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Laurel Humphrey

From: Ziggy Samra [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 2025 2:08 PM
To: CityCouncil
Cc: Laurel Humphrey
Subject: Council position 6 application
Attachments: ApplicationPosition6.pdf

Hi,

Please see my attached application for city council position 6 appointment.

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Best,

Ziggy Samra
[REDACTED]

Laurel Humphrey

From: Ziggy Samra [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2025 10:49 AM
To: Laurel Humphrey
Cc: CityCouncil
Subject: Re: Council position 6 application
Attachments: Letter of interest for City of Tukwila position.pdf; ApplicationPosition6.pdf

Hi Laurel,

I forgot to attached my letter of interest to my application.

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Best,

Ziggy Samra
[REDACTED]

On Aug 12, 2025, at 2:59 PM, Laurel Humphrey <Laurel.Humphrey@TukwilaWA.gov> wrote:

Received, thank you.

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Letter of interest for City of Tukwila position #6 appointment

To the Tukwila City Council

I would like to thank the Tukwila City Council for considering me for the temporary appointment to Position #6. I am eager to contribute fresh perspectives and work collaboratively with the council, mayor, and city staff to ensure the continued service of our residents.

While I understand this is a temporary role, I will give it my full commitment. I wish Councilmember McConnell a speedy recovery and, regardless of her return to the council, hope she enjoys many happy years with her family.

This is my way of giving back to a community that has warmly welcomed my family, and to a country that has offered opportunities unlike any other. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Harinder "Ziggy" Samra



City of Tukwila

City Council

Application for Councilmember Pro Tem Tukwila City Council Position #6

Applicant Information

Full Name **Harinder Samra**
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 **8/12/25**

Additional Information

Are you registered to vote 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? **2.5 years**

How long have you lived at your current address? **2.5 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.

NA

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. 15 or so

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?

As a father, a business owner for over 20 years, and an immigrant, I believe I can bring a fresh perspective to the council. I envision a Tukwila that is safe for our children, welcoming to small businesses that support local families, and protective of our diverse immigrant community. After meeting with many Tukwila residents, I've heard their priorities loud and clear: public safety is the number one concern, followed closely by property taxes and the \$6 million budget deficit. We must listen to the people and take action on the issues they care about most.

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

If there is an area where I fall short, it is this one. I believe it's important to recognize where improvements can be made. Honestly, I have spent most of my 23 years in this country working with dedication to build a life for my family and myself. My decision to run for city council is my way of giving back to the community that has given me so much.

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

The budget shortfall is the biggest issue facing our city, and we must get it under control now before it worsens. We need immediate short-term cuts combined with long-term strategies to increase revenue—without placing additional burdens on businesses or residents. Our city has the capacity to grow, and we must accelerate that growth, which will in turn increase property tax revenue. The 42nd Avenue Bridge and the truck re-route are also pressing issues. I do not believe these should be put on hold for two to four years. We need a viable solution now, even if it is a temporary fix. The current one-way traffic on the bridge is not working and must be rethought.

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

I firmly believe that together we can achieve many of our goals by working hand-in-hand with our neighbors and city staff. At the end of the day, we are here to serve the people who elected us, and we must never lose sight of that. We need to put aside personal political agendas and focus on the work we were chosen to do—it's as simple as that.

Summarize your experiences working collaboratively with others from different backgrounds.

As a longtime business owner, I have worked with boards, corporate staff, employees, and managers—people from all walks of life. I've had the privilege of living in four different countries and visiting several others. These experiences have taught me that there is always more to learn, and that better ways of doing things emerge when we stay curious about the world rather than ignorant of it.

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

For over 20 years, I've built and led businesses in the convenience store, food service, and real estate industries. With a degree in Business Marketing and a minor in Economics, I combine education with real-world experience. I am committed to continuous learning and personal growth, and I bring a perspective shaped by decades of hands-on leadership—insight that goes far beyond what can be captured on paper.

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

I am ready to serve this community. Given the opportunity this country has provided me and my family, it is time for me to give back. Thank you for your consideration.

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