



STATEMENT OF INTEREST AND BACKGROUND FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE ESTACADA CITY COUNCIL

DATE: Jan 14, 2025

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HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT OF THE CITY (inside City limits)? since May 2021 / 4 years

ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER? yes

PRESENT OCCUPATION: Senior Accountant

City Councilors are required to disclose financial interests with the state. If appointed to this position, you will be required to fill out a Statement of Economic Interest form. See the Oregon Ethics Commission website for more information.

Desirable characteristics for which the Council will be looking as they review applications:

- Familiarity with community
- Familiarity with major issues and City initiatives
- Commitment to serve - Meeting times are posted on the City's website. Time commitments vary and members may be requested to serve on sub-committees or participate at City-sponsored events.
- Relationship with the community - Members are required to relate to the community with impartiality and courtesy.

Outline your experience working collaboratively with a board or committee:

In my line of work, I work closely with others on a daily basis. It is my job to make sure we are working efficiently and maintaining proper communication so that we may reach our goals. I am currently on two city commissions, and I must work with others on those boards as well as the community fairly and with transparency.

Describe your experience making decisions when issues involve competing interests and priorities:

I like to look at things logically and with an open mind. I consider the voices and input given by others to make decisions. Although I carry my own political beliefs, I understand that in this position I am a voice for others and not only myself. I enjoy engaging in conversation that leads to a resolution that we can collectively feel confident in.

Describe your experience setting policies and vision for a group or organization:

I think a great example would be my experience with the Parks and Recreation Commission. Although I do not have children or pets that would be using some of the services we advocate for, I am able to take in all peoples' comments and suggestions so that we can better serve the community. I have to put myself out there interacting with others in the community to hear and collect their input on topics I may not be familiar with.

Please list background or experience with local government organizations:

Estacada Parks and Recreation Commission - 4 years (1 year board member/ 2 year board chair)
Estacada Budget Commission - 4 years

Please tell us why you would like to be appointed to the Estacada City Council, feel free to attach an additional sheet if needed.

My family calls Estacada home and I want to do my part in uplifting and contributing to this community, especially as it is going through a time of rapid growth. I believe we need to get involved if we want our voices to be heard and to also be the voice for those who may not feel heard or represented.

PLEASE SIGN AND DATE YOUR APPLICATION

Vincent Bellomo

Signature

01/14/25

Date

RETURN THIS FORM TO:

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How long have you been a resident inside of Estacada city limits?

Over 6 years

Are you a registered voter?

Yes

Present Occupation

Carpenter

Describe your experience working collaboratively with a board or committee:

Firstly, I am a former Army Sergeant. I was in direct supervision of troops, training, and development while maintaining discipline and standards. I lead by example while mentoring and holding accountability. I deployed in 09-10 with 1/82 Cavalry out of Southern Oregon where I was lead gun truck driver and truck commander with over a hundred successful combat missions. Upon return I was employed with AAI Textron to deploy to Afghanistan as a GOCO (Government owned, Civilian Operated) lead maintenance chief. In short, I was the maintenance team leader with a strong understanding of operating principles, preventative maintenance, troubleshooting and repairs, precise documentation and quality control, and was tasked to communicate with multiple different organizations and echelons. After my time in the Army, I joined the Carpenters Union, which I am currently a member of and have been now for over 12 years. I have a technical understanding and implementation of blueprints and construction drawings as well as swift redirection when change orders are presented, precise work using tools and hardware trade specific, safety-first state of mind and Leadership for apprentices and younger journeyman. A few years ago, I took a position as Service Director for Wood Partners at the Alta Art Tower in Portland. I was in charge of team management, interacting with residents, collaboration with other departments, hiring and vetting vendors, as well as hands on maintenance. Due to personal reasons I rejoined the trades.

Describe your experience making decisions when issues involve competing interests and priorities:

From the Army to the trades, I have been in numerous decision-making positions. I have made decisions in the Army that determined what combat routes we take to what disciplinary actions are needed to be taken when a subordinate acts unbecoming. As the maintenance lead in Afghanistan, I was charged with making decisions based on needs of the crew and mission. This involved ordering mission critical gear and parts while also paying attention to the mental state of the crew themselves. Unfortunately needing to send one crew member home due to mental decline. Being in the trades has a lot of differing interests and priorities. There are many times a foreman would like work done their exact way and it is just not doable due to a number of possible factors such as tools, supplies, environment, or just lack of experience of the crew. That goes both ways. I have worked with crews that do not want to do it the way the foreman wanted it done and have had to deescalate confrontation and proceed with our foreman's request. As Service Director there was a lot of back and forth with the Leasing team. I would also have to explain to residents in great detail why the service we are doing is pertinent to maintaining the integrity and safety of the residence and building itself.

