



City of Santa Rosa

DATE/TIME REC'D: RECEIVED DEC 18 2019 CITY OF SANTA ROSA CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
--

1:24pm.

COMPLETED AND SIGNED APPLICATION MUST BE FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK BY:
DECEMBER 18, 2019, AT 5:00 P.M.

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE SANTA ROSA CITY COUNCIL

This application is to fill a vacancy on the Santa Rosa City Council expiring in December 2020. This application is a public document. It may be reviewed by any member of the public upon request after the close of the application period. Only Santa Rosa registered voters who have submitted a complete application packet by the deadline will be considered for appointment.

Name: JAMES PEDGRIFF

Residence Address: [REDACTED] SANTA ROSA -05

Mailing Address (if different): _____

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Home Phone: [REDACTED] Daytime Phone: [REDACTED]

Are you currently a registered voter and a resident of the City of Santa Rosa? Yes

Years of Residence in the City: 15 years

Resident of City Council District No: 2

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet(s) of paper as they relate to the Council seat you are seeking.

Part I:

1. Please describe your background as it relates to your application for appointment to the Council.
2. Please describe your qualifications for appointment to the Council.
3. Please state why you wish to be appointed to the Council.

Part II:

1. What particular skills do you bring to the Council?
2. Why do you think you should be appointed to the City Council?

3. How much time do you have available to serve?
4. In your opinion, what are the top two pressing issues facing the City of Santa Rosa and why?
5. How have you remained current and informed on City issues?
6. Please summarize your experiences in community activities or issues affecting the City of Santa Rosa. Give specific examples of your personal involvement.
7. Do you have any specialized training or other qualifications that would be important for the Council to consider?
8. Serving on the Council requires you to annually file a Statement of Economic Interests (FPPC Form 700), a public document in which you disclose your financial interests. Rules of law and ethics prohibit members from participating in and voting on matters in which they may have a direct/indirect financial interest. Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest which may develop from your occupation or other financial interests in relation to your responsibilities as a member of the Council? If yes, please describe any potential conflicts.

To be appointed to the Council you must be a registered voter residing in the City of Santa Rosa at the time of submitting this application and must remain an elector of the City while serving on the Council.

To be considered for appointment you must submit in person:

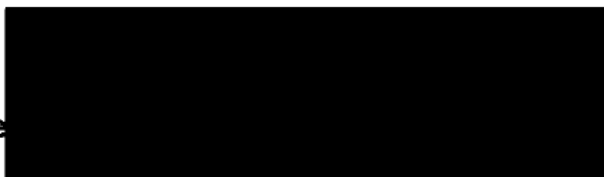
1. The application with any supplemental sheets attached;
2. The FPPC Form 700 (Statement of Economic Interests); and
3. The Nomination Paper with no fewer than 20 signatures, with names and addresses of Santa Rosa registered voters to:

City Clerk's Office,
City Hall, Room 10,
100 Santa Rosa Avenue,
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

FILING DEADLINE: DECEMBER 18, 2019, AT 5:00 P.M. PLEASE NOTE THAT ROOM 10 IS CLOSED ON FRIDAYS. TO SUBMIT APPLICATION/NOMINATION PAPERS ON A FRIDAY, PLEASE CALL 707-543-3015 TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT.

I JAMES PEDGRIFF swear/affirm that the foregoing information is true and correct.

Applicant's Signature



Date

12/18/2019

James Pedgrift Candidate Statement

DECEMBER 2020

PART 1:

1. Please describe your background for appointment to the Council.

* I was elected to the Santa Rosa City Council in 1986 and then reelected in 1992. During the eight years I served, I was Mayor twice, first in 1992 and again in 1995.

* I was appointed to the Santa Rosa Charter Review committee in 2005.

* I served as the Senior Citizen Representative to the Santa Rosa Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board from 2014 to 2018.

2. Please describe qualifications for appointment to the Council

* I am a registered voter residing in Santa Rosa

3. Please state why you wish to be appointed to the Council

* The Council is on record for stating they are looking for someone who will not use the appointment in order to run for reelection in 2020. Moreover they want someone who is familiar with the responsibilities of a councilperson and can contribute from day one. I meet both of those qualification and I would be proud to be able to serve.

James Pedgrift Candidate Statement

PART 11:

1. What particular skills do you bring to the Council?

* I am a thoughtful and deliberate decision maker. As a life long teacher I bring the skill of asking critical questions and listening carefully when others speak. I am pretty good at recognizing obfuscation. I fully understand the importance of being a member of a team that must cooperate in order to get things done.

2. Why do you think you should be appointed to the Council?

* I do not know who else may be applying for the appointment, so I cannot say why I am better than any other applicant, but I am confident I meet the stated qualifications and I can do the job well.

3. How much time do you have available serve?

* When I previously served on the City Council and I had three school age children living at home, and a full time job teaching at Sonoma State University. At this time I have neither of those responsibilities and I am busy only with volunteer work in the community and tending my garden.

4. In your opinion, what are the top two pressing issues facing the City of Santa Rosa and why?

* The most immediate issue is responding to the emergency need for finding a place for the homeless encampment on the Joe Rodota Trail. This can not continue with local government ignoring the problem. What must

James Pedgrift Candidate Statement

be done is complicated and should involve the City Council working with the Board of Supervisors. Homelessness itself is a long term ubiquitous issue well beyond the powers of the Santa Rosa City Council to solve. When I previously served we would open up the National Guard Armory every winter, but I am afraid the problem has grown well beyond that sufficiency of that response

* The second pressing issue is related to the first. It is housing, affordable housing. The issue is long term and has been the bane of every City Council since the Second World War. The historical problem has been recently exacerbated by the fires of 2017. The persistence of the housing problem is never an excuse to ignore it. There are very real beneficial policies the Council can adopt which ameliorate the problem, perhaps only temporarily, but then we must reexamine the changing need and be tenacious. We succeed by being persistent.

5. How have you remained current and informed of City issues?

* I continue to be involved with the City in various volunteer capacities, i.e. BPAB and Southeast Greenway. I also read the Press Democrat attend an occasional Council meeting and endlessly discuss current, local events with other community news addicts like me.

6. Please summarize your experience in community activities or issues affecting the City of Santa Rosa. Give specific examples of your personal involvement.

James Pedgrift Candidate Statement

* Summarizing:

1988 -1996 Councilperson on Santa Rosa City Council

1992 and 1995 Santa Rosa Mayor

2005 Appointed Representative to the Santa Rosa City Charter Review

2014 -2018 Member of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

2012 - present Governing Board for Southeast Greenway

7. Do you have specialized training or other qualifications that would be important for the Council to consider?

* None that I can think of

8. Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest which may develop from your occupation or other financial interests in relation to your responsibilities as a member of the Council?

* None!