeing of our city. I do hope you will consider me for the vacant City Council position and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Dania Marie

Dania M. Alvarenga

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Donjia Huffmon

From: Donna Bailey <golf4db@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 12:54 PM
To: Donjia Huffmon
Subject: Vacant Council Position

Mayor Link, Vice Mayor Shuklian, Council members Nelsen and Gubler,

I am writing this letter to express my interest in filling the vacant Council position.

My interest in doing this is two fold. First, I would like to get the community an answer as to when we can expect a new animal control facility which has taken far too long to build. Secondly, now that the City has dealt with the retiree health insurance and will realize a savings it is time to work on a more comprehensive plan for savings to the City in the area of employee/dependent insurance plans.

My qualifications include:

- City of Visalia employee for 22 years
- Understanding of City finances and personnel policies
- Good communication skills
- Willing to work together to get the job done

Thank you for your consideration.

Donna L. Bailey
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627-3509
golf4db@aol.com

Donjia Huffmon

From: Rusty Barker <rusty.m.barker@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 10:44 AM
To: Donjia Huffmon
Subject: I would like to express my interest in the vacant seat on the Visalia City Council

Rusty Barker

4224 w Nellis ave Visalia, Ca 93277 (559) 972-7090

To Whom It May Concern:

I am Rusty Barker, and I would like to express my interest in the vacant seat on the Visalia City Council. I am a long time Visalia resident who dearly loves this city and all that it stands for, and I would love to serve the city by sitting on the City Council.

I do not have a great deal of experience in local government, but I have served on the board of the Visalia American Little League. I have run for city council seats before in the past, doing so entirely on my own sweat and effort, writing all my own materials, making my own signs, and running my own campaigns. While I was unsuccessful, I was not discouraged, because I truly believe I would be an excellent civil servant in this capacity. I consider it part of the learning process.

I have always followed the progress of the local government and stay informed on current affairs in our fine city. My children are educated here, I have worked here extensively, and I have met people from all different walks of life in this wonderful city. This would be a fantastic opportunity for me to lend a hand and work for this great city in a position I know I can succeed at.

Thank You,

Rusty Barker

Received
JUN 2011
City of Visalia
City Clerk's Office

Letter of Interest for Appointment to the Visalia City Council

Reasons for seeking the position: With my children grown, I feel that once again, I have the time to serve the community through the currently available Council appointment. I am only interested in the short term appointment and do not intend to use the position as a springboard to run for election to a full term.

As I drive, walk, and bike around Visalia, I'm very pleased to see the fruits of past Councils' direction in preserving our downtown as the lively center of town, developing many creekside trails studded with Valley Oaks, and growing thoughtfully through the boom years. There's a lot to love in Visalia! I look forward to being one of 5 Councilmembers again to help keep the community moving along in the right direction.

Qualifications: I'm a good listener and good thinker with the quality of Visalia's future as my focus. I previously served a 4-year term on the Visalia City Council in the 1990's.

Most of my career has been spent working for cities and school districts, so I'm familiar with budgets, public process, and the need for elected officials to be visible and in touch with their citizens. I have spent the last 7-1/2 years working for the City of Tulare. My current position is as a Management Analyst working on writing and administering grants for the Engineering, Parks, and Transit departments.

I have always enjoyed giving back through community service in my spare time. I just recently retired from community service on the CSET board after 13 years, but still continue to serve on the Enchanted Playhouse children's theater board after a similar number of years.

Thank you for your consideration!

Laurel Barton
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Visalia, CA 93277

Phone: 559-679-6133

Email: lbarton@sbcglobal.net

Date : 6-15-11



Dear Mayor Link and Members of the Visalia City Council,

This letter serves as an expression of my interest in filling the vacant city council seat vacated by Mike Lane. I have always had a strong interest in the affairs of Visalia. I believe it is one of the best cities in the Central Valley and would hope that I could play a small role in ensuring that it remains the "Jewel of the Valley."

My experience spans 20 years on the Visalia City Council, serving twice as mayor from 1987 to 1991. During my tenure on the city council, I gained experience in a number of fields including, planning, redevelopment, fiscal affairs, labor negotiations, citizen involvement, infrastructure systems and public services to name a few.

My professional life has been grounded in planning for over 30 years. My firm, Collins & Schoettler, Planning Consultants, has provided planning services to public agencies in the San Joaquin Valley since 1982. I'm very proud of my firm in that we have garnered over eight planning awards from the American Planning Association since the firm was formed. Working with cities up and down the Valley has given me additional insight into how other cities work, which aided my tenure on the Visalia City Council.

Paralleling my political and planning career, I farm plums near Woodlake and have also coached water polo for 20 years at COS, Redwood and Mt. Whitney, and taught ecology at COS during the evening.

My wife Dorothy is a teacher at Golden West High School (over 30 years) and we have two children - Christopher (26) and Kelcey (22).

Dorothy and I are involved in our church, Christ Lutheran, and she works at the Visalia Rescue Mission while I serve as a CASA advocate.

I hope this letter contains sufficient information for your upcoming decision. I didn't want to bore you with numerous pages of minutia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Greg Collins".

Greg Collins

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June 15, 2011

City Clerk
City of Visalia

Please consider my letter of interest for the open City Council position left vacant by the resignation of Michael Lane.

Even though I do not have the past experience of serving on a City Council, I bring a fresh and new outlook to the table. I have served on the Citizens Advisory Committee in 1988 until I had to resign for family consideration; I currently serve on the Board of Directors of Valley Oak SPCA for the past 4 years.

I am currently employed by a large table grape grower in the Delano area as their Controller, prior to that I worked for a large farming operation in the Visalia area for 25 years as the Office Manager/Accountant. In my capacity, I have been responsible for budgets, cost controls, inventory and grower reconciliations. My previous experiences has taught me there is more than one way to find a solution to a problem and hard work, dedication and perseverance will help when completing a task.

In the past 35 years as a resident of Visalia, I have seen both the good times and bad times. With work, we can return Visalia to the best place to live.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Gary L. Dill

GARY L. DILL

Born: December 17, 1948
Tulare, Ca

Education:

Porterville Elementary Schools
Porterville Union High School, Graduated 1967
College of the Sequoias, A.S. in Business/Accounting, 1983

Employment:

1978 – 2003 C J Ritchie Farms
2004 – Present Four Star Fruit, Inc.

Community Service:

1988 Citizens Advisory Committee
2007 – Present Treasurer, Valley Oak SPCA

Military Service:

1968 – 1972 United States Navy, Honorable Discharge 1972

Family:

Divorced since 1988

Children:

Jeffrey Dill, Driver Safety Officer, Department of Motor Vehicles
Married – one son and one daughter
Courtney Hultquist
Divorced, one son and one daughter
Barrett Dill, Department Head, Sports Chalet
Single, no children

6-17-11

Letter of Interest for the city of Visalia City Council position

My name is David Elizarraraz and I am a father of three. My kids attend Visalia Unified School District. I am a veteran of this country who served in both peace and war time. I am bilingual both English and Spanish. Getting involved with my community is something I have done and will continue to do. I am a citizen of Visalia and I have seen this ~~country~~ city grow so much.

In 1989 I graduated from high school and joined the military. I served four active years. In 1993 I got married and started a family. From 2003-2006 I was involved with my kids school PTA, community and sports events. In 2006 we moved to Visalia from San Jose. At the moment I attend college and work part-time.

My contact information is below, thank you.

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Luke Feldstein
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Visalia Ca, 93291



To,
City Council members
The City of Visalia
315 E Acequia Ave

Reference: A response to fill the vacancy on the City Council.

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council members,

This letter is to serve as a response to the City Council's request on June 13, 2011, to have all interested members of the community submit applications for the recently vacated seat on the City Council.

I am an active member of this community and have been a regular attendee of the City Council meetings for a number of years. I participated in Citizens in the Know, where I received a first hand look at the city's operations and witnessed some of the complexities of public service. That experience lead me to the Citizens Advisory Committee, of which I am currently a member. I was also a member of Leadership Visalia, through the Visalia Chamber of Commerce, where I gained a greater appreciation for community service and the need for citizens to take an active role in their local government. Currently I have added Planning Commission, General Plan Update and Tulare County Redistricting meetings to my attendance rotation and have gained great insight to our community and the economic hardships we currently face.

I feel that this is an opportunity to serve my community and provide representation for a different demographic on the council. I am aware of the many issues that the city faces and the challenges they present to the City Council. If appointed, I know that my perspective would aid the City Council as well as represent my fellow citizens. I hope to discuss this matter with you in person and can furnish a resume, references and endorsements upon request.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Luke Feldstein
559-972-0355

Donjia Huffmon

From: Mike Fierro <fierro77@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 5:50 PM
To: Donjia Huffmon
Subject: Council Letter of Interest



To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Mike Fierro and I would like to submit my name for the possible appointment to the vacancy on the City Council. I have been a Visalian for over 40 years. I have been married to my wife, Rosemary, for 43 years and I have three children and 5 grandchildren. I am a Vietnam veteran that has a 100% service connected disability.

I have been involved in the community for over 30 years. I am one of the founders and past president of the Tulare County Hispanic Roundtable. I am also one of the founders of Latino Rotary of Tulare County. I worked as a consultant to Visalia Unified School District on issues involving parental involvement. I started an organization that dealt with working with parents that had children that were in trouble with schools or the law. I have been involved with the Christmas toy drive for children for the last 6 years. I serve on several advisory councils involving the school district and the Visalia Police Department. I am an advocate for children and have been involved in many projects that seek to better the lives of young children. I have worked for the betterment of the Hispanic community in Visalia and Tulare County.

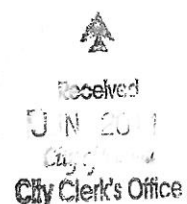
I am interested in this position because I feel that I have much to offer in representing a community that I love dearly. I care greatly for this community and the people in it. I feel that I can lend a perspective to the council that is fresh and needed by many unrepresented citizens of Visalia. I care greatly about all the citizens of Visalia and I have no agenda but to serve a community that is very important to me and those that I love. I do feel that Hispanics are a large part of this community but not represented on any elective body. I think that it should be important to everyone to have representation from all parts of our community. I am aware of all of the issues that are important to Visalians and feel that I can be a good addition to the City Council.

I thank you for considering my interest in this position and ask for your support. I feel that I can be a fresh and important part in making decisions that can better the lives of Visalians. This is an opportunity for the current council to make a choice that would allow representation for an important part of the community.

