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City of Duvall Council Application

Please clearly fill in the application below and review the attached Council Vacancy & Appointment Procedures.

Applicant Information

Name: Adam Olen Phone: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] Mailing (if different): _____
Occupation: Consultant Email: [REDACTED]

Education

High School Name: LaLumiere School College Name: Indiana U. > Florida International University
Other: _____ Degree: Philosophy (Magna Cum Laude)

Other Information

Do you own a business in Duvall? Yes No Are you a registered voter in Duvall? Yes No
If yes, name & location of business: Our Olive Branch LLC (Home Based) Have you lived in the current city limits of Duvall for at least one year? Yes No

Q & A

List the skills and experience that you would bring to the Duvall City Council:

With nearly 20 years as a strategic consultant for small, medium and large businesses and nonprofits, I bring expertise in finance, operations, and communications. I have served on multiple advisory and governance boards, including as Secretary for a homeowners association. My experience analyzing complex issues, collaborating across teams, and making strategic decisions would serve the Council well. Additionally, my work requires balancing diverse perspectives and making informed, pragmatic choices—skills that are essential for public service. I thrive in environments that require both critical thinking and a long-term vision for sustainable community growth.

Please explain why you wish to serve on the City Council.

I love Duvall—its natural beauty, small businesses, and strong community. After years of wanting to serve, I now have the capacity to engage fully. Losing my daughter in 2023 deepened my appreciation for this community's support and strengthened my commitment to giving back. I believe in the importance of local governance as a force for maintaining and improving the quality of life for all residents. My goal is to help ensure Duvall continues to be a place where families, businesses, and the environment all thrive together.

[Signature]
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February 22, 2025
Date

Duvall City Council
Attn: City Clerk
15535 Main St NE
Duvall, WA 98019

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Subject: Application for Vacant City Council Position

I am honored to submit this letter of interest for the vacant City Council position. Duvall is a truly special place, and I would be grateful for the opportunity to serve and contribute to its future. Public service has been a lifelong value for me. In addition to extensive volunteer engagement throughout my life (available for review on my LinkedIn profile), in college I served as a Floor Governor while studying topics like Gandhian Social Thought. Later, I held a board position in my homeowner's association, participated in multiple advisory and governance boards, and worked alongside local leaders in community-focused programs. Professionally, I have spent nearly 20 years as a strategic consultant for businesses of all sizes and nonprofit organizations, holding senior roles in operations, finance, and communications. These experiences have honed my ability to analyze complex issues, collaborate effectively, and make thoughtful, pragmatic decisions—skills that are critical to effective governance.

My desire to serve on the Duvall City Council stems from three key motivations:

- **A Deep Love for This Community** – Duvall is a truly special place. The balance of natural beauty, working farms, and suburban amenities, combined with a vibrant small business community and a rich cultural scene, creates an incredible environment. The way our neighbors—from working-class families to professionals—come together through events, arts, and shared experiences is something I cherish. I want to help preserve and strengthen what makes Duvall unique for generations to come.
- **A Longstanding Commitment to Service** – As described above, public service has been a throughline in my life. I have consistently sought opportunities to support my community. While work and family commitments previously limited my ability to engage at the city level, I now have the capacity—and the conviction—to contribute meaningfully to Duvall's future.
- **A Commitment to Thoughtful, Ethical Leadership** – The challenges we face at the national level reinforce how important it is to have strong, principled leadership at the local level. City government plays a crucial role in ensuring a thriving, inclusive, and resilient community. I believe that critical thinkers with integrity and a solutions-oriented mindset must step up, and I am ready to do so.

Duvall is an extraordinary place to live, and I want to actively contribute to shaping its future with pragmatism, compassion, and a long-term vision. Thank you for your time and consideration. If another candidate is a better fit, I will wholeheartedly support their appointment. But if selected, I will serve with dedication, integrity, and a deep love for this city.

Sincerely,



Adam Olen

