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Subject: Application for City Council Pro Tem
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Attached is my application for the position, thank you for considering me.

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City of Tukwila

City Council

Application for Councilmember Pro Tem Tukwila City Council Position #6

Applicant Information

Full Name **Feven Kahsu Gebrekristos**
Street Address [REDACTED]
City, State, Zip **Tukwila, WA 98188**
Phone [REDACTED]
E-Mail Address [REDACTED]

Eligibility Requirements, Notification and Signature

I understand that Councilmembers for the City of Tukwila must be registered voters in Tukwila, King County, Washington and must have lived in the City of Tukwila for 12 consecutive months prior to being appointed to office. I understand that as an applicant for appointment to public office, the information provided on this application will be available to the public.

Signature 
Date **8/15/25**

Additional Information

Are you registered to vote in Tukwila, WA?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Are you a resident of the City of Tukwila?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
How long have you been a resident of the City of Tukwila? 2 5 years		
How long have you lived at your current address? 25 years (off and on)		
<i>If you have lived at your current address for less than 12 months, please list your previous address.</i>		
Previous address and length of time at address.		
Do you or any family member residing in your household, have a financial interest in, or are you an employee or officer of any business or agency which conducts business with the City of Tukwila?		
YES <input type="checkbox"/>		NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If yes, please explain.

Time Commitment

Appointment to the City Council will require your attendance at a number of regularly scheduled and special meetings, which occur at various times including evenings and weekends.

Councilmembers also serve on Council committees, regional boards and commissions, and represent the City Council at various community functions.

Council activities generally require a minimum time commitment of 10 to 15 hours per week. Are you able to commit this amount of time and can you commit to arrange your schedule to participate fully as a member of the Tukwila City Council?

YES ☒

NO ☐

Have you ever attended a Tukwila City Council meeting?

YES ☐

NO ☒

If yes, please estimate how many Council meetings you have attended in the past year.

Supplemental Questions

Please respond to the following questions regarding your interest in the position of appointed Councilmember for the City of Tukwila.

Why are you interested in serving as a Tukwila City Councilmember?

I have called Tukwila home since 2000, and I'm passionate about serving the community that shaped me. As an Eritrean-American, sole parent, and advocate for diverse families, I want to bring a fresh, culturally informed perspective to City Council—focusing on safety, equity, and opportunities for all residents.

Describe your background in community service, including any volunteer work you have done in or around Tukwila.

As a mother with a young daughter, I want to be more involved in shaping the community she will grow up in, whether she attends Tukwila schools or not.

What do you think are the most important issues facing Tukwila in the next 2-4 years?

I believe public safety, affordable housing, and stronger community connections are the most important issues facing Tukwila in the next few years. As an Eritrean-American, long-time resident, and mother, I see how important it is to keep neighborhoods safe, ensure families can afford to live here, and create spaces where our diverse community feels connected and supported. We also need to better support parents who don't have the financial stability to hire caregivers, provide resources and security for childcare facilities, and make sure homeowners and neighbors feel safe and supported.

Describe your understanding of the importance of regional collaboration and partnership in city government.

I believe regional collaboration is important because our city doesn't work in isolation. Partnering with neighboring cities, schools, organizations, and agencies helps share resources, solve bigger problems like safety and housing, and improve services for residents.

Summarize your experiences working collaboratively with others from different backgrounds.

In my healthcare career and as a medical interpreter for the Eritrean community, I've worked closely with people from many different cultures, languages, and life experiences. My role has always been to listen, understand, and help bridge gaps so everyone feels supported and respected. These same skills are essential for serving on City Council and representing Tukwila's diverse community.

Discuss your qualifications relevant to the position of Tukwila City Councilmember.

I have lived in Tukwila since 2000 and am a proud Foster High School graduate. As an Eritrean-American, sole parent, and Early Childhood Development Navigator at Seattle Children's - Odessa Brown Children's Clinic, I work every day with families from many backgrounds, connecting them to resources and advocating for their needs. I also have experience as a medical interpreter for the Eritrean community, bridging language and cultural gaps in healthcare. I am currently earning my Bachelor's degree in Healthcare Management and Leadership, graduating in Spring 2027, which is strengthening my leadership, policy, and communication skills. My lived experience, professional background, and commitment to service give me the tools to listen, represent, and work effectively for Tukwila's diverse community.

Please provide any additional information or comments you believe will assist the City Council in considering your application.

Tukwila has been my home for 25 years, and I care deeply about its future. Living with my mom, I've seen firsthand the struggles of advocating for safety in our area and the challenges homeowners face with repairs and financial burdens. As a mother, I want to raise my daughter in a safe, supportive community and help other young parents facing uncertainty keep their children in our school system. My personal and professional experiences have prepared me to listen, advocate, and work hard for our community. I am ready to bring my voice, energy, and commitment to this role.

Thank you for your interest in serving the Tukwila community as a member of the Tukwila City Council.