Sincerely,

Mike Fierro
(559) 723-0404
4102 South Locust
Visalia CA, 93277
fierro77@yahoo.com

Timothy N. Fosberg CPA
413 N. Crenshaw
Visalia, CA 93291



June 16, 2011

Visalia City Clerk
City of Visalia
425 E. Oak Street, Suite 301
Visalia, CA 93291

Re: Letter of Interest – Vacant City Council Member Position

Dear City Clerk,

I am very much interested in being considered in the upcoming appointment process to fill the vacant City Council Member seat created by Mr. Lane's resignation.

I would very appreciate the opportunity to discuss with City Council and the residents of Visalia, my expertise and experiences that qualify me as a Council Member for the City of Visalia.

There are a number of reasons for my wanting to be on City Council, of which the following are only a few; improve public safety, improve recreational opportunities in our community, improve the maintenance of the city's and improve the fiscal accountability and prioritization of the City's expenditures.

Attached is a resume which briefly indicates a few of my areas of skills and capabilities. It also lists the information requested in your Press Release regarding this Letter of Interest.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Timothy N. Fosberg".

Timothy N. Fosberg CPA

Timothy N. Fosberg, CPA

CONTACTS

Home: 413 N. Crenshaw, Visalia, CA 93291 Cell (415) 713-4565
Work: City of Visalia, 336 N. Ben Maddox Way, Visalia CA 93291
Phone: (559) 713-4565, e-mail: tfosberg@ci.visalia.ca.us

PERSONAL

Children: Matthew N. Fosberg (28) Correctional Officer, Coalinga, CA
Jillian A. Fosberg (21) College Student, San Francisco, CA

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science – Major in Business Administration, Minor in Accounting
1976, California State University, Fresno CA

CERTIFICATION

Certified Public Accountant, 1984, State of California
California Community College Instructor Credential, 1989, State of California

EMPLOYMENT

City of Visalia, Visalia, CA (20 years)

Financial Analyst – 9/1997 to Present; Public Works Dept., (1/2010 to present) reports to the Director, responsible for financial and administrative activities; Administrative Services Dept., (9/1997 to 12/2009) reported to the Director, responsible for financial and administrative activities including coordination of annual financial audits and adjusting the City's rates and fee charges.

Airpark Manager – Parks and Recreation Dept., 7/1995 to 8/1997, reported to the Director, responsible for administration and operations of the Visalia Municipal Airport, Valley Oaks Golf Course and Plaza Park.

Financial Analyst – General Services Dept., 3/1991 to 6/1995, reported to the Director, responsible for financial and administrative activities.

Sheklian, Norton, Fosberg and James, CPA's, Visalia, CA (6 years)

Owner / Operations Officer - 5/1984 to 6/1990, responsible for many operations of the firm including quality control, billings, supervision and training of staff, as well as providing extensive and complete tax planning, accounting and financial services for diverse corporations, partnerships, and sole proprietorships.

College of the Sequoias, Visalia, CA (2 years)

Adjunct Faculty – Business Division - 9/1987 to 6/1989, taught university level courses on accounting and financial business practices, financial statements, financial analysis, and managerial decision making processes.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

American Red Cross – Board Chair, Tulare-Kings Chapter

American Red Cross – Board Member, Tulare-Kings Chapter

Real Alternatives Youth Organization – Board Member

Golden State Business College – Advisory Board Member

Mountain View School Parent Teachers Association - Auditor

Clearing House for Volunteer Accounting Services – Volunteer

Downtown Visalia Foundation - Volunteer

June 16, 2011

City of Visalia
Office of the city clerk



Re: vacant city council position "Letter of Interest" from Paul Fry

This letter is my expression of interest for the vacant city council position. Per your instructions, I offer the following information in support of my qualifications:

1. I am interested in the position for the following reasons:
 - a. I have a desire to serve the citizens of Visalia. I was unsuccessful in my election for city council in November 2009.
 - b. I have a strong accounting/financial background. These skills do not currently exist with the existing council members
 - c. I am able to sort through complex financial information and ask pertinent questions.

2. Qualifications.
 - a. I have a BS degree in business from UC Berkeley
 - b. I am a graduate of the city of Visalia "Citizens in the Know" program.
 - c. I am a graduate of Leadership Visalia.
 - d. I manage a small business in Visalia-the Visalia Fox Theatre
 - e. I was the controller for Fischer Oil for 7 years
 - f. I was an assistant controller for Beacon Oil for 15 years
 - g. I previously served on the board of the Visalia YMCA.
 - h. I am a volunteer with the City of Visalia Volunteer Police Program (VIPS)
 - i. Vietnam Veteran in the U.S. Army
 - j. I am an advocate with the CASA program
 - k. I am a member of County Center Rotary
 - l. Leader of a local outdoor club- the Mountain Ramblers
 - m. Member of the Visalia Arts Consortium

3. Contact information
 - a. Daytime phone number 625-1369. Home phone 625-4869, cell phone 280-2785
 - b. Home address: 2038 E. Paradise Ave, Visalia, Ca 93292
 - c. Business address: Visalia Fox Theatre, 308 W. Main St, Visalia, Ca 93291
 - d. E-mail address: Pfry@foxvisalia.org

Thank you for you consideration

Paul Fry

Gary Gagliolo
1250 N Tamarack Ct.
Visalia, CA 93291
June 15, 2011

Home phone: 732-4992
Cell phone: 623-2271

City Clerk
City of Visalia
425 E. Oak, Suite 301
Visalia, CA

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City Clerk's Office

Dear Sirs:

I wish to be considered for filling the vacant City Council position.

I am a Visalia resident of 34 years, and wish to contribute to the long-standing dedication of the City Council to the citizens of this community. I believe in the core values displayed by the Council over the years and am sure my technical expertise in Environmental Science and my working knowledge of NEPA and CEQA regulations would be an asset.

I am recently retired from the State of California, having been employed with the County of Tulare, Regional Water Quality Control Board and with the State Department of Transportation. In addition I have been employed with the City of Visalia as a lead household hazardous waste collection facility specialist.

During my tenure at the Department of Transportation, I worked in both the Hazardous waste specialty unit and the small and large environmental document writing units. I have prepared, reviewed, and processed environmental documents mandated by State and Federal regulations and as a coordinator/team member assessed the consequences of transportation alternatives to the environment.

My charge at the Regional Water Quality Control Board was to ensure surface and groundwater resources were protected while enforcing various environmental regulations during the inspection of municipal wastewater treatment plants and industrial sites. I have prepared inspection reports, informal and formal enforcement orders including Cease and Desist, Administrative Liability Complaints, and Cleanup and Abatement Orders.

As a Senior Environmental Health Specialist at the County of Tulare I worked in a variety of programs including Water Specialist, Local Oversight Program Specialist, Solid and Bio-medical Waste Specialist, Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility Specialist, and sat on the Land Use Committee as a Land-Use Specialist.

I am looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



Gary Gagliolo

June 16, 2011

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Visalia, Ca 93291

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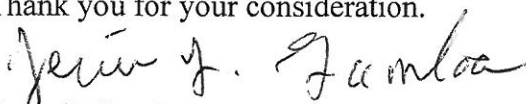
Re: Letter of Interest for Council Vacancy

Reason Interested: I have lived in Visalia since 1978 and have been involved in many activities from day 1. My dad once told me that, "if you're going to live in a community, get involved". I think, I have done that. The City is in a crucial situation, I have the skills necessary to fill the Council vacancy. I am willing to help if called upon.

Qualifications:

- ✓ Masters degree in Public Administration
- ✓ 12 years experience on City Council
- ✓ Past Mayor and Vice Mayor
- ✓ Understand how local government works
- ✓ Chief Operations Officer at Proteus Inc – manage a \$32,000,000 budget
- ✓ 47 years of community experience
- ✓ Volunteer in numerous boards and committees
- ✓ Co-founder of Wittman Village Community Center
- ✓ Co-founder of Northside Boxing Club
- ✓ Co-founder of Police Activities League (PAL)
- ✓ Graduate of Leadership Visalia
- ✓ Graduate of Ken Maddy Leadership Institute
- ✓ Past President Sequoia Kiwanis Club
- ✓ Member of American GI Forum – Visalia Chapter
- ✓ Boxing coach at Northside Boxing Club

Thank you for your consideration.


Jesus J. Gamboa
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Visalia, Ca 93291
(559)733-5423
ogamboa@comcast.net

Donjia Huffmon

From: Charles Glenn <cmgads@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2011 11:50 AM
To: Donjia Huffmon
Subject: Interest in City Council

Attention: City Clerk
Regarding: Vacant City Council Position

My name is Chuck Glenn. I have been a resident and registered Voter in Visalia since 1983.

This is my letter of interest in filling the City Council position left vacant by the resignation of Michael Lane.

I have always been active in local politics. I believe I possess the needed qualifications to fill out the remaining term on the Visalia City Council: Bachelors Degree from Fresno State College. Successful Visalia business owner since 1990. I have been married for over 30 years to Kathy Stroh Glenn, with one son Casey, currently attending College of the Sequoias.

The Visalia City Council is asking for someone willing to step up during this unexpected moment in time to serve our community. I will answer that call! I'm very confident that I would bring robust energy and new ideas to the city council. I am thoughtful leader and a respectful team player. I believe I can make a contribution in helping to shape a positive future for our wonderful community.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Glenn
1834 S. Encina Street
Visalia, CA 93277
(559) 734-6290 Cell # 559 280-3757
cmgads@sbcglobal.net

Donjia Huffmon

From: Wvxxv <wvxxv@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 11:32 PM
To: Donjia Huffmon
Cc: wvxxv@att.net
Subject: Letter of Interest for Visalia City Council Seat

Dear Visalia City Council,

This is my letter of interest for vacated Michael Lane city council seat.

I seek this position to be able to help people and the city of Visalia for a better future.

My qualifications are being born and raised in Visalia, I know it's history and vision.

I have over 20 years in the computer operation field and pro-active in resolving problems.

I will bring a new insight and perspective to the city council, and will work hard to achive a better Visalia for all.

Sincerely,

Wesley Gong

1326 W. Tulare Ave.

Visalia, Ca 93277

Ph: 559-942-6490

Email: Wvxxv@att.net

Blake Gosnell
2233 N. Carson Ct
Visalia, CA 93291



Dear Visalia City Council Members,

My name is Blake Gosnell and I am interested in the vacant City Council position that is open due to Mr. Lane's leaving our community.

