

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO BAINBRIDGE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL POSITION #2

Applicant Information

(Please type or print)

Applicant Name Kevin Fetterly

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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 a 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, cityclerk@bainbridgewa.gov) **no later than 4:00 pm on Wednesday, November 25, 2020**. 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
cityclerk@bainbridgewa.gov**

November 25, 2020

Bainbridge Island City Council
280 Madison Avenue North
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Dear Mayor Schneider, Deputy Mayor Deets, and Councilmembers,

Thank you for taking the time to read this Application for the North Ward seat on the Bainbridge City Council.

The City is at a cross roads. The Council has set ambitious goals with the Climate Action Plan and soon with the Sustainable Transportation Plan. Now comes the intimidating implementation phase, where you will need to transform your goals to policy, education and capital programs.

This is my expertise. I am an Engineer and Small Business Owner. For the bulk of my career, I have organized Teams to solve complex problems, dealt with tight budgets and kept programs on schedule. My talents may be useful to you as you move forward to make significant progress on CAP and ST.

My personal interests lie with **Sustainable Energy** and **Non-Motorized Transportation**. If nominated to the Council, I will plan to bring two proposals to you: a Community Solar proposal... and a “pay-as-you-go” Bike-Pedestrian right-of-way proposal.

The highlight of last year’s election, was my time spent “doorbelling”. I really enjoyed talking directly with the voters, listening to their ideas, and integrating their opinions into coherent policy planks. If nominated to the Council, I will invest energy into direct Citizen contact discussing the issues before the City (albeit by phone during COVID).

I could also bring to the Council a unique perspective due to my Native American heritage and concern for indigenous peoples.

Again, thank you for taking the time to read this application.

Regards,

Kevin Fetterly
North Ward Resident

- Why are you interested in serving as a Bainbridge Island City Councilmember?

During last year's elections, I enjoyed doing my own "doorbelling". Each afternoon, I would head out to a different part of the island and talk with as many people as possible. I met with retirees, young professionals, busy parents, union workers, people who were down-on-their-luck and people in big mansions. I was able to talk directly with about 200 Islanders on Bainbridge's issues and their view of the future.

The process was eye opening. I discovered that most residents **do care** about the City's direction. Their feedback forced me reassess my predispositions on City's issues. "Deep Scrubbing" is a good description. There were two issues that had universal positive response (bike lanes and groundwater management).

I hope to inject that same direct public engagement onto some of the issues before this Council.

- What strength would you bring to the Council?

The Council at a cross roads. You have set ambitious targets with the Climate Action plan and soon with the Sustainable Transportation plan. While these plans have inspiring goals, it is now time to shift into the daunting process of implementation.

That's where people like myself are useful. I am an implementer. I am an Engineer.

I have an advanced degree in Electrical Engineering and have worked, over 20 years, as a small business owner. Every day, I work to fill my Customers' requirements, shoehorn budgets and make sure that projects stay on schedule. My business requires constant innovation in order to offer the best performance for the price.

These management skills will be useful to the Council as you start reducing the CAP and ST Goals to practice. I can work with you to create a legislative plan that makes quick progress on the Goals.

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

Transportation (especially non-motorized transportation) is the foundation for reducing our CO2 emissions. We should be constructing more and safer pedestrian sidewalks and trails so that we can leave our autos behind. We want the School District to use fewer diesel busses, but we haven't provided safe walking paths for our kids. We want to create higher density "villages" outside of Winslow, but we haven't connected the island with a carbon-free way to move around.

We should develop a multi-year a capital plan that implements an Island-wide system of bike lanes and pedestrian rights-of-way. It may take 20 years, but we should get started.

Energy – 59% of our Bainbridge’s electricity comes from coal. I would work with each of you to flesh-out a plan for a **3 mega-watt** Community Solar Facility to be built on the City’s land at Vincent Road. This property was our old dump.

A Solar facility of this size would cut our coal emissions by 20%. We could sell the renewable power to PSE while offering investment opportunities to our Citizens... and generate Tax revenue for the City.

