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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. 3

Dear City of Tukwila Council:

I am applying for the Tukwila City Council Position No. 3. I have been a resident of King County for 30+ years, and a resident of the City of Tukwila. Tukwila is my community and my home. I would welcome the opportunity to be on the City Council. Tukwila is a very diverse community. I have a very strong desire to be a voice for these diverse communities within Tukwila on the City Council. I would welcome this civic duty as a council member.

My own background: I am a first-generation Vietnamese American female whose family migrated to the United States as refugees in 1990 to chase the American dream. Individuals like my parents never had a voice to share matters that effect their community, 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 understand and the balance the privilege and power inherent in our role as a City Council member.

Again, if appointed to the City Council, I find it a civic duty for me to represent this community and will vow to do so if selected to be on the council. If you have any questions, I am always available at (206) 661-6081 or at my email DTT_Ho@yahoo.com

CC: Mayor Ekberg

Best,

Jane Ho

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?

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 particular interests and to empower residents, local and established businesses, and faith based and community service organizations who don't have a voice

2. Tukwila is a very diverse community and having a person from an ethnic background such as myself will allow many families within the community to have a voice for those who cannot. Moreover, being a female and of Vietnamese descent, I believe I can strongly contribute to the diversity of the City Council.

3. Per my attendance at the Tukwila City Council meeting, there is a need in this community for affordable housing. I know that I am a perfect candidate to proceed forward in pushing this agenda as well as other agendas as necessary pertinent to the City Council.

Lastly, as mentioned above, I am a person who will be a voice for the residents of the City of Tukwila but 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.

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.

1. Member of Rotary
2. Member of The Kiwanis Club
3. Member of Van Hanh Temple
4. Member of Co Lam Pagoda
5. Member of The Peacetrees Vietnam

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

The housing crisis and the City's goals to be in compliance with the Growth Management Act ("GMA") required by the State of Washington. As a resident of Tukwila, WA, I would like the current residents in Tukwila to remain within the City but also create opportunities for other individuals to be future residents. In addition, the City has done a well job in recruiting and retaining/recruiting personnel from the Tukwila Police Department, Puget Sound Fire Authority, and other EMS services. Public safety is an important element if I was to be selected. I would vow this to remain so long as I sit as city council member. Lastly, community involvement and service are something that is very near and dear to me. The current programs in place within the City to its residents are very strong; however, I would like to be a part of that as a city council member and help facilitate any new programs as needed. Tukwila is a very crucial region within King County – as it is situated near the Sea-Tac Airport, major highways, and has the

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

It is vital that the City Council works with regional jurisdiction within the City of Tukwila to have a strong collaboration and partnership. There is a housing crisis in King County. Moreover, there are more matters pertaining to both not only regional but also City wide issues such as homeless crisis and the refugee issue in Tukwila. I am open ears to hearing options and help find a solution to both matters. As a City Council member, I will ensure that I will work with residents but also work/hear from regional jurisdictions for their input. It is important to work with regional collaboration and partnership to move forward the City's agenda. 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.

I have many experiences working with many diverse communities. I have met individually with residents in the City of Tukwila ranging from Ethiopian, Vietnamese, Chinese, Hispanic, Caucasian, and other ethnicities. I have engaged in many dialogs with different ethnicities, and I am here to voice their appreciation/matter as a city council member to the council.

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

As a proud resident of Tukwila, I know I will not only represent the best interest for the residents but for the community. I have joined many volunteer/community service within the City of Tukwila and had the opportunity to engage with the residents. I also have a bachelor in business management/economics. I can also provide great resources to the city council in regards to the finance/budget committee. I am more than happy to discuss further if necessary.

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

I plan being on the city council to represent the resident's of Tukwila and have a voice for them. I will take this seat as a City Council member with the utmost respect and serlousness and will vow to upfront my duty as a council member. I am applying for this position to give back to my community-- the community being the City of Tukwila. I appreciate your consideration. Again, 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.