My wife and I relocated to Visalia from the small community of Sigourney , Iowa in 2005 after an 18 year absence from California. We were born and raised in the Modesto and Turlock areas and our families have been in California many years and have seen many changes.

During our time in Iowa I became involved in our City of Sigourney government. I served 2 years on the City Council where I learned the fundamentals of how a city government functions and cooperates with both State and Federal governing bodies. After my 2 years on the City Council I was elected Mayor in 1993 and reelected in 1997 for a second term. During this time I was employed by Kraft Foods in the Oscar Mayer business unit and when the facility was closed in 1999 I found it necessary to leave my position as Mayor because of a job change.

During my time as Mayor of Sigourney the Council and I were able to implement the following programs:

- Construction and commissioning of a new water well field and state of the art treatment facility
- Upgrade and improvements to the Waste Water treatment facility
- Construction of a new Pool and recreation area in the existing park facility
- Implementation of a CDBG Home revitalization program
- Secured funding for a memorial "Lewis Memorial Fountain" that was in honor of a young girl who passed when she was 11 years old. The fountain is located on the square of the city
- Guided city cooperation in the preservation of the City memorial to WW1 veterans.
- Guided the installation of water and sewer line in the facility with the assistance of Federal and State government
- Guided the inclusion of the City Square in the National Register of Historical places
- Led the reconstruction of the city square that included period lighting, new water lines to all square buildings (the old system dated from 1895), new sewer lines that included the separation of storm and sanitary sewers, new sidewalks, resurfacing all square streets.
- Recommended and implemented increased the staffing of the Police and Streets departments without reducing services in other departments.
- Guided the implementation of a city wide " Clean Up Day"

- Led recovery efforts that were needed from the result of a severe storm the occurred in June 1998. Efforts required cooperation with FEMA as well as State and other Federal Departments including the National Guard

During my time of being involved in City government it has been my pleasure to work with the various city departments as well as State and Federal authorities. I feel that with my background that I would be an experienced citizen and a positive member to the Visalia City Council

Sincerely,

Blake Gosnell

1116 East Paradise Avenue
Visalia, CA 93292

June 17, 2011

Visalia City Council
425 East Oak Avenue, Suite 301
Visalia, CA 93291



Dear Council Members:

I am writing to express interest in filling the recently vacated city council position. I understand that the position is an appointment only until a permanent candidate is elected in November; further, I am aware that the council may instead choose to fill this position by special election.

I am not a native Visalian, though I would be proud to claim that distinction. Instead, I was raised in the Army by a career Chaplain, living on both coasts before finishing High School in San Francisco. I pursued an Army career as well, transitioning to the corporate world nine years ago and settling my family into Visalia six years ago. Though my wife, children and I have enjoyed our previous communities, Visalia was the first in which we felt at home, with three children in two public schools and close friends through church and community. Service to one's community is a basic tenet in which I was raised and I would like the opportunity to give back to Visalia through service on the council.

Among several qualifications I aspire to apply to the residents of Visalia and the council, three immediate assets come to mind: I have lived in public service, I possess a strong background in business management, and I can offer an outside perspective. Though a corporate general manager now, public service has defined my background and work; I served for six years on active-duty in the Army and nine in the Reserves. Further, I possess a track record of continued promotion and increased responsibility with my present employer, and believe sound business principles are critical to maintaining the "Jewel of the Valley" status that defines Visalia. In addition, I have lived throughout the United States and twelve years abroad – experience has shown me that an outside perspective is critical to forward thinking and progress. Finally, as required, I have been a resident of Visalia since July 2005 and have been a registered voter throughout my period of residence.

My current curriculum vitae with requested contact information is enclosed; please be advised that I am a logistics major in the U.S. Army Reserves and currently deployed to the Middle East on a one-year tour; I am scheduled to return home to my family by mid-August and I will understand if my deployment presents a timing conflict. Regardless, I look forward to the potential opportunity to serve the community and intend to be active in years to come. Much thanks in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jefferson G. Hammann

Jefferson G. Hammann

e-mail: jeffersonhammann@gmail.com

1116 East Paradise Avenue
Visalia, CA 93292

Home: 559-733-3065
Mobile: 509-845-9720

SUPPLY CHAIN ~ INTERNATIONAL LOGISTICS ~ GENERAL MANAGEMENT

Profile

Hands-on, proactive and resourceful leader and manager with 15 years of multi-functional logistics experience in delivering results, developing cohesive teams, and increasing efficiency in fast-paced, dynamic environments. Broad logistics knowledge with a proven record of excelling in operational planning and execution.

Key strengths include:

- Leader and Team Development
- Planning and Execution
- Project Management
- Managerial Organization
- Verbal and Written Communications
- Multi-modal Logistics Operations
- International Relations
- Government Agency Coordination
- Financial Analysis and Applications
- Adaptability and Resourcefulness

Experience

2002-PRESENT, WAL-MART STORES, INC.

General Transportation Manager

Porterville, CA

2005-Present

Director for a Wal-Mart Fleet Transportation Office, leading 10 managers and nearly 260 drivers, mechanics, and office associates, in providing general merchandise and dry grocery service to 68 retail stores, and inbound transportation for more than 500 vendor lanes in southern California; responsibilities include managing customer and vendor relationships, budgeting, personnel staffing, equipment planning, and manager development.

- Applied long-range freight outbound forecast planning to bi-annual driver capacity planning meetings allowing operational reduction of third-party driver commitments, leading to \$5.72M savings since FY2005.
- Streamlined and directed organizational manager responsibilities against financial operating initiatives, achieving \$6.07M total savings since FY2009 in non-fuel controllable expenses.
- Integrated driver schedule revisions and equipment reductions to improve grocery support and inbound workload planning, leading to a 22% empty mileage rate—top three loaded rate of 44 regional transportation offices for the past three years.
- Introduced leadership development mentoring to the manager and supervisor teams, resulting in 12 leaders promoted or laterally transferred into positions of greater responsibility, from supervisor through regional management level.
- Co-authored the Transportation Driver Schedule policy: applies operational staffing guidelines and requirements for all full-time driver schedule categories at 47 primary transportation offices nationwide, to include subordinate locations.

MAJOR, UNITED STATES ARMY

Joint Logistics Officer

State of Qatar

2010-2011

Logistics operations and plans officer for a Special Operations Command Forward element, headquartered out of State of Qatar, providing logistics services to six assigned military training teams, inter-agency support to the Department of State, air logistics planning and host-nation customs coordination, local vendor contract support, and host nation employee management.

Jefferson G. Hammann

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- Executed the consolidation of facility operations and equipment for four training teams dispersed across the capital city, resulting in annual unit savings of \$300K and increased physical security and situational awareness for assigned personnel.
- Spearheaded a State Department ordered evacuation for six training teams: planned and coordinated air and ground movement of 65 personnel and \$6M of equipment through U.S. Embassy and host-nation customs support, resulting in successful arrival to safe, allied staging bases with no personnel or equipment losses.
- Implemented inventory analysis of six training teams operating across assigned country, establishing supply control procedures that consolidated \$4.2M in equipment requirements while also recovering \$250K in excess inventory.
- Planned and conducted a formal unit mission introduction to the Under-Secretary of Defense and eight logistics flag officers across all services, receiving a joint award and recognition from the Commanding General.

1996-2002, CAPTAIN, UNITED STATES ARMY

Successfully led teams of soldiers in South Korea and Kansas in several functional areas – operations, logistics, training, and planning – with increasing levels of responsibility.

- Battalion Maintenance Officer for a 750-soldier unit, supporting maintenance readiness for over 500 wheel and track vehicles: designed and implemented maintenance consolidation plan by leading 105 mechanic and supply personnel across 5 organizations, increasing equipment readiness rates from 85% to 95%.
- Created mobile maintenance teams specializing in on-site inspection procedures for 50 supported organizations, resulting in 35% average equipment downtime reduction—from 22 days to less than 14 days.
- Implemented and staffed the first base emergency operations center in southern Korea, with 15 members from five agencies and three locations, leading to the command's first successful base crisis response exercise.

Education / Credentials

Master of Business Administration

Florida State University
Tallahassee, FL

- Member of Beta Gamma Sigma, National Business Honor Society, 2009

Bachelor of Arts

East Asian Studies

The Pennsylvania State University
Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea

- Graduated 3.53 GPA in major.
- Commissioned Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army; ROTC Vice Provost Award Honoree for Outstanding Scholar-Leader.
- Korean Linguist: conversation, reading, writing study at Yonsei University, September 1994 – March 1995.

Combined Logistics Career Course

Army Logistics Management College
Fort Lee, VA

- Superior Logistician Award Designee: top 6 of 84 U.S. Army Logistics Officers.
- Commandant's List Graduate: top 10% academically.

Professional Credentials

- Federal TS/SCI Clearance, granted December 2010.
- Former Associate Professor of Military Science (APMS), Craig School of Business, Department of Military Science, California State University – Fresno.



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City Clerk's Office

June 17, 2011

Visalia City Council
425 E. Oak, Suite 301
Visalia, Ca 93291

Honorable Mayor Link and Members of Council;

I am expressing my interest in the open council seat vacated by Mr. Mike Lane. My desire is to participate in the long term success and vitality of our community through this avenue of public engagement. As a businesswoman and committed resident, my goals are threefold; economic growth and sustainability, strong support for public safety services and advocacy for our constituents. These are the core principles that will guide me through my term should I be appointed to Visalia City Council.

Originally born in Bakersfield, My family and I moved to Visalia in the spring of 1991 and have since become proud to call ourselves Visalians. During those early years, we raised our two daughters while I continued my education at College of the Sequoias and became very active within the Visalia School system helping to implement improved curriculum at the Elementary level. My public service includes past President of the Parent Teacher Association for two years. Since completion of my schooling, my corporate experience includes; working for Kraft Foods – Visalia and Kaweah Delta Health Care District within the Finance Department.

My husband and I achieved our vision of opening the doors to our own business venture in 2004, Harrison Security Services Inc., a private security company with over 50 employees and annual sales exceeding 1.2M dollars. In addition to being an owner in this corporation, I currently serve as the Chief Financial Officer. As a small business owner, I am proud to note that even in this economy, this is a vision which became a reality through a commitment to sweat equity, strong management, and sound fiscal responsibility, with positive gains since inception

I respectfully submit this letter of interest because I believe to be a strong candidate for this position based on my qualifications and my desire to serve the community of Visalia above all else.

Regards,

Monica Hernandez~Turnquist

Donjia Huffmon

From: hssmonica@aol.com
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2011 11:30 AM
To: Donjia Huffmon
Subject: Letter of interest 6/17/11
Attachments: Council letter 6-17-11 B.doc

Attached is my letter of interest for council vacancy.

