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Ali Spietz, City Clerk
Councilmember Recruitment
9611 SE 36th Street
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Dear Councilmen

As a citizen of Mercer Island for over fifty years with a past of volunteering to help my community I desire to again serve the community in a different way, that as a Councilmember for the City of Mercer Island.

I have a background in working with the public, I have written and submitted proposals with government agencies, I have worked in budgeting and oversight through my employment at Subase Bangor. My education is in Public Administration and I have used that training in my employment.

Living on this Island for as long as I have I have a history here that not very many have and I want to bring that history to the planning of this island.

Please add my name to the list of citizens that are interested in the position of Councilmen.



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As a fellow Councilmember I will work with other council members in the adoption of the laws and policies for the local government. Adopt a budget, determine service levels and funding for those services, review and make necessary adjustments. Be a liaison for subcommittees and advisory boards, represent the Council and report back. Represent the Council at community functions and events and various community functions

Education

Seattle University	B.A. Public Administration	1993
Olympic College	A.T.A Management	1984
Olympic College	A.A. General studies	1985
Bellevue College	A.A. Media Technology	1976

Employment

8 years Mercer Island School District
23 years Subase Bangor Fire Department

Volunteer Community Service

30 years Mercer Island Volunteer/aux. Fire Department.
3 years South Kitsap Volunteer Fire Department
3 years Poulsbo Volunteer Fire Department
6 years Mercerwood Shore Club Board member
3 years Mercer Island Emergency Preparedness

Specialized training and assignments

Hazardous Materials Technician, Hazardous Materials Supervisor, Hazardous Waste Site Worker, Hazardous Waste Originator
Aloha / Cameo Instructor and consultant with the E.P.A.
Fire Inspector I certified. Building Construction and acceptance, Fire System certification/acceptance
Union President, negotiator and grievance steward for the United Steelworkers Union
Liaison with Kitsap County and Navy for Disaster Preparedness

My interest in being a Councilmember is to ensure that the city maintains the high quality of living we have worked for all these years. I believe that a safe community has dependable utilities, good working roads and reliable transportation. This community has an aging population so we need to address their needs while and still maintaining programs for all ages. Being prepared for emergencies is an area of special interest to me given my long background with the various fire departments.

One of the strengths that I can bring to this council is that I am a long time resident of the island and have worked with variety of community groups. I am still active and stay in contact with people who live and work here. I believe that I can give another way of reaching out to and receiving feedback from the people that we serve.

My three highest priorities or issues are the following:

Ensure public safety thru police, fire and disaster preparedness. Ensure that we have power equipment and emergency vehicles bases on the island. Maintain water, sewer, roads and street lighting.

Provide a good public transportation system on the island and obtain parking areas for island residents.

Provide support and programs for our seniors for they have given this city so much support over the years.

In taking on these goals it will make Mercer Island a location where people will want to live and raise their family, in turn this will build up the business centers and create more jobs and income to the city.

I have a long time involvement with helping out. At age eighteen I became a Volunteer firefighter on Mercer Island and maintained that membership for over thirty years. I volunteered for Poulsbo and South Kitsap fire departments for a total of six years between the two of them.

I helped Kitsap County EMS set up their 800Mh radio system and with the Navy's (Subbase Bangor) radio systems along with designing the Navy's civilian radio dispatch center (on base and non shipboard). Worked as a liaison between the Navy, county, and other military bases in Washington with setting up disaster preparedness programs, mutual aid responses, inventories of equipment and supplies and assisted in the writing of proposals in what to do when a situation happens.

I worked as an agent for the navy and fire departments in the working design of the Cameo/Aloha hazardous material computer model which is used by almost all hazardous response teams.

I was a CPR/First Aid instructor for over twenty years and taught this lifesaving method to thousands of people.

I am a past board member for the Mercerwood Shore Club and I served for six years.

I have been a member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church for over 20 years and have participated in many outreach projects and youth activities with them.

I am a current member of the city's Emergency Preparedness department, in charge of transportation and acting as a liaison between them and the School District.

What I wish to accomplish during this appointment is the process on how this council works together with each other and the city staff. I will use this short time as a learning curve so I will be as ready as possible when called upon. I want to be more involved in the decision making and representing the voice of the people of this island.

My vision of Mercer Island is houses, apartments and condos that are safe from crime, roads that are safe for all. Parking for locals to use in our town center, people can shop and socialize with other people or groups. Parks that are safe and maintained but still be natural, areas that children can swim and visiting boaters have a place to tie up to and enjoy the activities for all ages that Mercer Island has to offer.

As most of you know, I have been attending almost all of the Council meetings for the last five years and I have a pretty good understanding as to what is going on in the city. This dedication of lasting through the meetings is done by only a few and I think that this commitment should demonstrate dedication to those people. (I do admit that I have gone home at times and watched the ending there, where I will no longer have the option). Everybody has their own circle of friends and I believe that between my wife and me we have a very large one on this island. With this I feel that I have a good idea as to what those people want the city to do for them.