



City of Seaside

Cover Sheet for Letter of Interest to Fill City Council Vacancy

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Name: Erica D. Gertrude Smith Date: 01/02/2019

Are you a registered voter? Yes No The City Clerk will verify voter registration.

Are you a resident of the City of Seaside? Yes No

Please Note: Your letter of interest and application materials are public records and will be included with the City Council's Agenda materials, posted on the City's website, and made available to the media and general public. The personal data requested on the second page of this cover sheet will be redacted.

This appointment process is to fill an unscheduled vacancy on the City of Seaside's City Council. The term of this seat is from the date of appointment to December 2020. Only City of Seaside registered voters who have submitted a letter of interest by the deadline will be considered for appointment.

To apply for this vacancy, submit this cover sheet and a letter of interest that includes a description of your ability to serve to:

Roberta Greathouse, Human Resources Director / Risk Manager, in person at City Hall (440 Harcourt Avenue), via email to rgreathouse@ci.seaside.ca.us, or via fax to (831) 718-8593.

In order to be considered for this vacancy, your letter of interest must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 2, 2019.

Please note that City Hall will be closed on December 24 & 25 as well as January 1, 2019.

BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Private Versus Public: Becoming a candidate for public office means that information about you will become a matter of public record immediately. With a few exceptions, this includes any and all documents submitted to the City during the course of the application period. As such, these documents must, by law, be available to the public for inspection and/or copying. Redacted copies of submitted applications will be available on the City's website.

Interview Process: On January 10, 2019, all applicants are invited to make a 3 minute presentation to the City Council regarding their ability to work in a team environment as a member of a governing board (if an applicant is unable to make a presentation they will still be considered to fill this vacancy.)

Term of Office for this Unscheduled Vacancy: The term of this seat will be from the day of appointment through December, 2020.

GERTRUDE SMITH

January 02, 2019

Roberta Greathouse, Human Resources
City of Seaside
440 Harcourt Avenue
Seaside, California

Dear Neighbors,

My name is Gertrude Smith. I write this letter to express my interest in filling the City Council vacancy in Seaside, California. As a fourth generation Seaside, I am proud to say that I love my hometown and am dedicated to service, whether to my loved ones, or to the larger Seaside community. It would be a privilege to join such a great team!

My involvement in local politics will serve me well in this position. I currently serve as a California Democratic Party Delegate. I also serve as an officer in the Monterey County Young Democrats, and I have previously served as a County Commissioner. When running for Mayor of Seaside in 2016, I also gained valuable political leadership experience.

I also have deep experience as a community organizer. I have visited the offices of our Congress members, in District and in Washington D.C., to advocate for various issues that affect this community. On a local level, this included helping facilitate collaborative efforts with neighbors to advocate for the City of Seaside to become a Sanctuary City. I have also served as a youth advocate. My deep roots in the community give me an awareness of Seaside's most pressing issues. These concerns include housing that is affordable for this community, living wage jobs, a new focus on our youth, from cradle to college-aged, public works and active transportation, and smart development efforts that ensure long-term benefits.

My goal is to take a comprehensive, collaborative, compassionate approach to public service. In doing so, we can strike the essential balance necessary to secure the most desirable outcome tailored for Seaside's success. I know that my experience as a millennial worker, a nurturer, and seeker of solutions qualifies me to add a much needed perspective to our decision-making process. Upon my appointment to the Council, I'm ready to continue putting in work to ensure that we are creating the future that we all deserve.

Sincerely,



Gertrude Smith