Regards,

Monica Hernandez~Turnquist
559-635-1171 office
559-805-6587 cell
559-635-2237 fax

June 16th, 2011

Ms. Leslie Caviglia
Deputy City Manager
City of Visalia
425 E. Oak, Suite 301
Visalia, CA 93291

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Daniel Hoskin
Mailing Address:
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Visalia, CA 93290-6670

(h): (559) 429-4355
(c): (559) 623-7710

RE: Vacant City Council position

Dear Ms. Caviglia,
I'm very interested in the vacant City Council position for the City of Visalia

I have been a resident of Visalia for 3 years. My wife of 17 years is a homemaker and our 4 boys attend Emanuel Hernandez Elementary, Green Acres Middle School and Redwood High School.

My full time position is Chief Executive Officer for HLA Construction Services, a newly formed Construction Management firm located here in the great City of Visalia. I bring a unique talent that combines experience in Facilities, Engineering, Environmental Health & Safety and Project Manager which allow me to utilize a wealth of experience and information to establish long term relationships.

I also believe my experience over the years working closely with various corporate senior management and finance departments on master planning and annual capital budgets is a great asset.

I have a keen interest in helping the city find solutions to problems that hinder the citizens and neighborhoods in our community. I'm involved in the cub scouts and its various community projects as well as regularly visiting local senior centers and men's shelters through my church.

Sincerely,



Dan Hoskin
Home: 2756 N. Crowe Court
Visalia, CA 93291
Phone: (h) 559-429-4355
(c) 550-623-7710
Email: dhoskin@hla-cs.com

Gil Jaramillo
3125 W. Monte Vista Ct.
Visalia Ca 93277
559) 733-2740
559) 623-4518(c)

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Letter of Interest

It is with great honor that I submit this letter of Interest for consideration by the Visalia City Council for the interim council member position. I believe I possess the experience and talents that would be an asset to the City of Visalia and its residents.

I offer thirty years financial (banking) experience retiring as a Vice President Manager for Bank of America, nine years working with a local non-profit organization, Tulare Kings Hispanic Chamber and the last three counseling clients in economic development in the City of Visalia and Tulare/Kings County.

During this time I have participated in numerous community boards, committees and panels including Visalia Leadership Steering Committees, Visalia School Bond (Measure M), Tulare County Measure R Transportation Tax Initiative, City of Visalia Community Review panel for City Deputy Fire Chief and City of Visalia Economic Development and Housing Director, to name a few. I served on the Kaweah District Hospital Foundation Board. I also served on the Visalia Cemetery District Board and on the Tulare County Assn of Government (TCAG) as a Board Alternate.

As editor of the Tulare Kings Hispanic Times Newsletter I have become familiar with, and made numerous friends with local community organizations and Chamber Offices throughout Tulare and Kings Counties.

In addition, recent awards and recognitions include:

Cesar Chavez Service With Heart 2008
SBDC Certified Business Advisor 2009
TKHCC Man of the Year 2009
City of Visalia Proclamation proclaiming Small Business Week 2010
Tulare County Hispanic Roundtable Hispanic Heritage Award "Community Development" 2010
TKHCC "Partner of the Year" 2010
City of Visalia Proclamation proclaiming Small Business Week 2011
TKHCC Cinco de Mayo Grand Marshall 2011

I come with no bias, prejudice, or pre-conceived ideas. I offer an open mind, ability to listen and assimilate ideas and suggestions and can make decisions with conviction.

I believe I can represent the citizens and City of Visalia appropriately in its mission and vision.



Thursday June 16, 2011

Received
JUN 16 2011
City Clerk's Office

Dear Visalia City Council

Hello my name is Robert Lizardo and I am interested in filling the vacant seat that was left by Michael Lane.

I am currently employed at Kaweah Delta Hospital as a Network Analyst and have been working at the hospital for over 13 years now.

Besides my position at the hospital I am also a sitting member of our Hospital Employee Council otherwise known as the STARRS committee, a committee made from employees, for the employees.

As far as qualifications for this position I have been involved with the Chamber of Commerce in the past when I was a General Manager for Sizzler and Applebee's I was very active in and out of the community.

My goal is to work closely with the organizations helping in revitalizing the Oval and helping put an end to our local poverty, homelessness and hunger in Visalia.

I also own a Mobile dj business and I'm very active in my community, such as the Relay for Life , Hospital functions, fundraisers, and anything or anyone whom needs a louder voice out there.

In closing I hope you consider me to sit next to you and bring new and fresh ideals to our great city.

Sincerely,

Robert Lizardo

559-734-9783

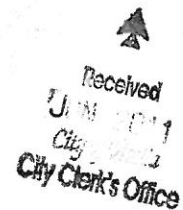
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER VACANCY

MY NAME IS JERRY LYERLA, I HAVE LIVED AT MY HOME 5718 WEST CHERRY CT VISALIA CA. FOR THE PAST 13 YEARS. I AM SEEKING THIS APPOINTMENT, AS I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN IN FAVOR OF A WELL ORGANIZED GOVERMENT. I THINK ITS MY TOME TO OFFER MY HELP.

MY BACKGROUND IS AS FOLLOWS 7 YEARS IN MANGEMENT SAN MATEO PARKS DEPT. 4 YEARS PARK & REC. SUPERINTENDENT, SAUSALITO CA. 6 YEARS IN THE SAME CAPICITY FOSTER CITY CA. 3 YEARS AS DIRECTER OF OPERATIOIS SANTA CRUZ UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. GRADUATE OF SAN JOSE UNIV. I NOW FOR THE PAST 5 YEARS THE MANAGER OF THE PARLIER CA. CEMETERY.

I AM SURE I CAN MAKE THIS APPOINTMENT A VERY HELPFUL AND KNOWLEGABLE SELECTION.

SINCERLY



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Parlier Cemetery District
Jerry Lyerla • General Manager



Jerry D. Lyerla
5718 W Cherry Ct
Visalia CA 93277-8870

P.O. Box 307
7932 S. Mendocino Ave.

Parlier, CA 93648
(559) 646-2440

Michael (Mike) Mackey
706 S. Oak Park St. #A
Visalia, California 93277
559-679-2353



I have lived in Visalia 61 years, I have taught 33 years at Green Acres Middle School, and worked Aquatics and Recreation for the City of Visalia for 35 years. I am a registered voter.

My reasons for wanting to get involved with the City Council are varied but they all refer back to a Central theme.

I want to see our city continue to support our kids in a proactive manner. Such things as the Loop Bus Routes, our After School Programs, our Public Swim and Recreation venues need to be continued and improved. These are such important tools in our battle against street gangs and the resulting problems they cause involving our youth.

Our Senior and Handicapped populations need continuing support and proactive planning to enable them to access even more of our wonderful City's Resources.

Our Homeless population needs to be serviced. I have no current ideas on how to address this Concern right now. But I am willing to listen and explore any options.

Having taught and visited on the North Side of Visalia for many years, the problems they are dealing With, are close to my heart. The Lincoln Oval Park is the Heart and soul of this community. I have many fond memories of Christmas and Easter there. The Recreation Park and Pool, the City Library and the Lincoln Oval Park, carry so many warm childhood memories, that the struggle to regain the use of and restore these venues to their original glory is my final individual reason for applying to join the Council.

To conclude; My reasons for desiring to join the City Council is the total sum of my individual Reasons and that is to support and manage our Cities growth, problems and opportunities, so we can Maintain the "Warm Hometown" feeling that truly Makes Us the "**Jewel of the Valley**".

Qualifications

Offices

1. State President

2004-2005,

California Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance

2. State vice- president

Boys and Men's Athletics

2001-2002

California Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance

3. Central District President

1989-2000

California Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance

Committees

City of Visalia

Recreation Aquatics committee (Adhoc)

"What do we want to do in the future with Visalia's Aquatic facilities"

California Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance

1. State Legislative advocacy committee
2. State Middle school Task force
3. State Aquatics section
4. State Health and Physical Education Curriculum revision Committee

Visalia Unified School District

1. Curriculum Committee for Middle School Physical Education
2. Middle School Health Framework committee
3. Middle School Health Curriculum Development committee

Presentations

I have presented at many local, State and National Conferences on a multitude of Physical education topics

Donjia Huffmon

From: William Martin <wam01@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 2:37 PM
To: Donjia Huffmon
Subject: Vacant Council Position
Attachments: WAMartin-Backgrounder-061611.vw.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Greetings Council members:

I have been asked by several people to place my name in the hat for appointment to the City Council position vacated by Mike Lane.

I was born in Visalia. Murray Street is named after my Great Grandmother's maiden name, an original Fort Visalia family. My mother was raised in a still standing historic home at 535 N. Locust Street; so historic preservation is a high priority for me. In fact I own Visalia's oldest commercial building, the Palace Hotel at Court and Main, along with 5 other buildings in the downtown core plus one building on Pershing in the Industrial Park.

While I am the only applicant you will review who has successfully facilitated the development of a super regional development along Fwy 99 and could be an invaluable resource for such a development in the future, it is important to remember that the "soul" of every community is its downtown. Along with our symphony, our baseball team, and our 57 restaurants, downtown Visalia is truly the jewel of the Valley and must remain that way! While I fully support bike paths, public transportation, and the preservation of prime farm land, I am not opposed to sound "Smart Growth" developments such as those envisioned in concepts A and B of the conceptual general plan update, where citizens live within walking and biking distance of the services provided.

As you can see from the attached backgrounder I've done just about everything related to several diverse professions since returning from Oregon in 1978, where I was chairperson of the Benton County future goals steering committee, a mandated product of the nations first comprehensive land use planning bill.

Most importantly, as noted in my backgrounder, I'm non-partisan. I'm interested in solving problems and doing the right thing for all concerned, not taking sides on issues.

Feel free to contact me for further discussion.

Regards,

William A. Martin
Managing Member/ Owner
Martin & Martin Properties, LLC
4125 W. Noble Ave. Suite 381
Visalia, CA 93277
Office: 559.625.9089
Cell: 559.731.2623
wmartin@martin-enterprises.net



I do business using the Four-Way Test of Rotary:
1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Does it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

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Visalia, CA 93277
Residence:
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Visalia, CA 9321
Phone #: 559.741.9069
FAX #: 559.741.9051
wam01@comcast.net

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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|-----------------------|--|
| Age | 64 |
| Marital Status | 11 years with life partner, Susan Mathews |
| Children | One son, Joshua Martin, age 30 |
| Hobbies | Politics, Community Service, Personal Training, Health & Nutrition, Most Outdoor Activities (including golf) |
| Health | Excellent |

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Over the years I have shared my strong negotiating, business logic, and people skills with a number of organizations with the goal of improving our local community, county, state and country.

