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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TO CITY COUNCIL

Name: Gretchen E. Buehner

Home Address: [REDACTED]

City/State/Zip: King City, OR 97224

Is this address in the City? YES I've lived in King City since: 2015

Telephone No: [REDACTED]

Email Address [REDACTED]

Are you a registered voter in the State of Oregon? YES

Present Occupation: ON LINE CONSULTANT, ARBITRATOR/MEDIATOR

Which Committee would you like to be appointed to? CITY COUNCIL

Employment, professional, and volunteer background:

Present -

Planning Commissioner - July 2023- present

Consultant English technical language, voice and gardening

Court Appointed Arbitrator - since 1989

Mediator- since 1995

Volunteer - Westar Institute, Non-Profit - Development and Finance Committee

Volunteer: CCI Steering Committee, CPO 4K Steering Committee

Previous:

Attorney - Real Estate, Land Use and Estate Planning 1981-2022

Hearings Officer - Multiple Jurisdictions - over many years

City of Portland - Variance Committee - 1985-91

Oregon State Bar - Multiple Bar Committees - over many years

Washington County - Volunteer Mediator Small Claims and LL/Tenant- 1994-99

Multnomah Bar Association - Bar Insurance Committee 1986-91 - Chair 1989-91

Board Member - Portland Baroque Orchestra - 2002-2010

Board Member - Tigard Homeless Shelter (Prior to transfer to Washington County) 1995-99

Board Member and President - SW Neighborhoods Information, Inc. 1986-89

Portland Planning Bureau Advisory Committee - 1984-88

Portland Bureau Advisory Coordinating Committee - 1985-88, Chair - 1986-88

Previous City appointments or activities:

King City Council - 2017-2020

King City Planning Commission 2016-2017

Tigard City Council - 2007-2014

Tigard Planning Commission - Real Estate Attorney slot-- 2000-2007

As additional background for the City Council, please answer the following questions.

1. What experience/training/qualifications do you have for this particular board or commission?

My service on both the Tigard and King City Councils. My prior term for King City ended in December, 2020. As a Councilor, I was involved in all aspects of decisions, which are handled by city councils. I served as Council President on the Tigard City Council. In addition, my service on two different Planning Commissions, the Portland Variance Committee (a sub committee of the Planning Commission), hearings officer work, and as an attorney for over 40 years, provided me with a wide variety of experience related to land use matters. I represented both neighborhood associations and individuals in matters before hearings officers, Planning Commissions, City Councils and the Board of Commissioners.

2. What specific contribution do you hope to make?

My hope is to be a successful working member on the City Council, as it moves forward from the development of the Master Plan to its implementation and other major issues facing the City.

3. What community topics concern you that relate to this board or commission? Why do you want to be a member?

The City will be going through a massive amount of change, as annexation occurs and development begins pursuant to the Master Plan implementation. Change is always difficult. The Council will need to keep its eye on all the issues facing the City over the next few years.

4. Describe your involvement in relevant community groups and activities.

Beside the items mentioned above:

Current : Washington County CCI: ReEnvisioning Sub Committee (citizen involvement process)
CPO 4K

Washington County Long Term Transportation Planning Committee 1999-2001

Tigard City Center Advisory Committee (Urban Renewal area) 2005-07

Tigard Transportation Financing Task Force 2002-04 - Chair - 2003-04

Tigard Visioning Committee 1995-96, with update work every 4 years through 2014

Chair - Portland, Wilson Park Neighborhood Association 1984-88