Describe your experience setting policies and vision for a group or organization:

I was part of the greatest organization on planet earth. I served in the US Army. I spent many years working with all different walks of life from sea to sea with every type of background you can think of. I believe there is a lot to learn and to bring to the table with different backgrounds as long as we all share a common core way of life. It didn't matter where you were from or how you were raised, we all were a part of a community of shared beliefs, goals, values and commitment to one-another. I want to see Estacada in the same way. We are growing and we have lots of different backgrounds moving into our great city. I refuse to forget what brought me to live here and although progression is inevitable, I believe progress for sake of progress can ruin our traditions and small town feel and comfort.

Please list background or experience with local government organizations:

This will be my first government position and feel with complete confidence I will not disappoint. As a husband, father, Army Veteran, Tradesman, church member and member of the American Legion I have a long history of hard work and putting others needs before my own. I can work through difficult situations with a smile on my face and stay above the weeds to see the big picture. I pride myself on my integrity and ability to make the right decision based on my core values and not personal interests.

Please tell us why you would like to be appointed to the Estacada City Council:

I am a church going father of 4 who believes in God, Family, and community. I have been a resident for over 6 years and My family, and I are very involved in our community in many different aspects. I know I can bring great perspective given my life experiences, leadership roles and being a father to make sound decisions based on how our community thinks and what it wants. I love that Estacada is growing and love seeing new businesses coming into town. I want to keep and strengthen our city's beliefs and values as a small town with a huge heart. I want the opportunity to give back and be a voice of my neighbors and all the residents of this amazing City.

Personal Information

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How long have you been a resident inside of Estacada city limits?

28 years

Are you a registered voter?

Yes

Present Occupation

Daycare Owner/Operator

Describe your experience working collaboratively with a board or committee:

I was a member of the Estacada High School Boosters way back in 2006 went on to become vice president and president by my last year in 2010. Along with other members I helped reorganize several areas that boosters had but were not able to take advantage of because the areas were not maintained. We collaborated a plan for each area after learning what they were intended for and how they could be put to better use. One of the best ways was we were able to create one area only for storage of food items that could be bought in bulk or delivered in keeping our cost down and revenue up to be used in our booster funds. This was an ongoing thing. I learned the difficulties of setting thing in place for today while building for the next group that might not want or need what you have done.

From 2012-2019 I volunteered in several positions on Estacada Youth Baseball and Football boards. As secretary for youth baseball I was on the ground floor of the change the became what we now see in our baseball program now at the high school level. The group of us that worked like crazy and brought the tournaments to our town was so much fun. When we started our first year we knew we needed port a potties yes but not that we needed to have them cleaned everyday! That was a lesson. then we learned some of the eateries were overwhelmed on the weekends. So we had a schedule made of the tournament weekends so they could plan ahead. When obstacles came up I learned working together

and often lots of phone calls some trial and error often good will come from it.

Describe your experience making decisions when issues involve competing interests and priorities:

I run a Certified Family Child Care in my home, with that I have had to make many policies for my daycare some that are required by the Office of Child Care (now referred to as DELC, Department of Early Learning and Care) Some from incidents that have happened, or because a new rule has been put in place. I know that I have to make this policy so do the other daycare's. I don't want to be too far off from them, I want it to reflect my business. Therefore I make sure I understand the who, what, when, and why of the policy. How it applies to me and my program and go from there. I will double check with DELC to make sure it is ok and meets the requirements and then I would be good to go.

Describe your experience setting policies and vision for a group or organization:

While on the youth boards the board would discuss what the need was and how it was not addressed, We would look at different ways to say what was needed in an understandable way. This was not always easy as not all members always agreed.

Please list background or experience with local government organizations:

I work closely with DELC if ever I don't understand a new rule or a situation that is new to me I can and do call or email any questions I have.

I also work with Nutrition First a program with the US Department of Agriculture a food care program for childcare providers.

Employment Related Day Care - A program to help families supplement the cost of child care.

