

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO BAINBRIDGE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL POSITION #4

Applicant Information

(Please type or print)

Applicant Name ROB EVANS

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Home Phone [REDACTED] Work/Cell Phone _____

E-Mail [REDACTED]

Cover Letter & Resume

Please attach a one page cover letter and a resume of no more than two pages to this application.

Supplemental Questions

Please respond to the following questions regarding your interest in the position of Councilmember for the City of Bainbridge Island on separate pages using no more than 3 pages total:

1. Why are you interested in serving as a Bainbridge Island City Councilmember?
2. What strength would you bring to the Council?
3. What are the three highest priorities and/or issues you believe the City needs to address? How would you propose to address these issues?
4. Explain your current and past community involvement and/or service on city, nonprofit, or public boards, committees, task forces, or commissions and how this has contributed to the Bainbridge Island community. Address its relevance to the position of Bainbridge Island City Councilmember.
5. What do you wish to accomplish during this appointed term as Bainbridge Island City Councilmember?
6. What is your vision for our City and community?
7. Is there anything else that you may wish to add that would help us get to know you a little better?

Please return this form, your cover letter, resume and answers to the supplemental questions to the City Clerk at Bainbridge Island City Hall (280 Madison Avenue North) no later than 4:00 pm on Friday, April 13, 2018. Applications received after 4:00 pm will not be accepted.

The application and any correspondence should be addressed to:

**Christine Brown, City Clerk
Councilmember Recruitment
280 Madison Avenue North
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110**

11 April 2018

Christine Brown
City Clerk
280 Madison Avenue North
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Ms. Brown,

Attached is my application for appointment to Bainbridge Island City Council Position #4. Thank you and the Council for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Evans". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rob Evans

Rob Evans's Application for Appointment to Bainbridge Island City Council Position #4

Cover Letter

I was motivated to submit this application because of a recent article in the *Bainbridge Review*, which describes Wayne Roth's application for appointment to Council Position #4.

Mr. Roth was convincingly defeated 58% to 42% by Rasham Nassar in the 2017 election for City Council Position #5; the fact that he now seeks appointment to the Council struck me as rather presumptuous.

If appointed, I will vote however Ms. Nassar votes for the duration of my term. At the very least, we know that a majority of the Central Ward has chosen to be represented by her until 2021; doubling her influence on the Council until the end of 2019 seems reasonable considering the alternatives.

Resume

I moved to Bainbridge Island in 2013 primarily because my wife grew up here, and we knew that it would be a great place to raise our two young children. Having grown up in New York City, I've very much enjoyed living in a small community; it was and continues to be the right choice for our family.

Having graduated from Princeton University with a degree in Computer Science, I've worked for small to mid-size software firms my whole career, in environments where I've had to wear many hats: as a software engineer, project manager, and team lead.

I've long been interested in local and sustainable food production and distribution. I ran a small food coop in NYC for a time, and was a member of the much larger Park Slope Food Coop for about 10 years.

I'm a (fair-weather) bike commuter, a tinkerer and a woodworker, and an avid reader. I enjoy diving deep into new subjects and learning as much as I can about them.

Supplemental Questions

1. *Why are you interested in serving as a Bainbridge Island City Councilmember?*

I feel that this appointment process is fundamentally undemocratic. I realize that the Council is bound by state law, but with more than 18 months remaining in the term, I believe that there should be a special election to fill the seat. Barring that, I think that the vote of Position #5 should be pegged to that of the only other representative of the Central Ward.

Personally, I would enjoy learning how the Council and the City work, and feel that I might bring a fresh perspective to the proceedings.

2. *What strength would you bring to the Council?*

Having pledged to vote in lockstep with Ms. Nassar, I would be able to serve as an independent voice, even (or especially) if I disagreed with her – an ombudsman of sorts.

3. *What are the three highest priorities and/or issues you believe the City needs to address? How would you propose to address these issues?*

I would have to dig into the current issues the City is facing to properly answer this question. I assume it would take (at least) a few weeks to come up to speed, though if I were appointed, I would take immediate initiative. At the moment, I have some familiarity with issues related to bike trails & shoulders, emergency preparedness, and development of the Suzuki property.

4. *Explain your current and past community involvement and/or service on city, non-profit, or public boards, committees, task forces, or commissions and how this has contributed to the Bainbridge Island community. Address its relevance to the position of Bainbridge Island City Councilmember.*

I have no such experience.

5. *What do you wish to accomplish during this appointed term as Bainbridge Island City Councilmember?*

Without my own vote, I'd aim to educate myself about the issues of the day, meet with the citizens of the Central Ward to get their counsel, and attempt to raise opinions that may otherwise not be heard during Council meetings.

6. *What is your vision for our City and community?*

To sustain Bainbridge Island such that it remains a place where my children would want to raise my grandchildren.

7. *Is there anything else that you may wish to add that would help us get to know you a little better?*

Not really. I look forward to the Q & A!