



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

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VOCATION, OCCUPATION, EMPLOYMENT Professional Engineer-Educator  
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**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.**

*see attached*

SIGNATURE: Diane M Desotelle 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.

To: Duluth City Council

From: Diane Desotelle

Date: January 31, 2014

Re: Application for City Council Second District Vacant Seat

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for the appointment to the City of Duluth's vacant second district City Councilor position. This is an exciting opportunity, and I welcome the opportunity to serve the community through a leadership role in city government. I believe I have a strong resume with both professional and volunteer experience, and feel that I am now at a point in my career where I can share those experiences and skills as a Duluth City Councilor.

I think government should provide for community's common needs including, but not limited to health and safety, infrastructure, education, economic sustainability and environmental protection and restoration. My background includes the following key roles that speak to my qualifications as a candidate

#### Professional

- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency St. Louis River Area of Concern Coordinator (2012 to present). I work with a wide variety of partners in the public and private sector including the US Army Corps of Engineers, MN Department of Natural Resources, Wisconsin DNR, City of Duluth and Superior, US Environmental Protection Agency, US Fish and Wildlife, and many private environmental consulting companies. I manage federal and state grants to remediate and restore the St. Louis River Area of Concern.
- Educator for Independent School District 709, University of Minnesota, Duluth (Civil Engineering Dept), Lake Superior College (Federal Prison)
- Climate Change Extension Educator for the University of Minnesota's Sea Grant for the north and south shore communities.
- Private Sector – Consultant in Water and Land Use Planning and local official educator. Work included:
  - Duluth Comprehensive Land Use Plan
  - Duluth Natural Area Program
  - Stormwater, erosion control, shoreland, and other environmental model ordinance language
  - Superior Hiking Trail planning and mapping across Duluth
  - Land Use Planning for Northshore Communities when the sanitary line was installed and linked to WLSSD
- Water resources coordinator for local government – worked across city departments to plan and develop with oversight in water resource protection, wetland conservation act implementation, and watershed planning.
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources as a hydrologist

#### Volunteer work

- Two ISD 709 planning processes
- PTA at Congdon Elementary, Ordean middle school
- Churches United in Ministry (CHUM)
- Peace and Social Justice issues through Pilgrim Congregational Church
- Tutor

I believe a councilor should be a good listener, have a background and interest in sustainability as it relates to the economy, the environment, and the social well-being of a community, is fiscally responsible, proactive, and empathetic. I can and will provide all of these traits and do my best to serve the 2<sup>nd</sup> District through November 2014.