

APPLICATION FOR CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

NAME : Constance Anne Burton "Connie"

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Length of Fulltime Residency : 4 years, but we've owned a home here since 1992

Occupation : Retired. Although I have a degree in Art Education, I learned bookkeeping from my grandmother and ran the business part of my husband's private dental practice for almost 40 years

Will you be able to attend the February 7, 2024 Council Meeting in person ? Yes

Please describe your previous governmental experience, if any.

I served as a volunteer Long-Term Care Ombudsman in 2010-2012 and also served as a board member on the Coordinated Care Council for the Columbia Gorge 2012-14

Are you available to meet (Y/N) Days____ Evenings____. YES to Both

1. Please explain your interest in becoming a city councilor. Be brief but be as specific as possible.

I believe that the well-being of the city is the responsibility of every interested party : homeowners (part-time and full-time), registered voters, business owners, business employees, and visitors. Some registered voters must step forward to take on issues and guide outcomes. I am stepping forward.

2. Of the issues facing Manzanita, what is most compelling to you personally, and how would you address it ?

Fostering factual information is most important to me. Let's discuss openly and specifically about Middle Housing and other Comprehensive Plan items. Let's build on the success of past councilors and staff and learn from past shortcomings.

3. What is your understanding of the division of responsibility between city council and the manager/staff ?

City Council's role is to engage with the community as representatives, and then arrive at decisions that direct current and future day-to-day functions of city government. The city manager and staff take that direction and do the day-to-day work of city government. Excellent communication and rapport between the council and the city manager and staff is paramount.

4. Is there anything else you would like to share with the selection committee about your experience and interest in the position ?

Having attended many City Council meetings, Conversations with Councilors, Mayor Mondays and having listened to many voices and views, I have increased my understanding of the wants and needs of our neighbors. I read through the long list of Envision Manzanita survey responses. I am also more aware of the budgetary constraints and logistical and legal challenges that a city deals with.

Being approachable, reasonable, accountable, and realistic are my strengths. How can I help ?