



City of Seaside

Cover Sheet for Letter of Interest to  
Fill City Council Vacancy

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Name: Alex H. Miller Date: January 2, 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](mailto: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.

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January 2, 2018

Dear Honorable Members of the Seaside City Council:

I am writing this letter to express my strong interest in being appointed to the vacated Seaside city council seat. Seaside is a very special place to me. Over the past 17 years that I have called Seaside home, I have become increasingly committed to shaping a brighter future for it. To me, Seaside isn't just a city, but a shining star on the peninsula that has its best days ahead of it.

When I first moved here from the Bay Area in 2002 to attend CSUMB, I assumed it would be a four-year stint. But I soon fell in love with Seaside's vibrant population and awe-inspiring natural beauty. Rather than be discouraged by the urban blight and social issues that affect it, I instead envisioned the tremendous potential it could reach through the efforts of faithful public stewardship.

At CSUMB, several of my classes focused on the pressing issues that the city faces. The scarcity of public resources and common spaces for the youth was the most sobering to me and gave me insight into how gang activity has previously flourished here. For one class, I planned renovations in a local park and presented my proposal to the city council. That experience gave me a glimpse into the inner-workings of government, and I knew at that moment where my future lay.

Over the next few years, I became an athletic coach, proud Seaside homeowner and contributor to Seaside's Police Athletic League. I gained first-hand knowledge of the concerns of the locals and did whatever I could to address them. In 2016, I launched a bid for County Supervisor. Though I ultimately was not able to unseat a long-time incumbent, my candidacy led to me being offered a place on the Neighborhood Improvement Commission, which I now Chair.

In my role on the commission, I worked with the Seaside Police to replace the blighted Neighborhood Watch signs. Recently, I worked with city staff to persuade PG&E to modernize the fence on San Pablo. Our commission is also in the process of installing a new Seaside Gateway sign across the street from Embassy Suites. For this effort, I helped spearhead the novel idea of soliciting design entries from the public. I am tremendously proud of what I have accomplished on the commission, but I also know that I am only scratching the potential of what I can offer Seaside. I matriculated at Golden Gate University School of Law in order to achieve fluency in the law and to become a more effective agent of change for policy reforms.

Serving on the Seaside city council will position me to help enact meaningful improvements to our neighborhoods through my tireless efforts and understanding of land use, contracts, torts, environmental needs, the structuring of businesses, and state & federal Constitutions. Since my time at CSUMB, the university has transformed into a world-class institution. As a city council member, I will work to establish stronger ties between the city and the school for the mutual benefit of both entities.

But first and foremost, my main focus is on fostering a better version of Seaside for the younger generation, which now also includes my young daughter. As a long-time teacher and coach, I know how athletics and other extracurriculars can engage young minds and shape them into future leaders and productive citizens. However, our schools and neighborhoods lack the resources to support our children in these crucial ways. As a passionate member of the city council, I will work towards filling these needs, through the allocation of funds, policy proposals, and targeted initiatives like restoring the shuttered basketball court on the corner of Contra Costa and Sonoma for community use.

Making the star called Seaside shine even brighter should be the goal of all council members. The city must come before politics, and I am hopeful that the person chosen for this job will be the best person to move Seaside forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Miller', with a stylized, cursive script.

Alex Miller