

City of London - Application for Appointment to City of London Municipal Council - Ward 6

Application

Contact Information

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Experience and Qualifications

Please provide a brief written statement explaining why you would like to serve the remainder of the term as Ward 6 Councillor: (maximum 250 words):

I am passionate about our city, and believe strongly that living in a community means giving back when you are able. I believe in sustainable decision making by striking the right balance between finances, community life, and the environment - it is critical to a successful city. My experiences as a business owner, working with people experiencing poverty, and as a volunteer help me find that balance.

I have also run previously for this position: in 2018 I made a respectable showing while running against a popular incumbent, and in 2014 I placed a close third in a tight race of seven candidates. Investing all of this time, energy, and money into two campaigns means I know the ward and I know its key issues:

- Social impacts of addiction issues**
- Relationship with Western campus**
- Importance of green spaces, trees, and natural areas such as Medway Heritage Forest**
- Making streets safer with traffic calming and appropriate bike/pedestrian infrastructure**
- Access to efficient public transit from all corners of the ward**
- Accessibility issues for people using mobility devices**

It is a district of the city with a diversity of families, students, elders, and all walks of life. This is the kind of vibrancy a city needs to survive and thrive.

I have the backing of my family, my employer, and the residents of Ward 6 to take on this position. I would be honoured to represent the ward for the next year.

Please provide a brief written statement regarding your experience and qualifications: (maximum 250 words):

As an entrepreneur, I know the challenges and rewards of launching and sustaining a business. I have experience in responsibly managing both finances and time, as well as in building and maintaining relationships.

My commitment to our community solidified in 1999 when I began volunteering on Saturday mornings at the London Food Bank. Two years later, I started co-ordinating volunteers and, in 2016, joined the staff to run the Community Harvest program. In 20+ years of service, I have seen how many of our neighbours struggle to make ends meet. I continue to push for more supports for people experiencing poverty.

I am already familiar with City Hall, having served on the Advisory Committee on the Environment for the past nine years, including three terms as Chair. I also started serving on the London Advisory Committee on Heritage in 2019. Both of these committee positions have given me invaluable experience in working with staff and City Council.

I work on the board of directors for ReForest London, the city's largest environmental non-profit organization. I started volunteering there in 2010, starting in tree planting before joining the board in 2015, and am currently the board secretary.

I am a past-president of the London Region branch of Architectural Conservancy Ontario, having served on the board since 2015. Heritage buildings need to be considered serious assets to a city, and also must be allowed to grow over time with sympathetic additions.

Please provide a brief answer to the following question: Do you intend to seek Election to the same council seat in the 2022 Election? (it being noted that Municipal Council cannot prevent a person who is eligible from seeking election to Municipal Council, regardless of the statement provided.)(maximum 250 words):

No, I do not intend to seek election to City Council in 2022.

Attach resume or other document here, if needed:

Attach more files here, if needed:

Confirmations

You must be able to make these confirmations to apply for this role: **I am a resident of London, Ontario, Canada, or I am the owner or tenant of land there, or the spouse of such owner or tenant.; I am at least 18 years old.; I am not ineligible or disqualified under the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, the Municipal Act, 2001, the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act or any other Act to be elected to or hold the above-mentioned office.; I am not prohibited from voting at the municipal election under the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.; I understand that my application may be published on a public agenda accessible to the public on the City of London's website.**

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