

## APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO BAINBRIDGE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL POSITION #2

### Applicant Information

(Please type or print)

Applicant Name Stuart N. Walton

Residence Address [REDACTED] Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Home Phone [REDACTED] Work/Cell Phone [REDACTED]

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 Council member 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 Council member?
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 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 Council member.
5. What do you wish to accomplish during this appointed term as a Bainbridge Island City Council member?
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, cityclerk@bainbridgewa.gov) no later than **4:00pm on Wednesday, November 25, 2020**. Applications received after 4:00pm will not be accepted. The application and any correspondence should be addressed to:

**Christine  
Brown, City Clerk Council Mem  
ber Recruitment 280 Madison**

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

November 24, 2020

I am applying to the City Council, position #2 for the North Ward.

Forty years ago, our children participated in the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, proudly waving to the crowds from the back end of our beat-up '62' Ford pickup, complete with a duck in a crate wired to the hood. Entered as The Rolling Bay Buddies, these smiling kids, now grown and scattered, still remain friends and love to share these memories with their families. Hard work and love of community motivated this island tradition. As Bainbridge Island continues to grow and change, it would be my mission as a council member to help keep our city on a steady course of fiscal responsibility and consideration of each other.

**Here is what I will be bringing to the City Council:**

I bring years of experience and a practical hands-on knowledge in business development, specifically to project and program implementation, improving organizational systems, entrepreneurship and financing. I have been a corporate executive, business owner and an instructor of entrepreneurship, and have dealt in multi-cultural teaching, both within the US and overseas. I am now retired. I have an understanding of what it takes to make a stable community, and running an organization such as the City of Bainbridge Island.

**Here are the skills and experience that I can provide as a City Council member:**

- Impartiality and over 45 years of work experience in many capacities, including small business ownership.
- Bring unique understanding what the small businesses located on Bainbridge deal with as they maneuver in having to reconcile sales with expenses during this pandemic time.
- How to create an engaging and interesting environment that stimulates self-worth, courage and self-esteem as well as exploring the tools used for relationship building, technology and financial information. This is also called building Grit.
- Understand how to interpret data to build a base-line of information for future benchmarking.
- Knowledgeable of fund accounting and how to evaluate financial information relating to the budget.
- Motivate, inspire, educate and excite individuals in gaining business knowledge that will increase an individual's household income.

**Some of my strengths include:**

- Experience in dealing with government officials from Mayors to Senators, non-profits and community organizations.
- Work well with people in teamwork environment
- I have a strong passion for working with small businesses and those risk takers who are working towards a better community, stronger family and expanding their knowledge.
- Highly organized, good listener, compassionate and a patient teacher.
- My areas of education and experience in business include taxes, cash flow, marketing, selling, leadership, management and teaching.

**During my tenure on the island, I have participated in and supported the community in the following ways:**

- Owned a local business on Winslow Way for 12 years, and donated to and supported most of the non-profits who asked for assistance with their auctions.
- Secretary/treasurer of the Winslow Way Property Owners Association, who self-funded a report that later led to the Winslow Tomorrow project. I was the only non-property owner of the association.
- Chaired the Business task force on the Winslow Tomorrow project.

- Supported and donated to the original Kids-Up playground at Battle Point Park and the Marge Williams Center.
- Spearheaded a BPA student theatre exchange with “Smile”, a Russian Theatre group. This was one of the first Russian American youth theatre production exchanges in American and Russia under Glasnost.
- Boy Scout Leader, and assisted in the donation of Camp Hopkins from the Boy Scouts to the Park District.
- Treasurer of the Bainbridge Island Historical Society Board for 6 years, and handled all the transactions in the building move and remodel from Strawberry Hill to downtown Winslow.
- Assisted in and donated to the building of the new St. Cecilia’s Church, Hall and School and served on the Parish Council.
- Past member of both the Bainbridge Island Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Association.
- Taught and mentored aspiring Bainbridge entrepreneurs in starting up and expanding their businesses.
- Provided business and economic lectures to several organizations in fiscal responsibility, economic development and civic duty.
- Been a ‘Turkey Trot’ and 4<sup>th</sup> of July 10 K race participant for years.
- Donor to Bainbridge Library, One Call for All, Bainbridge Foundation, BPA, Bainbridge School District and other worthy non-profits.
- Docent volunteer at the Bainbridge Island Historical Museum.
- Volunteer at the local Chamber of Commerce office these past 4 years.
- Currently mentoring international students at Seattle University, who are pursuing their master’s degrees.
- Have traveled extensively overseas.

**Vision for community:**

I envision for Bainbridge that many of the main street for profit and non-profit businesses will return to normal after the pandemic, and other local businesses will continue to be robust, that our schools will continue to produce outstanding and impactful students, that Bainbridge’s physical infrastructure will always be a part of the city’s strategic plan and that the city’s finances will stay stable as the Island recovers from the pandemic.


