



APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE
CITY OF DULUTH
VACANT SECOND DISTRICT CITY COUNCILOR POSITION

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INSTRUCTIONS: (1) Print the application. (2) Fill in your information. Please remember to SIGN the application below. (3) Mail or deliver to the address below by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 31, 2014.

**ALL INFORMATION ON THIS FORM
AND ANY ATTACHMENTS ARE PUBLIC.**

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VOCATION, OCCUPATION, EMPLOYMENT Realtor

PLEASE ATTACH A STATEMENT AS TO WHY YOU ARE APPLYING AND WHAT ASSETS YOU WOULD BRING TO THE CITY COUNCIL. YOU MAY ALSO ATTACH A RESUME.

SIGNATURE: [Signature] DATE: 1/31/14

****PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN & DATE THE APPLICATION****

- NOTE:**
- MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Council interviews will be on Thursday, February 6, 2014, at 5:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, 3rd Floor, City Hall. This is the only notice you will receive.
 - Applicants must be 21 years of age and an eligible voter in the 2nd District of the City of Duluth.
 - The deadline for submitting applications to the City Clerk's Office, 330 City Hall, 411 W. 1st St., Duluth, MN 55802, is 4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 31, 2014.

I am applying to the Duluth City Council because I want to be involved in moving the City forward. I do not have an "agenda" that I am trying to force. I simply want to be part of the process.

A little about myself:

I am currently a Realtor, licensed in both Minnesota and Wisconsin with 11+ years of experience. My husband is a member of the Duluth Air National Guard, and I have two children attending East High School. My job allows me to interact with many different types of people in a large geographic area. I currently sit on the Duluth Area Association of Realtors Board of Directors as the President-elect.

The City of Duluth has made some great strides in the past few years. I would like to be a part of that forward momentum. But I also believe the City Council needs to remember to serve ALL of the citizens. Although councilors represent districts, when items come up for a vote, those issues affect the City as a whole. I believe strongly in our police, fire & military community and will always work to support them. It doesn't matter what services we offer if citizens don't feel safe on the streets of their neighborhoods.

The Second District has a very diverse community. With schools from elementary through college, this area needs strong representation for a variety of citizens with very different needs. Socioeconomically, there is also a lot of diversity. The councilor for this district needs to be mindful of the diversity of needs of the citizens. It is important that we not under or over represent any particular group.

People always want to "pigeon hole" candidates, so let me explain my beliefs to you:

I am fiscally conservative and believe that government needs to view money in their budget not as their own, but as belonging to the taxpayers. It is imperative that the citizens feel that we are being good stewards of their hard earned tax money. Socially, I consider myself liberal. If you are a law-abiding, contributing citizen, it doesn't matter your race, religion or sexual orientation. I believe in citizens' right to quiet enjoyment of their lives, including their property. I enjoy working with others and through my business experience, I understand the value of compromise.

Thank you for your service and your consideration.

Michelle Peterson