

Ward 7 City Councilor Nomination Form

Eligibility for Ward 7 City Councilor

The Salem City Council will appoint a new councilor to fill the vacant position to fulfill the remainder of the term from a list of recommendations made by the Board and Commissions Committee. The term expires December 31, 2020. If you meet the requirements below, please complete this form and submit it by 11:59 p.m., October 8, 2019.

To be eligible to serve as Ward 7 City Councilor, you must:

- Be a registered voter
- Not be a current City of Salem employee
- Have lived within Ward 7 continuously during the last 12 months

The Salem City Council is composed of one representative from each of Salem's 8 wards and the Mayor. All members of the City Council, including the Mayor, are unpaid volunteer positions. In addition to twice monthly City Council meetings, members of the Council may participate in many community activities and meetings, including workshops, neighborhood association meetings, committee meetings, and other events.

Any information submitted may be subject to disclosure under Oregon Public Records Law ORS 192.314.

Your contact information

1. Your contact information

First Name

Robert

Last Name

Thrasher

Email Address

[REDACTED]

Home Address

[REDACTED]

Apt/Suite/Office

N/A

City

Salem

State

Oregon

Zip

97302

Primary Phone

[REDACTED]

Day Phone (Optional)

Evening Phone (Optional)

2. Do you live in Ward 7? If unsure, you can use [this map](#) to find out. (Link opens in new window.)

Yes

About you

3. Which neighborhood associations represent your ward?

SouthWest Association of Neighbors

(untitled)

4. Are you registered to vote?

Yes

About you

5. Please describe your background and experience as it relates to city affairs. Please be specific if your experience relates to any volunteer or paid positions which interface with a city government.

Engaged, voting citizen. Small business owner. Salem Warming Network Panel member. Have attended various neighborhood community partnership team meetings. Would like to get more involved in meaningful ways.

6. City Councilors have many responsibilities and serve in a volunteer capacity. Please discuss your availability and commitment to meet the needs of the community in this role. How much time do you have to give?

I could give 10 hours a week.

7. Describe your interest in the role. What would you look forward to?

Researching community needs and potential solutions. Working with fellow councilors and community members in developing a healthy and vibrant city.

8. What do you think are some of the most important issues facing the city today? What are your views on those issues?

Climate and livability. I would enjoy us to develop green and sustainable solutions in reducing carbon emissions in our city. I favor a more dynamic and reliable public transportation system as well as development of bike and walking friendly city designs.

Equality and equality marked by inclusiveness for all citizens. I would like to see more progress in the areas of racial, gender, LGBTQ, youth, elder and differently abled equity.

Small business and entrepreneur development. I'm encouraged by the many new business that are popping up in downtown Salem and elsewhere in our city. I've enjoyed the network of local artisan enterprises that I've been a part of this past year and would like to encourage further growth in attracting and assisting start up business in Salem.

Homeless and Housing solutions. I would like the city to research housing first options for our city's homeless/unsheltered neighbors. I would like to see a low barrier non-faith based homeless shelter opened in Salem that will facilitate housing and health (physical and mental) solutions.

Education and child/youth development. I want our schools to both attract and retain high quality educators and administrators so that our school district produces outstanding young people who will shape and lead our city's future.

Vibrant and effective nonprofit sector. I would like to see greater collaboration between the city and local nonprofits in developing long term, sustainable solutions for our cities social needs.

Infrastructure. I want to see our city both maintain and innovate our roads, utilities, downtown buildings, and neighborhoods for both functional and aesthetic purposes, making Salem both a beautiful and structurally pragmatic.

References

9. Reference #1

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Phone Number

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Relationship to you

Colleague Salem Warming Network

Reference #2

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Email Address

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Phone Number

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Relationship to you

Head of Staff. Salem First Presbyterian Church

Reference #3

First Name

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Last Name

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Email Address

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Phone Number

[REDACTED]

Relationship to you

Friend. Executive Director of Family Promise

This is the last page of the application. By selecting “Submit” or the “Next” arrow, you agree that your application is complete and are formally submitting your application.

Thank you!

The Boards and Commissions Committee will review applications and provide recommendations to City Council in early October. The City Council will consider the Committee's recommendation and may conduct interviews on October 21, 2019. Council is expected to fill the vacancy at the October 28, 2019, City Council meeting.