I consider the highest priority for Bainbridge for the next year or two will be to maintain a steady balance of care and leadership to the community until COVID-19 is controlled. I will talk the language of teamwork as the Island works to move forward from the pandemic.

**This is who I am:**

I grew up in an educated farming family in Eastern Washington on the Colville Indian Reservation, understanding how to do much with little, work hard, have compassion, stay curious and resilient through hard times, what it means to have a supportive family, give back to the community and stay focused. This is a foundation that has served me well. My wife and I raised four children on Bainbridge, all whom graduated from BHS and are University educated. We now have six grandchildren.

I understand the appointment is for only one year before having to campaign at the next election in 2021, and am therefore willing to serve at least one year.

I look forward to hearing from you and sincerely yours,



Stuart N. Walton

# Stuart N. Walton

[REDACTED], Bainbridge Island, Wa 98110

[REDACTED] or cell [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

.....

- Mission** To apply to the Bainbridge Island City Council to fill position #2 for the North Ward.
- Education** **University of Portland, Portland, Oregon**  
Bachelor of Arts  
**Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA**  
Master of Business Administration  
Master of Legal Studies (Law) and Commerce
- Employment History** **Kitsap Community Resource's Business, Education, Support and Training (BEST) and Ventures (formerly Washington CASH) Entrepreneurial Training Programs.**  
2006 to 2014, Seattle, Bremerton, Kent, WA.
- Responsible for all aspects of creating, implementing and improving business training programs for small business development which included the outreach, recruiting, teaching and record keeping for nine-week long business training classes and facilitating follow-up business support group meetings, including one-on-one business counseling, tutoring, mentoring, coaching and advising entrepreneurial clients.
  - Performed community outreach to municipalities, elected officials, service and other non-profit organizations, wrote newspaper articles, press releases, defining and creating applicable class curriculum and spoke before state wide conventions and legislatures.
  - Marketed, recruited and instructed over 900 individuals in business and entrepreneurial training classes, trained over 100 mentors and coaches to assist the individuals in the program. Directed recipients in their loan applications.
  - Approximately 450 small businesses launched, expanded or sustained.
  - Helped increase program funding by 200% by creating a dashboard of relevant program statistics that is understandable by funders and interested municipalities.
- West Sound Business Supply and Paper Products, Etc.**  
1985 To 2003, Silverdale and Bainbridge Island, WA
- Founded West Sound Business Supply an engineering and office supply firm in 1985, doing both retail and commercial business in Kitsap, Jefferson, King and Pierce County. Purchased Paper Products Etc. in 1991 which became a subsidiary of West Sound Business.
  - Operated these two local firms for nineteen years, selling them in 2003.
  - Managed and lead 20 employees.
- Maust Corporation, Seattle, WA**  
1983 to 1985, Seattle, WA
- Corporate Controller and Warehouse Manager for a transportation firm, with approximately 100 trucks, picking up and delivering merchandise between warehouses and the Port of Seattle, concentrating in the fishing industry.
  - Managed approximately 30 people.

**Kodiak Island Seafoods, Inc., Koniag, Inc., and Swiftsure Fisheries, Seattle, WA, Anchorage and Kodiak, Alaska**  
1980 to 1983, Seattle, WA

- Corporate Treasurer of parent Corporation Koniag, Inc.,
- Corporate Controller of subsidiary Kodiak Island Seafoods, Inc.,
- Marketing Assistant to subsidiary Swiftsure Fisheries, Inc.

**Recent Accomplishments and Achievements**

- Taught Business, Entrepreneurship and Economics at University of Consumer Cooperative in Novosibirsk, Russia.
- Currently on the advisory committee at Albers School of Business, Seattle University for the Innovation and Entrepreneurial Center and mentor for International students.
- Wrote a White Paper for the Federal Reserve System, Atlanta Region on Small Business Development during the 2008-2010 recession.
- Participated in a White House Symposium on how to jump start local businesses during the 2008-2010 recession.
- Re-wrote and organized the Entrepreneurial Training Curriculum for Ventures, including worksheets and content.
- Converted a bookkeeping system for the local historical museum to Quick-Books software.
- Coordinated, designed and implemented a joint Seminar for all local businesses, "Tactics and Strategies to improve your Business in Today's Tough Economy".
- Created, defined and designed the Spirit of Entrepreneurship award, honoring the most inspiring entrepreneur for that year.
- Have written numerous articles on Entrepreneurship, Economic Development and Business.
- Testified before the State of Washington on Employment Security and Entrepreneurship.
- Chaired a task force on Winslow Tomorrow, planning a future for local downtown development.
- Teaching Assistant at Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA.
- Business Instructor at Olympic College, Bremerton, WA.
- Sat on Board of Directors of a local Credit Union.