While raising a son from age 8, who graduated several years ago with numerous honors from USC, including student body treasurer, I have successfully grown a diverse portfolio of commercial real estate holdings for the Martin family office. This began with family agriculture property located in the central San Joaquin Valley in Tulare County, CA. The portfolio began our vision of bringing needed retail and jobs to the area without compromising sound "Smart Growth" planning principles. We started by parceling off some property located on freeway 99 in Tulare, CA and selling it to K-Mart to build one of the first of its new line of larger stores. This was followed by additional land sales to build a Mervyn's strip center adjacent to K-Mart, which was followed by bringing in a Factory Outlet Center Developer to buy and develop the adjacent parcels into phases I, II, III, and soon to be phases IV and V of the Tulare Factory Outlet Center, now called; Preferred Outlets at Tulare. My consulting company, Martin Enterprises, was employed and involved throughout the Tulare development process and the vision of Martin Enterprises was primarily responsible for the road master planning that has taken place since 1995 east of HWY 99 at Prosperity and Hillman.

With the proceeds from those sales we have acquired several income producing properties in California, Idaho, and Colorado, including over 100,000 square feet in 6 buildings in the downtown core of Visalia, CA. and one 10,000 square foot building on Pershing in the Visalia Industrial Park.

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

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| 1987 - Present | Managing Member, Martin and Martin Properties, LLC. The Martin Family Office owns over 100,000 square feet in the downtown core of Visalia as well as various properties in Idaho and Colorado. |
| 1990 - Present | President, Martin Enterprises, Inc., a diverse consulting business that provides development consultation and property management. |
| 1996 - Present | Member of the Noverus, Inc. Advisory Board. Provides strategic financial and communication planning. |
| 1976 - 1996 | Owner of LKM Ranches which farmed and leased over 200 acres of walnuts and plums and provided agricultural and business consulting services. |
| 1971 - 1976 | Served as Campus Minister to Oregon State University, taught in Religious Studies and Environmental Studies Departments at Oregon State, and served as associate and later as interim pastor to First Congregational Church of Corvallis, Oregon. |

EDUCATION

1972 San Francisco Theological Seminary
 Master of Divinity Degree

1971 Graduate Theological Union In Berkeley
 Masters Program: "Environmental Theology"

1969 University of Redlands
 B. A.: "Economics"

COMMUNITY SERVICE

| | LEVEL OF INVOLVEMENT | TIME |
|--|--|-------------|
| PBID Board of Directors | 2 year Chair person overseeing the successful PBID 10 year renewal process. | 4 years |
| Chamber of Commerce Government Action Committee | Cultural Arts and General Plan Update subcommittee's | 2 years |
| Visalia County Center Rotary | Paul Harris Society Member, Karl Weiss Fellow, Major Donor, Major benefactor. District 5230 President of the year, 2008-09, District Governor Special Representative 2010-11. SAA Chair 2011 District Conference | 28 years |
| Mineral King Preservation Society | Founder, Two term President. MK now protected and on National Register of Historical Places. | 30 years |
| Mineral King District Association | Three term Pres., Three term Sec. Helped write and pass bill to place Mineral King into Sequoia Nat'l Park | 38 years |
| Tulare County Family Planning | Board of Directors, many Sub-Committees | 6 years |
| Visalia Cultural Arts Committee | Secretary/Recorder/Sub-committees Chairperson. | 6 years |
| Visalia Interchurch Fellowship | Two term President, helped create Tulare Co. Food Resource Bank, Drug half/way house, senior housing complex, world food day, CROP Walk, The Rescue Mission, and Family Services. | 17 years |
| Visalia Emergency Aid | Board of Directors | 4 years |
| State Campus Ministry Board | Board of Directors | 4 years |
| Church and Mission Committee, United Church of Christ | Resource Team to provide support resources to N. California Churches. | 5 years |
| Diamond Walnut Advisory Board | Board of Directors | 2 years |
| Tulare Congregational Church | Ch. Stewardship Committee, Church and Society Committee, Leadership | 10 years |
| Visalia Education Foundation | Board of Directors | 6 years |
| Coaching | City League Youth Basketball, Co-founder, college basketball & high school booster clubs | 9 years |

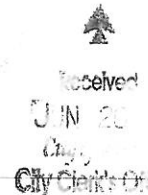
REFERENCES

Available upon request.

5019 W. Grove Ave.

Visalia, CA 93291

June 14, 2011



The Visalia City Council

425 E. Oak Street, Suite 301

Visalia, CA 93291

Dear Gentilepersons:

Please accept this correspondence as my request for an interview which might lead to an appointment to the Visalia City Council to complete the term vacated by Mike Lane. My interest in the aforementioned term simply grows out of my desire to serve the community and city which, in 1990, embraced my wife and me with warmth and apparent affection.

Over the twenty-one years that I have resided in Visalia, I have occasioned to serve on a number of boards which have afforded me the satisfaction that I was, to some limited extent, giving back to this gracious community: Citizen's Advisory Committee, Visalia Unified School District's Board of Governing Trustees, Tulare County's Select Committee on the History of Agriculture and Farm Labor Museum, and Visalia Unified School District's Committee on Redistricting. Additionally, I have served on a number of non-profit boards including the Visalia Rotary Community Foundation, Tulare County Hospice Board, and the Boys & Girls Club. I have made site inspections for United Way and contracted with Kaweah Delta Health District to do a research project around the District's level of efficacy and compliance in the area of cultural diversity.

At the risk of sounding self-aggrandizing, I add here that I am a retired academic who would probably bring to the task the requisite skills necessary to understand, clearly, the issues that come before the Council. An opportunity to serve the citizens of this special community on the Council would be the ultimate in my quest to give back. Thank you for your time and attention to this letter.

Looking forward,


Milt Morrison

Donjia Huffmon

From: Milton Morrison <poseducate@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 9:10 PM
To: Donjia Huffmon
Subject: Letter of Intent
Attachments: 5019 W.docx

I have submitted a letter of intent requesting consideration from the Council for an interview to replace Mike Lane. That letter was submitted to you through the Visalia Human Resources Department on this date, June 14, 2011. Subsequent to my submittal I received an e-mail giving instructions for the submittal, so I am resubmitting via e-mail and including my telephone number and e-mail address.

Telephone: (559) 739 7729 - Land
(559) 679 1466 - Cell

E-mail: poseducate@hotmail.com

***Looking forward,
Milt Morrison***



Received
JUN 2011
City of Seattle
City Clerk's Office

City Council Position

June 17,2011

Justin Mosley



Friday, June 17, 2011

Dear Mayor Bob Link and City Council Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to be considered for the vacant City Council position.

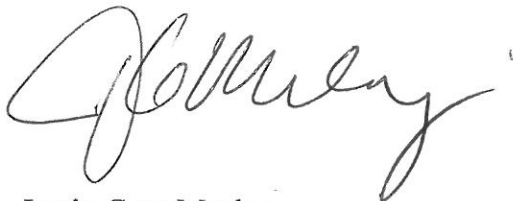
I have a strong commitment to and understanding of Visalia's community, as I have been involved in such programs as Rotary, the Kaweah Delta Hospital Foundation, the College of Sequoias Foundation, and the Sheriff's Citizen Advisory Committee.

Over the years I have gained extensive experience in building community awareness, organizing fundraisers for charities, developing working relationships between the community and local businesses, working with government, and serving as a business and vocational mentor to high school students. I have been a part of the development of many new businesses in our community while independently managing my own for the last decade. I was elected Rotary President of the Year for District 5230 for having successfully coordinated a number of new public awareness programs, generating financial support from local citizens and organizations, and gaining tangible community outcomes.

If appointed, I will have the opportunity to reach out to more communities and individuals of Visalia. I plan to foster collaboration between our local government and our citizens, adding to the already inspiring sense of community our city offers.

I possess outstanding communications skills, a solid work ethic, proven management skills and a dynamic and committed approach to getting results. My strengths and skills make me the perfect fit for this position and I look forward to meeting with you to discuss this opportunity further.

Thank you for your time,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justin Mosley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "M".

Justin Gary Mosley

Mosley4476@sbcglobal.net

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1901 S. Royal Oaks
Visalia, CA 93277

RESUME

Justin Mosley

1901 South Royal Oaks

Visalia, Ca. 93277

Tel: (559) 799-2331

Email: mosley4476@sbcglobal.net

EDUCATION

1995-1997 **BA** **California Lutheran University**
Political Science, Pre-Law
Thousand Oaks, Ca.

1993-1995 **AA** **College of the Sequoias**
Liberal Arts
Visalia, Ca.

RESUME

Work Experience

2006- Present

Jared W. Mosley D.D.S. Inc.

Board Director, C.F.O

Function: Manage office staff. Negotiate buyouts of dental practices. Coordinate office construction.

1998-Present

Self Employed

Bothof's Bakery

Function: Manage staff and operate all inventory. Responsible for sales and service, hiring staff, accounting and negotiating bank notes.

1997-1998

Kent Landsberg Co.

Montebello, Ca.

Function: Responsible for outside sales. Traveled the U.S. and managed accounts activities. Set up sales meetings and watched inventory control.

1986-2006

McWilliams and Mosley Clothing

Visalia, Ca.

Function: Shadowed management, and worked on the sales floor. Learned how to buy inventory. Maintained up keep of store facilities.

RESUME

Community Service

1999-Present

Rotary of Visalia

Visalia, Ca.

Function: Reside on Board of Directors. Currently President. Manage Dwelle Family Scholarship, Literacy Program, Crime and Violence, High School Awards.

2002-2009

C.O.S. Foundation

Visalia, Ca.

Function: Resided on Board of Director. Currently Secretary of Foundation. Administered Scholarships. Helped the advancement of education throughout the county.

2002-Present

Kaweah Delta Hospital Foundation

Visalia, Ca.

Function: Serve as Board member. Procure funds for the future hospital facilities that promote awareness of health care issues community wide.

2004-2006

Creative Center

Visalia, Ca.

Function: Served as a Board Member. Helped to sustain funds for the Educational Center.

Donjia Huffmon

From: Sean Mulhair <tasmaniantiger@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 2:38 AM
To: Donjia Huffmon
Subject: Letter of interest for council vacancy, City of Visalia.