Please tell us why you would like to be appointed to the Estacada City Council:

Estacada is my hometown, my family moved here in 1975 I graduated in 1989 and moved away only to come back in 1992 and I have been here since. I have built my business here starting in a little house that was built for the lumber mill that would later be used as a barn to learn. Bought our first home in a cul-de-sac by River Mill Elementary where my own kids went only to sell it after eighteen years to buy one of our communities new built homes. I have seen our town grow first hand to what it is today and I would like to be a part of where it is going to go in the coming years. I think I am one that has a foot in the "Way it used to be" but I also have a foot in wanting to see the new growth also. I want to be a part of how our city adapts to the change. I also want to be a positive voice and a realistic voice. Case in point the way I understand it our city does not have policy/code for filling the vacant seat. I am guessing because this is new and uncharted. I would like to be a part of changing this or adding to the city code for in the future. This is also how one learns about how things are not just the "way so and so thinks they should be." I also feel that because I work with so many young families now I have an insight to how they see things and also a way to show them ways to help themselves.

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How long have you been a resident inside of Estacada city limits?

7 years

Are you a registered voter?

Yes

Present Occupation

Business Owner

Describe your experience working collaboratively with a board or committee:

1. Familiarity with the Community:

I have lived in Estacada for over 7 years and own a small business in the community. My time here has given me a strong connection to residents, businesses, and community needs.

2. Familiarity with Major Issues and City Initiatives:

As a resident and business owner, I stay informed about key issues impacting Estacada, such as economic development, community growth, and local government initiatives. My experience working with the Portland Public Schools District has also given me insight into navigating government structures, policies, and decision-making processes.

3. Commitment to Serve:

I am fully prepared to commit to meetings, sub-committees, and City events as needed. My experience balancing responsibilities as a small business owner and my time at Portland Public Schools, where I regularly managed deadlines and collaborated with diverse teams, has strengthened my ability to contribute effectively.

4. Relationship with the Community:

Through my business, I engage with a wide range of people in the community and understand the importance of listening, being respectful, and working collaboratively. My work with Portland Public Schools further developed my ability to communicate with diverse groups while remaining impartial and courteous.

Describe your experience making decisions when issues involve competing interests and priorities:

Throughout my career, I have frequently navigated situations where decisions involved competing interests and priorities. As a small business owner in Estacada, I regularly balance the needs of clients, staff, and financial constraints to ensure business success while maintaining customer satisfaction. For example, when scheduling services or accommodating last-minute requests, I must prioritize client needs without overextending resources, ensuring both employee well-being and service quality.

are upheld.

Additionally, during my time with Portland Public Schools, I handled conflicts involving students, parents, and staff. I often had to make decisions that addressed the immediate needs of individuals while keeping larger school policies and goals in mind. I focused on clear communication, understanding all perspectives, and seeking solutions that balanced fairness with the long-term success of the organization.

In all cases, I prioritize gathering the necessary information, listening to all sides, and weighing the potential outcomes before making a decision. My ability to remain impartial and solution-oriented has helped me resolve conflicts effectively and maintain positive relationships.

Describe your experience setting policies and vision for a group or organization:

I have experience setting policies and vision through both my business and roles in education. As the owner of MC Cleaning Solutions LLC, I established the company's mission to provide eco-friendly, high-quality cleaning services with a focus on sustainability and customer satisfaction. I developed policies around scheduling, staff training, customer service, and eco-friendly product use to support this vision. These policies are continuously refined based on client feedback and business growth.

During my time at Portland Public Schools, I played a key role in setting and implementing operational guidelines for IT support. One of the most significant projects I managed was navigating the Chromebook deployment to students during COVID-19 under Governor Kate Brown's orders. This initiative required me to collaborate with leadership to develop clear processes for distributing devices, ensuring students had access to remote learning tools while prioritizing equity and efficiency. I helped establish policies for device allocation, troubleshooting, and tech support that aligned with district-wide educational goals and adapted to the rapidly changing circumstances.

This experience taught me the importance of setting a clear vision, involving stakeholders, and creating flexible policies that can adapt to emerging challenges. I am confident in my ability to develop and implement policies that balance structure, flexibility, and the needs of the community or organization.

Please list background or experience with local government organizations:

Here's a list of your background and experience with local government organizations:

Portland Public Schools District (2018-2021):

Provided comprehensive IT support to over 50 school locations, working directly with students, staff, and parents. Collaborated with district leadership on key initiatives, including a district-wide print management system and the large-scale Chromebook deployment during COVID-19, following state government directives from Governor Kate Brown. Gained hands-on experience navigating policies, and government procedures, and balancing public service needs with organizational goals.

Small Business Owner in Estacada (MC Cleaning Solutions LLC, 2022-Present):

As a local business owner, I regularly engage with local government agencies for business licensing, permits, and community involvement.

My business has developed strong ties to the community, allowing me to stay informed and collaborate on local events and initiatives.

