

Application Form

Profile

Jennifer

First Name

Murray

Last Name

Middle Initial

Email Address

Home Address

City

Suite or Apt

State

Postal Code

What Ward do you live in? *

☒ Ward 3

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Employer

Job Title

Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Citizen Budget Committee: Submitted

Which of the following City of Salem Board or Commission meetings have you attended? *

☒ None

Interests & Experiences

What do you feel you can contribute as a board or commission member?

As a committee member, I would bring a solid foundation in budget and finance, which enables me to thoroughly analyze financial documents, identify inefficiencies, and evaluate funding priorities with a focus on long-term sustainability. I understand how to balance fiscal responsibility with the need to support essential services and community growth. At the same time, I bring a fresh perspective—I'm not here to simply maintain the status quo. I believe in looking at problems with new eyes, questioning assumptions, and exploring creative, data-driven solutions. I'm especially interested in transparency, community engagement, and ensuring that budget decisions reflect the evolving needs and values of our residents.

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What prompted your interest in applying to serve as a board or commission member?

I've always had a strong desire to give back and be involved in my community, and now feels like the right time to step forward. With my background in budget and finance, I see this as a great opportunity to apply my skills in a way that supports the public good while learning from others and helping shape thoughtful, community-driven decisions.

Please explain how your education, professional, personal, or volunteer experience and knowledge qualify you to serve on the board(s) or commission(s) for which you are applying.

I believe I'm well-qualified to serve on the City Budget Committee due to my strong foundation in finance, supported by a degree in the field and over 10 years of professional experience in hospital revenue cycle consulting. This background has given me a deep understanding of budgeting, financial analysis, and the importance of efficiency and transparency in managing complex systems. Beyond my professional qualifications, I have a genuine desire to contribute to the well-being of our community and help make our city a better, more fiscally responsible place for all residents.

List any experience you have with volunteering for the City of Salem or other organizations.

While I haven't had the opportunity to volunteer with the City of Salem up to this point, I'm eager for this position to be the beginning of my civic involvement. I'm ready to step up and contribute in a meaningful way. I've been actively involved in my faith community, which has helped me stay connected, serve others, and understand the value of listening and working collaboratively.

Briefly explain any experience you have working with your neighborhood association or other public bodies or committees.

I currently serve on my children's private school board, which has been a valuable learning experience in understanding what it means to serve on a board. Through this role, I'm gaining firsthand experience with governance, collaborative decision-making, and balancing the needs of an organization with the broader interests of the community it serves. It's deepened my interest in public service and prepared me to contribute effectively on a city committee.

Can you commit to attending a minimum of 75 percent of scheduled meetings? (Please refer to the City's website for the meeting schedule. Failure to meet the attendance requirement may result in removal from office.)

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please list up to three (3) references whom we could contact to learn more about your qualifications (name/email address or phone number/relationship).

Ned Clements 503-851-9513 Work Colleague & Friend

Dan Sullenger 503-559-5975 Friend

Brett Pemble 503-708-5144 Fellow Private School Board Member

Demographics

Some boards and commissions require membership to be racially, politically or geographically proportionate to the general public. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts.

Ethnicity

None Selected

Gender

None Selected

Question