I am currently appointed to the Citizens Advisory Committee as an alternate member for the July 2011-July 2013 term. I have been a supply officer in the U.S. Navy and more recently I have experience with Hazmat Trucking, CDL law, and public affairs. On May 25 I have met with state representatives in the office of Connie Conway representing Resources for Independence discussing the lack of support and attention Tulare County receives; we are being pushed back into legislative limbo and forgotten. Visalia needs more local events to raise money for itself independently without a tax burden or waiting for state funding that never arrives. Visalia should be promoted as a artist community and develop a larger locally focused nightlife; this has revitalized many failing downtowns inexpensively and we need a younger educated adult population that will actually live here after high school/COS/university. I say this because Visalia is distinguished from other Valley cities by it's bohemian vibe, historic buildings, live music, and proximity to several natural preserves; ingredients for a 24-hour city. Visalia may be too early to see lofts and a major gallery anytime soon but we already have several untapped underground scenes and the potential for the vacant buildings and dead spaces in Visalia to be filled with unique eclectic micro-businesses that do not cannibalize existing local establishments and encourage community involvement and pride. We need a stronger internal economy with our citizens and I am sick and tired of layoffs for Police, Correctional Officers, Teachers, and Firefighters in the San Joaquin Valley, they are mandatory ingredients for a functional population to exist, not legislative extras. My main focus is our quality of life and our identity as a highly active community unique onto itself.

Thank you for your time,
Sean Robert Mulhair.
(Visalia resident since June 1993/registered voter).

You can contact me at:

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Visalia, CA
93292

(559)-798-2504

E-Mail: tasmaniantiger@att.net



Received
JUN 20 11
City Clerk's Office

Dear Council Members:

Should you decide to fill the vacant City Council position by appointment I would like to submit my name for your consideration. I am Steve Natoli, Professor of History at College of the Sequoias and a Visalia resident for twelve years.

When we moved to Visalia my family and I were enchanted by the city's vibrant downtown, beautiful trees, extensive park system and proximity to the recreational opportunities of the Sierra Nevada. We were also excited about the high repute of the public school system, from which both of our daughters have now graduated, and the many cultural resources Visalia has to offer. It very obviously was and is a well-run city.

Now in the current time of limits, the city is challenged to set priorities and provide essential services in difficult financial circumstances. As a Council member, I would bring mature judgment and strong people skills to the task of helping provide our citizens with the quality of life Visalians expect given the resources we have at our disposal.

I believe in fiscal responsibility and growing our economic base. I believe in planning that grows from the inside out and limits sprawl. I believe in a clean city where public safety, good schools and efficient services go hand in hand with a spirit of down-home neighborliness that puts people first and gives them scope to grow and realize their dreams.

I believe in a common sense regulatory posture. We need sufficient rules in society to ensure honesty and to protect people's health, safety and well-being. What we do not need are onerous and cumbersome rules that restrict opportunity. When planning for growth we must ensure that any additional obligations it imposes on the city's resources are realistically provided for.

At College of the Sequoias I have engaged in a number of leadership positions. I was President of the Academic Senate for four years (2004-2008) as we transitioned from a very difficult period into the dynamic tenures of Don Goodyear and Bill Scroggins. In that position I had to help coordinate the varying perspectives of administration, faculty and community in reaching outcomes that best served our students. I am currently a faculty chair on the section of the COS Accreditation effort that deals with Resources: Human, Technological, Physical and Financial. I teach teacher-training sessions for the County Office of Education. I was the 2010 COS nominee for Tulare County Teacher of the Year.

In the community I am an active church member, season ticket subscriber to the Tulare County Symphony, and strong supporter of the Salvation Army, Sequoia Riverlands Trust and Public Library.

My educational background includes a Bachelor's of Arts in Political Science and History from Claremont McKenna College, a Master's Degree in Education and Single-

Subject and Multiple Subject Teaching Credentials from Claremont Graduate School, and a Master's Degree in History from California State University, Fullerton.

If you desire references I would ask you to contact any of the COS Presidents with whom I have worked, Bill Scroggins, Don Goodyear or our new interim, Brent Calvin, about my qualifications, aptitude, work ethic and suitability for the position.

Thank you for your consideration.

Steve Natoli
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June 16, 2011

Leslie Caviglia
Deputy City Manager
City of Visalia
425 W. Oak Ave.
Visalia, CA 93291

Received
JUN 20 11
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Ms. Caviglia,

I'm writing this letter to express my interest in being appointed to fill the City Council position left vacant by the resignation of Michael Lane. I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve the community over the past decade and would be honored to continue that service as a Council member if the Council determines that my qualifications are best suited to fill the vacant position.

For the past five years, I have served on the Planning Commission for the City of Visalia. Over my tenure on the Commission, I've had the opportunity to participate in many land use decisions facing the City; from large projects such as the Plaza Business Park and Orchard Walk Shopping Center to hundreds of smaller Conditional Use Permits and Variances. Deliberating, and ultimately ruling on, these issues has instructed me on the value of quality land use planning and substantiated the impact of decades of rigorous work by City leaders to remain the "Jewel of the Valley" by encouraging quality growth while maintaining a high quality of life and protecting our natural resources.

My service to the City of Visalia began before my appointment to the Planning Commission. From 2001 through 2005 I was a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). While serving on the CAC, I had the opportunity to work on a broad range of matters. As Chair of various subcommittees and eventually Chair of the CAC, I had the opportunity to work on issues such as:

- Providing oversight of the use of Measure T funds
- Revising the process for funding non-profits and providing funding recommendations to Council
- Conducting and presenting the Annual Public Opinion Survey
- Managing the procurement process for the contract to provide services at the Wittman Center
- Conducting the Council Compensation Survey

Serving on the CAC, with other service-minded community members, reinforced my belief that we can't sit on the sidelines and "hope" we continue to have a community where our kids will choose to raise their families. We are benefitting from the investment made by past community leaders and citizens must continue to step up to serve so that our children can reap the dividends of our efforts.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to be considered for the vacant position on City Council. If selected, I would be honored to take on this new role in serving the community. If not, I will gladly continue to serve the community through my position on the Planning Commission.

My contact information is:

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Visalia, CA 93291
559-740-4055
peck.adam@gmail.com

I have also attached my resume to provide a more detailed overview of my experience and education. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding my interest in this position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Adam Peck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Adam Peck

Adam Peck

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Summary of Qualifications

- Experience providing technical assistance and training to subcontractors, employees and clients
- Background in negotiating, implementing and monitoring contract agreements
- Ability to interpret and ensure compliance with complex laws, regulations and contracts
- Experience developing budgets including determining cost effectiveness, reviewing expenditures, and checking cost categories to monitor consistency with federal, state and local requirements

Professional Experience

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD OF TULARE COUNTY

Executive Director, 2007-Present

Maintain liaison with public and private employers, civic organizations and community groups having an interest in workforce development programs; Plan, direct and coordinate the operations of the Workforce Investment Board; evaluate requests for program funding and make recommendations to the Workforce Investment Board; oversee the preparation of agendas, briefing materials and minutes of meetings; maintain liaison with regional, State, Federal and County officials; remain aware of program funding opportunities and guidelines regulating program operations; oversee the preparation of contracts with service providers; analyze financial statements and special reports; define goals and procedures to assure quality planning; direct and plan public relations efforts involving WIB plans and activities; provide leadership in developing interest in and understanding of the needs of low income people and dislocated workers and propose plans by which these needs might be met.

COLLEGE OF THE SEQUOIAS

Project Director, Nursing Capacity Building Program, 2003-Present

Administered the daily activities of a grant focused on expanding the size of the COS Registered Nursing program. Managed grant budgets ensuring that project fiscal policies and procedures are followed. Advised and assisted in the procurement and proper distribution of, and accounting for, all grant acquired equipment. Responsible for cultivating new funding opportunities within the Nursing and Allied Health areas.

TULARE COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT DEPARTMENT

Workforce Development Senior Analyst, 1998-2003

Provided oversight for the implementation and administration of the Welfare-to-Work (WtW) Grant Program. Responsible for the development and execution of policies and procedures to ensure successful, local collaboration between the Workforce Investment Department, TulareWORKS and service providers. Accountable for the compliance of programs with complex laws, regulations and contract agreements. Tasked with leading special projects and developing proposals in response to state and federal grant solicitations.

Job Training Specialist, 1997-1998

Performed in-depth assessment of job seeking client's knowledge, skills, abilities, work experience, educational background and interests. Performed case management activities involving the development and implementation of individual training plans. Monitored and evaluated client progress. Coordinated and conducted in-house training, orientations and workshops. Represented the agency before employer groups and at community functions.

VALLEY STAFFING SERVICES

Staffing Coordinator, 1996-1997

Recruited, screened and hired employees to be placed in temporary assignments. Worked with employers in determining their staffing needs and provided them with employees with the appropriate aptitudes and experience. Monitored the performance of employees through continued communication with supervisors. Counseled, reprimanded or dismissed employees whose work performance fell below acceptable levels.

VALLEY SPORTS

Store Manager, 1991-1996

Directed daily operations of 18,000 square foot sporting goods store with 20+ sales associates and an annual sales volume of \$1.5 million. Responsible for meeting sales and payroll goals while establishing the highest standards of customer service. Interviewed, hired and trained new employees. Coordinated work schedules to fit within the parameters of payroll goals, customer flow and employee availability. In charge of the reconciliation of cash receipts and daily deposits. Held the positions of Assistant Store Manager and Sales Associate prior to being designated store manager.

Education

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO

Master of Public Administration 2004

Bachelor of Arts, Sociology 1995

Community Involvement

CALIFORNIA WORKFORCE ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2008-Present

VISALIA PLANNING COMMISSION

2006-Present

VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S FACILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2006-Present

VISALIA CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2001-2005

VISALIA DOWNTOWN ROTARY CLUB

2006-Present

LITA REID

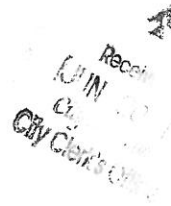
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Phone/Fax 559 636-2773

June 17, 2011

Visalia City Council
Visalia City Hall
707 W. Acequia Avenue
Visalia, California 93291



Honorable City Council,

Thank you for your invitation to Visalia residents to fill a current vacancy on the Visalia City Council. I welcome the opportunity to help my city preserve its fine character. I would appreciate your consideration based on knowledge and experience that are needed to help Visalia through current economic and development challenges.