Camp Colton (Current Role as Office, Events, and Accommodations Manager):

Collaborate with community stakeholders and manage events that often involve coordination with local organizations and government entities.

Oversee processes related to permits, venue use, and operational policies that comply with local regulations.

This experience has provided me with a well-rounded understanding of working within public organizations, navigating government regulations, and balancing diverse interests in community-focused roles.

Please tell us why you would like to be appointed to the Estacada City Council:

I would like to be appointed to the Estacada City Council because I am deeply invested in the growth, well-being, and success of this community. Having lived here for over 7 years and operated a small business in Estacada, I understand the unique challenges and opportunities our city faces. As a business owner, I work closely with residents and understand the importance of creating policies that foster economic growth while preserving the old-town charm that we all know and love.

At this point in my life, I feel a strong calling to serve in the public sector, where I can apply my knowledge and experience to help guide Estacada's growth and development for the greater good. My time with Portland Public Schools, particularly during the large-scale Chromebook deployment under Governor Kate Brown's orders, gave me valuable experience navigating government policies, managing resources, and making decisions that address the needs of diverse groups. This, combined with my current role managing operations, events, and accommodations at Camp Colton, has strengthened my ability to collaborate, listen to multiple perspectives, and implement solutions that benefit the larger community.

I am committed to making thoughtful, transparent decisions that balance progress and development with maintaining the small-town values that make Estacada special. By serving on the City Council, I hope to give back to a community that has given so much to me and ensure that its future reflects the needs and aspirations of its residents.

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How long have you been a resident inside of Estacada city limits?

10 years (since November 2014)

Are you a registered voter?

Yes

Present Occupation

Graphic Designer and Caregiver (family member/Intellectually disabled senior)

Describe your experience working collaboratively with a board or committee:

I am a native Oregonian, who lived in Oklahoma for 10 years before returning to Oregon. I've resided in Estacada since 2014 and love the community feel of our city.

I have served on two small HOA boards in the role of secretary; one in Estacada and an earlier role in Aloha. The role in both instances was small, but it did give me a window into board member roles and participation.

I learned of the City Council opening while attending the Civics Academy. I appreciate that the City of Estacada strives to keep local decisions local, rather than cede to the county, whenever possible.

I understand that there is a time commitment to this position. I am prepared to be at scheduled meetings and look forward to being involved in sub-committees or City-sponsored events.

Describe your experience making decisions when issues involve competing interests and priorities:

My primary career has been in the field of Graphic Design, with lessor experience in sales and marketing. When I worked in a corporate setting as a Graphic Designer I routinely collaborated with fellow artists

and their polar opposites: the sales force. I filled a six-month position specifically bridging the gap between these two worlds to provide creative solutions and win-win outcomes. In 2003 I founded a solo studio offering freelance or contract graphic services, which has been my occupation to present. In this role I actively interface with other artists, vendors, editorial staff, management roles and other stakeholders — each with differing priorities. I've worked with various departments and individuals (internal and external customers), to roll out advertising campaigns and other long-term projects that regularly involve interfacing with different personalities.

Describe your experience setting policies and vision for a group or organization:

In the late 90's I was one of five people placed on a creativity committee which planned events and educational training sessions for a group of 400 artists spanning a 5-state region.

I have strong organizational and creative problem-solving skills and my day-to-day work involves continuous collaboration with various departments to accomplish objectives.

Please list background or experience with local government organizations:

Although I do not have any previous local government background, I do have experience in a legal setting involving a high level of detail, research, and licensing protocols – which I think may have some overlapping applicable skillsets.

For a number of years, I was tasked with extensive work in the realm of copyright clearance which involved negotiating and securing licensing agreements with other publishers and managing licensed assets, including timely renewals. The position required stringent adherence to copyright laws, company specific licensing procedures, extensive research, Budget restrictions, fee negotiation, asset management, and effective communication.

Please tell us why you would like to be appointed to the Estacada City Council:

In 2019, just before COVID hit, my husband's sister (a senior with intellectual disabilities) came to live full time with us. This has thrust me into a world of caregiving and advocating for her needs — not unlike public service roles. It has developed an empathy in me and a desire to see community needs met — especially those that might tend to fall through the cracks.

I believe that it is the responsibility of every citizen to impact their local community to the extent that they have the capacity to do so. It's easy to let community responsibility fall to those who are most eager to be involved and feel like that is enough. In recent years the podcasts I listen to and voices of influence in my life have encouraged engaged community participation. To be honest, it was never on my radar before. I've also been inspired by a neighbor, Charity Hughes, who served time on a previous council.

Personal Information

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