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Tukwila City Council Position No. 7 Application
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To: **The Honorable City of Tukwila Council Members**
Tukwila City Council
6200 Southcenter Boulevard
Tukwila, WA. 98188

Subject: **Tukwila City Council Position No. 7**

To the members of the City Council:

It is with great pleasure that I am given the chance to apply for the Tukwila City Council Position No. 7. I have been a resident of King County for over 30 years, and now reside in the City of Tukwila, the place I call home. Tukwila is surrounded by such a diverse community, and I have had the privilege to attend, engage, and converse with many ethnicities, businesses, and non-profits at community events, visited our diverse community gatherings, and met with community leaders from our Mosque, Indian temple, Vietnamese Church, Methodist Church, and dozens of others. Tukwila gave me an opportunity and I have a very strong desire to be a voice within our city as well as the City Council.

My own background: I am a first-generation Vietnamese American female whose family migrated to the US as refugees in 1990 to chase the American dream. Individuals like my parents never had a voice to share matters that effect their community on a daily basis which is why I would like to be given the opportunity to do as City Council Member. I aim to uplift the voices and lived experiences of all people- regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion, or disability status. I strive to compassionately understand the privilege and power inherent in our role as City Council Member.

I am here to work collaboratively with the administration to make Tukwila a place both residents and businesses are proud to call home for generations to come. I believe our residents make us stronger together because we are the team that Tukwila has built. We are committed to making life better for everyone that lives here, works here, or visits here. If appointed, I want to ensure that everyone will be welcomed with open arms.

CC: Mayor Tom McLeod

Best,

Jane Ho



Application for Vacancy by Appointment
Tukwila City Council Position #7

Applicant Information

Full Name: Dung "Jane" Ho
Street Address: [Redacted]
City, State, Zip: Tukwila, WA 98168
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 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

02-21-2025

Date

Additional Information

Are you a registered voter in Tukwila, WA? YES NO
Are you a resident of the City of Tukwila? YES NO

How long have you been a resident of the City of Tukwila?

How long have you lived at your current address? Approximately 3 years

If you have lived at your current address for less than 12 months, please list your previous address.

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 NO

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. 10+

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?

1. As a resident of Tukwila, I would like to serve as a Tukwila City Council member to represent and serve the Tukwila community in their particular interests and needs. My goal is to empower residents, local and established businesses, and faith based and community service organizations whose voices aren't easily heard. Our community gave me an opportunity and I want to make sure I help ensure the next generation, and the one after that, have the same opportunities I had. It doesn't matter if you are young, or old, ethnic minority or ethnic majority or what neighborhood you live in within the City, you matter to me and you matter to our City government. I pride myself in contributing to the progress and development of this community and with that being said, there is no better way to represent our community than being a part of the City Council.

2. Tukwila is a very diverse community and having a person from an ethnic background such as myself will allow me to bring to the council experiences and insight from families and local businesses within the community who have difficulty expressing their needs and concerns so that Tukwila can become the best place for our residents and businesses to thrive. I am a first-generation female of Vietnamese descent whose family came to the US chasing the American Dream. It is a story many Tukwila residents share and one that many hope to one day achieve in our community. When we came here, we faced the same challenges that all residents face, but even more so because everything was new to us. We faced economic, language and social barriers that so many of our new neighbor's face. It has given me the drive and commitment to reach out to my Tukwila neighbors both old and

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

I have an extensive background in community service within the last 10+ years. I have dedicated my time and efforts to ensure there is hope and opportunity for the younger and senior generations of the community.

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6. Volunteer Sikh Temple (Nanaksar Gurudwara)
7. Member of Tukwila Historical Society
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What do you think are the most important issues facing Tukwila in the next 2-4 years?

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

It is important that the City Council has a strong collaboration and partnership with regional jurisdictions. There is a housing crisis in King County that cannot be solved with Tukwila alone. Moreover, there are more matters pertaining to both not only regional but also City-wide issues such as the homeless crisis and the refugee issues in Tukwila. I am willing to listen and help find a solution to all matters. As a City Council Member, I will ensure that I work with all residents and also work with regional jurisdictions by attending meetings and joining committees. I will make sure to support this along with the other Council Members. Tukwila is my community, and it will be for decades if not my lifetime— I am here to work not only for the City but for the residents, local business, students, and other non-profit/entities.

Summarize your experiences working collaboratively with others from different backgrounds.

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

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

As City Council Member, I will uphold my duties by being responsible, punctual, and attending meetings. I will take this role with the utmost respect and seriousness. I am here to stay, and make a difference in our City by working with you all. I am applying for this position to give back to my community-- the community being the City of Tukwila. Thank you for taking the time to consider my application. If you have any question feel free to reach out to me. I am available anytime as I am to all residents in the city of Tukwila.

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

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

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3. Per my attendance at the Tukwila City Council meetings and discussions with neighbors, I see a need in this community for affordable housing. Many residents and businesses within the community have voiced their concerns about Public Safety, B&O tax, and the budget. I know that I am a perfect candidate to proceed forward in pursuing these issues as well as other agenda as necessary pertinent to the City Council. I know I can bring ideas to the table and tackle those issues when I am appointed on the City Council. I simply want to join you in planning what our community will look like, how we will respond, and how we will show up prepared to serve Tukwila on day 1. s

Lastly, as mentioned above, I am a person who will be a voice for the residents of the City of Tukwila, and also work with my colleagues on the City Council and City Commissions. I believe that exemplifying and embracing diversity and equity should be a part of everything the City should do and I couldn't be more honored to do that for this community—a community I call my home.

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