My qualifications are based on my experience as a newspaper editor and reporter covering government at all levels. When I worked for the Daily Independent in Ridgecrest (Kern County) our primary interests were Ridgecrest City Council along with Kern County and the school district. I served on a master plan advisory committee. I provided our readers with detailed analysis of local issues. I analyzed environmental impact reports for local development and for area planning such as the Desert Plan for desert areas extending to Death Valley. I also was appointed by our county supervisor to serve on the Kern County Alcohol Advisory Board.

After moving to Visalia to open my solo law practice in 1998, I was appointed to the Regional Retail Growth Task Force with the recommendation of the League of Women Voters. My prescient recommendation to that group was that growth in neighboring cities and competition for regional trade made it imperative that we also support development of business other than retail.

I then was appointed to the Visalia Environmental Committee and served for six years. In April 1999, I realized that my new city had no observation of Earth Day. Based on my recommendation, Visalia celebrated Earth Day in 2000 and has done so ever since. I served on the Environmental Committee until I was termed out.

Based on my background, I am prepared to participate fully with other council members during the short appointive term.

Additional information and references are available on request. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lita Reid

LITA REID
ATTORNEY AT LAW
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Visalia, California 93291

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Vitae

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

LEGAL

Admitted to State Bar of California in 1998. SBN 195153

ATTORNEY

May 1998 to Present

Private law practice in Visalia as solo practitioner in general law. Practice includes personal injury, family law, estate practice, contracts and real property, adoption, public entity disability, criminal, juvenile dependency and delinquency, guardianship, workers compensation, unlawful detainer and defamation.

RIDGECREST SCHOOL OF LAW

1993-1997

Graduated from four-year part-time program with juris doctor degree. Studies included research projects for local attorney. Worked as temporary, part-time legal secretary in 1993.

EDUCATION

Ridgecrest School of Law, juris doctor, 1997. Continuing education courses in family law, probate, litigation, evidence and others.

UCLA music major (1948 - 1950). American River College and Sacramento State University, journalism-government major (1968-1971). Variety of other college-level classes.

WRITER

FREELANCE WRITER

1986-1993

Contributed articles to The Daily Independent, Bakersfield Californian, Associated Press and an independent publication on teenage alcoholism. Published and distributed quarterly newsletter in 1993 under contract with Indian Wells Valley Water District.

EDITOR

THE DAILY INDEPENDENT, Ridgecrest, California.

1973-1986

As city editor, had primary responsibility for news content of five-day daily newspaper and for the newspaper's role in the community through numerous public service projects.

Covered primarily local news and with attention to national and international developments as they impacted on the local defense community. Local coverage included civil and criminal court activity, elections and local government, including development of city, county and school and water district policies, finances and labor relations.

Responsibilities included employment and assignment of reporters and photographers, page content and layout, news and editorial page writing and production, promotion for newspaper-sponsored community service projects. Responsible as computer systems coordinator for coordination and maintenance of editorial and composing room computers.

CORRESPONDENT

SACRAMENTO BEE, Sacramento, California

1970-1972

Responsible as West El Dorado County correspondent for monitoring, reporting and photographing community events.

FOLSOM TELEGRAPH, Folsom, California

1970-1972

Reported on community events through news reports and weekly column.

AWARDS

Tulare County Bar Association Pro Bono Award, 2004. Newspaper individual and staff awards included CNPA first place for spot news (individual) and several for lifestyle sections (staff), John Swett Award for educational reporting from California Teachers Association, ARC Golden Rule Award (Clair Burgener Public Information Award) for coverage of retarded association programs, Ridgecrest city seal for service to city.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Member of the City of Visalia Environmental Committee. Served on City of Visalia Regional Retail Growth Task Force. Served on Valley Improvement Project of IWV 2000 economic development committee, Kern County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board, United Way, Cerro Coso Community College Fire Mountain Foundation, Ridgecrest-Tepátitlan Sister City Association, Ridgecrest Improvement Program, various general plan advisory committees.

ORGANIZATIONS

State Bar of California, American Bar Association, Tulare County Bar Association, League of Women Voters. Former member, Fresno Business Trial Lawyers Association, California Elected Women's Association for Education and Research, Kern County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board, Society of Professional Journalists, Investigative Reporters and Editors, Kern County Press Club.

PERSONAL

Born May 26, 1930, in Detroit, Mich. California resident since 1939. Widow. Two adult sons and two adult daughters.

REFERENCES

References available on request.

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Visalia, CA 93292

RE: Council Vacancy

To whomever it May Concern;

As per the Press Release dated June 14, 2011 I am submitting my letter of interest for the vacant council seat by the resignation of Michael Lane.

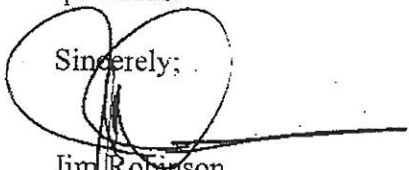
I have been a resident of Visalia since 1972 graduating from Mt. Whitney High School and the College of Sequoias. I have served as a member and chairman of the Northeast Visalia Advisory Committee, as a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee and am currently a member of the General Plan Advisory Committee. I am an Elder with the West Visalia church of Christ and the chairman of Pathfinder Christian Services (PCS manages an endowment fund that provides scholarships to students who want to attend college).

I am an owner and Managing Member of Longview Development Company, Central Valley Land Company and J.W. Robinson Consulting Services. My office is located at 401 N. Church Street. I have been in the Civil Engineering, Land Planning, Land Development and Home Building business in Visalia and the Central Valley since 1980.

I am interested in continuing my community service by filling the council vacancy until the November elections. I have served on numerous boards and commissions and understand the dynamics of working with the members of decision making bodies.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely;



Jim Robinson
3815 S. Rova Ct.
Visalia, CA 93277
(559) 732-2622 h, (559) 804-7419 c
jrobinson@longviewdev.com



June 16, 2011

Att: Visalia City Council

i am interested in the seat, because i can bring some good old common sense to the council. i will work for more funding for our Police & Fire Fire Departments. The safety ~~sur~~ of our citizens is the number one issue for me. i also worry about the farm lands, being uprooted, for more shopping centers and Housing Tracts. There will be a food shortage in this world one day. maybe we need to infill more. The many years i have lived in the city gives me a little experience. i have no major qualifications except maybe some common sense.

Sincerely yours

Peter Salerno
615 S. Church St. Apt. A.
Visalia, Co. 93277

559-732-9657

June 16, 2011

Visalia City Council
425 E. Oak Street Ste.301
Visalia, CA. 93291



Dear Council Members;

I have spend a life time in serving the community I live in, I believe that the City will still face some difficult time for the next couple of years. With my background and experience, I believe I can help the City to continue moving forward in maintaining the quality of life for our citizens.

I have achieved a track record of success as a professional in:

Housing, I have over 20 years in Real Estate Sales and Real Estate Financing, primarily in Residential Lending.

Land Use Planning, I have been on the City of Visalia Planning Commission for seven years. Served on the Smart Growth Committee and the General Plan Update Committee. Served three years on the City of Newark General Plan Update committee and Elected to the Newark City Council which in turn approved the General Plan As a member of the Newark City Council, we also served as the Redevelopment Agency for the City.

Business/Economic, as the past President of the Tulare/Kings Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for 2 years and member for six years, on the Visalia Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee for five year, as Associate Member of the Newark Chamber of Commerce for 13 years and served 3 years on the Executive Committee.

Financial Investments, as a Financial Advisor for the past five years, I analyzes and determine clients financial resources, needs and objectives; formulate strategies to meet their objectives; advise them on financial strategies and financial products; on appropriate financial transactions, including the purchase and sales financials products and review there progress towards their goals and objectives.

Twenty-Five years of professional experience in housing, financing, mortgage lending, Land use planning, business development, community and civic duties, has prepared me for the challenge in working on the behalf our communities.

I am looking forward to meeting with the City Council to discuss my qualifications and abilities. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Vincent Salinas
1247 E. Sunnyview Ave. Visalia, CA 93292
Phone: (559)905-4469 Wk. (559)638-2261

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Dear Council Members:

Please consider this letter as an indication of my very strong interest in replacing Michael Lane on the Visalia City Council. I have no interest in running for election in November 2011 but, would welcome the opportunity to join the City Council from now until November 2011.

My past experience would enable me to "hit the deck running." I have been a resident of Visalia since January 1977 and I am very proud of the many things I have been a part of in keeping Visalia as one of the finest Cities in all of California. Here is a summary of my experience and, hopefully, you will agree my past experience would enable you to make an easy decision:

- 1977 – Present Owner, Sharp Insurance Agency, Inc, Visalia, CA specializing in Commercial Insurance and Contractor Bonding
- Tulare-Kings Counties Agents Association, Board Member 4 years, President 1983-84
- Visalia YMCA, Board Member 5 years
- Mt. Whitney Boy Scouts, Board Member 4 years
- Tulare-Kings Counties Builders Exchange, Board Member 4 years
- Building Industry Association, Board Member
- Visalia County Club - Member
- Founding Director, Mineral King National Bank 1982-94
- Downtown Visalians, Board of Directors 1992-94, President 1994-95
- Visalia City Planning Commission, 1984-87
- Visalia City Council, 1987-91 [This was the Council that approved the current 2020 Plan and, I was an active participant from start to finish in the many discussions and ultimate approval of the current General Plan]
- Vice Mayor, City of Visalia 1989-1991
- Visalia Chamber of Commerce, Legislative Affairs Committee (Chairman 1993), Board of Directors 1992-96, President 1994-95

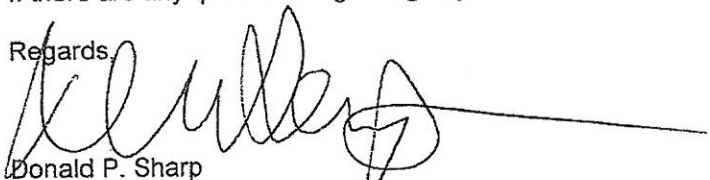
My home address is 2133 N Peppertree Ct, Visalia, CA 93291. I have been a registered voter since I moved to Visalia in 1977. I can be reached at the following numbers:

Office: 559/734-9246
Home: 559/734-7777
Cell : 559/696-1238

In closing, I know I have the time, energy and experience to serve again on the Visalia City Council and, I would deem it an honor to be appointed.