Water – We owe it to our constituents to get a clear understanding of the 6000-year-old aquifer that Winslow and the South Island are drinking from. Its recharge rate unknown and the City’s production wells are declining. We don’t know if we have a 200-year supply or a 50-year supply. Let’s follow the science – and beef-up the monitoring of the health of more of our wells.

We also have surface water issues, as we have a dozen fish-impeding culverts on the Island. There is Storm Water budget to fix these culverts. Let’s put a plan together with Public Works to carry out the remediation over the next three-to-four years.

- 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.

I have focused on Affordable Housing, not by sitting on Committee, but by directly helping **Habitat-for-Humanity** construct new houses in Port Orchard. “Habitat” serves a needy, diverse population by creating affordable entry-level housing. Habitat homes are not free. Each client puts in 250 hours of sweat equity and pays a minimal mortgage.

I appreciate Habitat’s very efficient operations... as they are able to produce reasonable housing for minimal cost by using the labor of volunteers and clients. Here on Bainbridge... I would like to see the Council jumpstart our own stalled Affordable Housing projects.

- What do you wish to accomplish during this appointed term as a Bainbridge Island City Councilmember?

As this is a one-year appointment, I would tend to focus on a few goals, but there are some short-term issues.

In this next month, we will need work on an emergency plan to save our restaurants and retailers from collapse during the second COVID shut down. We need to do something... Cash loans, City provided open air eating areas.

The second priority is the hiring of a City Manager. I would look for an “ego-less” leader who knows how to motivate and grow our employees. This person should

also have the skills to revamp the City's procurement process. We heard from the Director of Public Works... that City does not have the ability to efficiently contract for small projects. Yet, a network of bike lanes will be built from dozens of small road shoulder projects.

Also, this next year, I will work on putting the Community Solar proposal and Non-Motorized proposals before you.

- What is your vision for our City and community?

I hope that 10 years from now, the Island will still look a lot like it does today... a mixture of rural and urban. I hope that we will have successfully concentrated growth into urban villages and held the line on the GMA propagated suburbanization.

I also hope that we can cut the number of autos *in half* by moving to sustainable modes of transit. In 10 years, it should be possible to have a system of autonomous electric buses constantly circulating through the island, day-or-night.... Fueled by electricity generated here on the Island.

Our job is to lay the foundation for this future.

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

I am a proud member of the White Earth Nation of the Minnesota Ojibway... and I am also honored by my own family's history. My Great-Grandfather negotiated directly with President Teddy Roosevelt for Chippewa indigenous rights. When my Great-Uncles moved west to become the Tribal representatives for the Tulalips, our family followed them.

I am sensitive to the plight of the indigenous peoples and want to see our people make more economic and educational progress. I listened to my grandmother's stories about poverty on the Reservation and also of her tough life working as Union washwoman here in Seattle. I heard my mother's accounts of the bigotry that she faced when she was young.

My family's experiences have shown me that we can't let situations control our lives. We need to take action to improve the future. For instance, I met with the Suquamish Elders to discuss shoreline management, but learned about their successful program of housing, education and job creation. They are providing us with an example of good governance. I will look forward helping them restore the salmon population by fixing our broken culverts and restoring our shorelines.

Kevin Fetterly

Stanford University, BS and MS Electrical Engineering

Candidate for Bainbridge City Council, 2019

We received 4900 votes in the toughest of the four Council races. Our polling on Bainbridge issues got over 450 responses.

Apria Technology

President, 25 years

Small business on Bainbridge providing electronic components for chip testing industry. We focus on radio ICs like the ones used in 5G cellular and automotive radar. I have been responsible for program management and the profit and loss financials.

Credence Systems, TSSI, and Tektronix Corporations

Engineering Manager, 20 years

I led Teams to produce electronic instrumentation and software products focused on chip testing. Projects were as large as 25 employees.

SF Bay Area Rapid Transit

Software Engineer

I developed software to improve the throughput of trains crossing San Francisco Bay into the SF's business district. Our goal was 2 minutes schedule between trains, moving 72,000 people per hour.