



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 PAYOR CONTRACTING MANAGER/ANALYST - ESSENTIA HEALTH

**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: Michael E Laughlin DATE: 1/31/2014

****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.

January 31, 2014

City Council – 2nd District Vacancy

I am applying for the vacant city council position because I care about the future of the City and would like to be more active in helping Duluth grow and meet the needs of its citizens and business community.

I have lived in Duluth since 1970 and enjoy living here. I have never run for office, but do try to follow current events, policies and politics in our City. I attended Chester Park Elementary, Woodland Junior High and East High School, and graduated from UMD with bachelors degrees in Business Administration and Accounting.

I have raised three children here in Duluth with the youngest currently attending East High School, another attending Lake Superior College, while the oldest is enrolled at Saint Scholastica and playing on their men's basketball team.

I currently work as Payor Contracting Manager/Analyst for Essentia Health. In this position I analyze and negotiate health plan contracts with major health insurers in the State. It is a very detail oriented analytical position involving significant dollars and financial responsibility.

I did work for the City of Duluth from November 1997 through June of 2000 in the City Treasurer's office as a Financial Analyst. This position was helpful in learning about special assessment billing, sales and use tax collection and occasional investing of short term cash management for the City.

I love the outdoors and run and bike outside regularly and participate in Grandma's marathon and half marathon and many other running and biking events.

I believe my strengths that would contribute to the City Council would be my attention to detail and strong financial analytical skills. Working in health plan contracting, I need to discuss, evaluate and see many positions of different parties and come to agreement on a number of operational and financial issues. Having lived here for over 40 years, I have experienced much of Duluth as a student, parent, home owner and taxpayer and know a lot of the history of the recent past from different viewpoints.

I care about the future of the City as I plan on living here for many years to come. There are many challenges ahead, but I would bring a positive attitude to get things done.

Michael Laughlin