If there are any questions regarding any item in this letter, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards,


Donald P. Sharp

City of Visalia Administration
425 East Oak Ave., Suite 301
Visalia, CA 93291
cityclerk@ci.visalia.ca.us

June 17, 2011



RE: LETTER OF INTEREST FOR VACANT CITY COUNCIL POSITION

Sharon D. Sheltzer, registered voter

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sharondarchitect@yahoo.com

There are several reasons why I am interested in serving on the Visalia City Council. I have experience that will facilitate blending in more easily with the present council, I love to work towards the betterment of my community, and I believe that participation in government is important. I know that local decision makers have a significant impact on the quality of life in our very special city, and that these decisions require measured consideration including expertise, community and staff input and council member communication. I believe that my experiences will allow me to participate in this process in an effective way.

In my previous residency in Three Rivers I worked to improve the quality of life by spearheading bicycle paths through town, implementing and managing summer programs for children, participating as Vice-chair on the Recreation Commission, writing grants (and getting funded) for educational enrichment programs and the bike path, and volunteering in the classroom.

After moving to Visalia I became very familiar with city government while working as a Project Manager for seven years in the Redevelopment and Economic Development Department during a time period when many projects were being implemented. Some of my projects included the two police precinct stations, Oak Meadows Senior Housing, the Community Campus of Visalia, the Anthony Recreation Park Gymnasium, and the East Downtown Master Plan. I attended many City Council meetings, wrote staff reports and gave a number of presentations. During that time I worked with most of the departments and divisions including Administration, Finance, Engineering, GIS, Planning, Parks and Recreation, Waste Management, Police and Fire. I enjoyed participating as a City

representative on community organization boards such as the Downtown Visalians, the Continuum of Care and the Disability Advocacy Group. Several projects required considerable public input and I organized public outreach meetings, presentations and Advisory Committees.

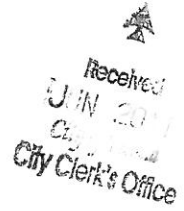
Presently in addition to part-time architectural work I am very involved in community work with County Center Rotary, the ImagineU Children's museum and Congregation B'nai David. In Rotary I am presently hosting a student from Turkey and I am the Compliance Manager for the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. I participate in mentoring programs, Habitat for Humanity projects and many other community events. I recently completed volunteer construction management for a new 5,000 square foot building for Congregation B'nai David.. For the museum I wrote a grant for a new 13,000 square foot museum/nature center and was recently awarded \$5,469,063 to build this state of the art facility in our city. I am providing project management services for the museum.

Much of my community and professional experience has provided training in gathering input from interested parties in order to make an informed decision. I am a trustworthy, diligent person, an informed citizen, and would be honored to serve on the City Council.

6435 W. Damsen Rd.
Visalia , CA 93291

June 17, 2011

Visalia City Clerk
City Of Visalia
425 E. Oak Ave., Suite 301.
Visalia CA 93291



Dear Mayor Link, Vice-Mayor Shuklian, Councilman Gubler, and Councilman Nelson.

My name is Roland Soltesz and this letter is my formal request to be considered for appointment to the vacant seat on the Visalia City Council.

From a very young age I have been interested in government. My father escaped from a communist country in the late 1950's and he always instilled in me a sense of civic obligation and mutual responsibility. I have lived in Visalia for many years and consider it a truly wonderful city, full of amazing and generous people. I truly believe that it is my obligation as a resident to do all I can to make it a better city. My background and experience is fairly broad and gives me a good foundation. I have a degree in Government/Economics from Pomona College. I have been a Deputy Public Defender for the last ten years. Before that I was a financial planner for 15 years. Currently in addition to being a member of the State Bar I hold a real estate brokers license.

I currently am a member of the Visalia Planning Commission. I believe this has given me a great foundation for working on the important general plan update. I am keenly aware of the municipal budgeting process and labor law. I have served as president of the Government Lawyers Association and been the chief negotiator of all government lawyer employment agreements for the last five years. My job as a public defender has made me aware of the social problems that face our city. I have forged good relationships with our public safety agencies. I have also given 1000's of hours to Coaching our youth in a variety of sports and educational clubs. Most recently I founded Visalia Youth Soccer. In our first year of operation we had over 700 kids play on our teams. We do outreach in the community and offer scholarships to any needy family.

I want to thank you for considering my application. I do feel that my work in the community, educational background and work experience has given me a good solid foundation for being a Council Member. Please feel free to contact me for and additional information.

Sincerely,

Roland Soltesz

559 936-2871

Rollie6647@gmail.com

Donjia Huffmon

From: LYNN R STORSETH <easley45greg@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2011 9:56 AM
To: Donjia Huffmon
Subject: City Council Vacancy

Letter of Interest:

My name is Greg Storseth, and I am writing this to express my interest in the vacant City Council position. I have been a resident of Visalia since 1993, and have grown to love this city and its residents. I moved here after graduating from California State University, Sacramento, without having ever visited. I have become quite a fan of Visalia since, and would love the opportunity to help better this community. I was a teacher at St. Paul's School for the past 18 years in chemistry and biology, and have become very attached to both my students and their families over that time. I am currently the Athletic Representative at Midtown Sports in downtown Visalia, and enjoy my position very much. I am a proud father and husband, and my family is entrenched in this community. I have developed many positive relationships, both personally and professionally, since living in Visalia. While living in Visalia, I have seen much positive growth, and would love the chance to help that continue. Please consider me for the current vacancy.

Greg Storseth
3230 W. Oakridge Ave.
Visalia, CA 93291
559-627-0237

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City Clerk's Office

To the Visalia City Clerk:

This is a letter of interest for appointment to the vacant City Council seat. I would honor the opportunity to serve the City of Visalia as an interim City Council member, until the position is permanently filled in the November elections. I am not considering running in the upcoming elections. I make a pledge that I will not run in the November elections.

I am a life time resident of the City of Visalia and care deeply about its future. Visalia has the values of a small town even though it has a large population. I appreciate the conservative values set by prior City Councils making Visalia a safe place to live and raise a family.

My vision for the City is simple. Public safety is extremely important. Being able to walk around without fear is the cornerstone of any successful city. Visalia needs to continue the plan of responsible growth, focusing on our downtown and business corridors. The City needs to continue with its vision of a business friendly environment, opening its doors to entrepreneurs. I believe respecting private business owner's rights is critical for fostering economic stability and growth within Visalia's boundaries. Lastly, we must continue supporting our parks and recreation facilities. We are fortunate to have so many clean, safe, and fun recreational options here, which is the product of good planning.

Representing Visalia is a big responsibility; Council members need to understand each issue, each proposal and how it will affect its citizens. I believe that I have the necessary qualifications and knowledge to serve as a Council member for the City of Visalia. I currently work as an appraiser for the Tulare County assessor's office. The knowledge of zoning regulations and its effects on property supply me with the unique understanding that will assist in establishing land use policies.

My wife and I also own and operate two small businesses: Taylor Property Management and Lanteri Tax Services, so I am familiar as a business owner how city policy affects working class and business owners in our community. I am open-minded and have enough experience to make wise decisions with minimum conflicts of interest. I am fluent in Spanish which I will utilize in communications with our significant Hispanic population.

My experience in the community has been further influenced by my involvement as a local volunteer. I have served since I was a young boy volunteering at Sister Ursula's Kitchen and have been active in the community every since. Recently I have served as a Boy Scout leader, a Redwood high school football coach, and a finance clerk for my church. I am currently serving as the Vice-Chairman of the North Visalia Neighborhood Advisory Committee.

I respectfully request that you consider my application for City Council. I look forward to the opportunity to serve the citizens of Visalia. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or arrange for an interview.

Sincerely,

Brett Taylor,

Brett Taylor

Phone: (559) 799-3964

Aybouy1@aol.com

2705 S. Tracy St.
Visalia, CA 93292

16 June 2001



Dear Council Members,

This is a letter of my intent to put my name forward for the open City Council position. I believe I meet all of the requirements and look forward to being interviewed for a possible position on the Council.

My name is Dr. Tom Weise. I have been a Professor of Communication at the College of the Sequoias since 1991 and a Visalia city resident since 2003. I believe that I could bring to the council the leadership qualities desired by both you and Visalia residents as I have been trained in leadership studies. My doctorate was in Educational Leadership, with a communication emphasis, and I am ready to help out as I can.

My goal in applying for this position is to keep the Visalia/Tulare area from becoming what I see in the Fresno/Clovis area: Not only is there minimal demarcation (the street signs turn from "Brown" – Clovis to "Green" - Fresno) so you do not know what city you are in without them; but to help with infill down Mooney Boulevard so as to NOT recreate the present "Shaw Avenue" in Clovis. Our maintenance of downtown is an asset that must continue to keep our sense of identity! Growth for industry and jobs? All provided on the west side of town. We can be better than our northern neighbors with a little thought beforehand.

Presently, my outreach has included volunteering for the Visalia SPCA for one of their "Walk-a-Thons" and working with the Boys and Girls Club of Visalia and Tulare since 2008 to teach kids public presentation skills in two separate speaking tournaments. The first tournament involves speeches for the "Youth of the Year" for each club. The second tournament was formed after the heinous murder of Emilio Molina, a Boys and Girl Club member and participant in our first Youth of the Year tournament. I worked with Jenny Bautista at the Boys and Girls Club to create a memorial speaking tournament in his honor. This year will mark the third, annual, Emilio Molina Speaking Tournament that provides scholarships to the student speakers to keep his smile and love for discussion alive.

I am not a member of a political party except for the "Best Person Party." I vote and support the person who I believe can get the job done at the city, county, state, and federal level. I owe no allegiance to any political or social group here in Visalia and believe that the lack of affiliation is a "positive" for an interim City Council position.

I can be reached at 627-5307 (home), tomw@cos.edu (email), or by letter at 3408 East Sycamore, Visalia, California, 93292. Please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tom Weise

Donjia Huffmon

From: RUSSELL WILSON <rcwilsondds@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2011 9:03 AM
To: Donjia Huffmon

To whom it may concern:

My name is Russell C Wilson DDS and I am interested in filling the vacant City Council position.

Being a small business owner and a father of three children that attend local public school, I am highly invested in Visalia's future. I feel that with this opportunity I can help Visalia maintain an integrity that is and should be at the core of city politics.

In the past I have served on the California Dental Political Action Committee for the California Dental Association 2006-2008. I was also the President of the Tulare - Kings County Dental Society in 2009.

I am resident of the city:
216 N Marcin Ct
Visalia CA 93291

My business is in the city:
2738 W Main St
Visalia CA 93291

I am - and have been for many years - a registered voter.

Thank you for your consideration

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559 636-0795 home
559 303-8738 cell
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