

Michael R. Scott

December 30, 2014

Roz Lassoff, City Clerk
Council Recruitment
280 Madison Avenue North
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Re: Application for Appointment to City Council, Position No. 4

Dear Ms. Lassoff:

Please accept my application and resume for review by the City Council as it considers candidates to fill vacant City Council Position No. 4.

I have resided on Bainbridge Island since 1989. I moved to the Island shortly after my oldest daughter was born, and all three of my children (Anna, Lizzie, and John) attended our public schools and graduated from Bainbridge High School. I was proud to serve as a member of the Bainbridge Island School Board from 2001 to 2004, and from that experience have developed an abiding interest in contributing to our community through involvement in our local government. The current opening on the Council presents an attractive prospect for very meaningful public service, and I would be greatly honored if I were offered the opportunity to work with the Council, City Manager, and City staff to help foster a healthy and vibrant community.

I look forward to meeting with the Councilmembers to discuss my qualifications, interests, and goals. Meanwhile, please let me know if any further information would be helpful to the Council's consideration of my application.

Very truly yours,



Michael R. Scott

cc: (w/ encls.) Mayor Anne Blair

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO BAINBRIDGE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL POSITION #4

Applicant Information

(Please type or print)

Applicant Name Michael R. Scott

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Cover Letter & Resume

Please attach a one page cover letter and a resume of no more than two pages to this application.

Supplemental Questions

Please respond to the following questions regarding your interest in the position of Councilmember for the City of Bainbridge Island on separate pages using no more than 3 pages total:

1. Why are you interested in serving as a Bainbridge Island City Councilmember?
I would value the opportunity to serve our City as a member of the City Council, working with the other Councilmembers to protect and enhance our community's social, economic, and environmental well-being. I have considered running for the office before, and have deferred any decision until I could be comfortable that I would have ample time to devote to the office. I feel I have reached such a point in my life.
2. What strength would you bring to the Council?
I am an experienced and collegial problem solver. I am effective at studying issues, listening to and learning from differing points of view, and working with others towards a common goal. When there are strongly held, conflicting points of view, I believe I have an ability to see past the conflicts to the essential elements of an issue – to strip away the “personality” or “noise” of an argument or position, and reflect back options to help resolve the disagreement.
3. What are the three highest priorities and/or issues you believe the City needs to address? How would you propose to address these issues?
 - ***Continuing to develop and improve policies that foster graceful, balanced, sustainable growth on our Island, while preserving open spaces.*** *I think this goal requires broad community engagement, and purposeful, visionary, long-term collaboration—working together to maintain a community that welcomes and retains a diverse range of individuals and families, communities and natural places, farms and businesses.*

- **Improving the infrastructure surrounding the Island’s ferry terminal.** *I would like to see us work with Bainbridge Island citizens, other off-Island commuters who use the terminal, the Washington State Department of Transportation, and others with relevant knowledge and interests to collaborate in further enhancing a vibrant, convenient, and beautiful gateway to and from our Island community.*
- **Maintaining and improving a healthy business district in downtown Winslow, and fostering healthy smaller commercial centers in Lynwood Center, Rolling Bay, and other neighborhoods.** *This would involve listening to the needs of the various constituents—business owners, neighbors, and customers—and working with them to address their concerns and needs.*

4. Explain your current and past community involvement and/or service on city, nonprofit, or public boards, committees, task forces, or commissions and how this has contributed to the Bainbridge Island community. Address its relevance to the position of Bainbridge Island City Councilmember.

I served as a member of the Bainbridge Island School District Board from 2001 until 2004. I greatly enjoyed my work in that office. Prior to my service on the School Board, I served on two school bond committees. My involvement with the School District gave me valuable experience with local governance, and helped develop my ability to work with a variety of constituents and stakeholders.

I was active from 1988 until 2002 as a member of Rolling Bay Presbyterian Church, and served on its governing Session. I have been a member of Grace Episcopal Church since 2002, and serve there as a lay minister. Through my involvement with these two faith communities I have had the opportunity to get acquainted with a large number of our Island neighbors.

I was active in the Bainbridge Island Y-Guide (Tye Nation) program for many years, during all three of my children’s involvement. I served as the “Nation Chief” for one of those years. My involvement with the Y-Guide program was another great opportunity to expand my circle of Island friends and neighbors.

I served on the Board of Elderhealth Northwest (now Full Life Care) from 1992 until 1998, including two terms as President of the Board. I continue to serve on the advisory committee of Full Life Care. Full Life Care provides day health services to frail adults, enabling them to stay in their homes, with their families and communities. My work with this wonderful organization has helped me to better understand the needs of elderly and frail members of our community.

I have served as a volunteer and committee member of Pride Foundation since 2004. Pride Foundation is a regional community foundation that works to expand opportunities and advance full equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) people across the Northwest. I was elected to its Board in 2007, and continue to serve on the Board as Secretary and as a member of the Foundation’s Executive Committee. Working with Pride Foundation has given me a greater appreciation of the power of visionary community involvement. (If selected to serve on the Bainbridge Island City Council, I will resign from the Pride Foundation Board to ensure that I have sufficient time to devote to my duties as a Councilmember.)

5. What do you wish to accomplish during this appointed term as Bainbridge Island City Councilmember?

I wish to meaningfully contribute to the work of the Council in making well-informed, carefully considered policies for our City that will sustain its long-term social, artistic, and economic health; community vitality; and natural heritage.

6. What is your vision for our City and community?

I envision a City that continues to feel like a small community even as we grow; that values and guards our waters, forests, parks, farms, and neighborhoods; that is a wonderful place to live, work, learn, and play; that supports arts and artists; that cares for the less fortunate among us; and that remains culturally, economically, and demographically diverse and close-knit.

7. Is there anything else that you may wish to add that would help us get to know you a little better?

If it would be helpful to you, you may talk with any of the following Island residents who have offered to serve as references in connection with this application:

- Jack Johnson, jack_pam@sprynet.com, 206-842-5215
- Dan Gottlieb, dan.gottlieb@hcmp.com, 206-470-7627
- Bruce Weiland, bpweiland@comcast.net, 206-842-1611

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Please return this form, your cover letter, resume and answers to the supplemental questions to the City Clerk at Bainbridge Island City Hall (280 Madison Avenue North) **no later than 4:00 pm on Tuesday, December 30, 2014**. Applications received after 4:00 pm will not be accepted.

The application and any correspondence should be addressed to:

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Profile

I am currently the chair of the Hillis Clark Martin & Peterson Litigation Group, and my practice focuses on litigation involving a wide variety of commercial disputes in state and federal trial and appellate courts, and in arbitration and mediation forums. My cases have encompassed the following areas: securities litigation; patent, trademark, and copyright infringement; software quality disputes; employment discrimination and wrongful discharge; product liability; unfair competition and antitrust; real property; and contract disputes. I also regularly serve as an arbitrator and mediator.

Professional and Civic Involvement

- King County Bar Association (Judicial Screening Committee)
- Washington State Bar Association (Board of Bar Examiners, Court Rules and Procedures Committee, and Litigation Section)
- American Bar Association (Litigation, Business Law, and Intellectual Property Law Sections)
- QLaw, Judicial Evaluation Committee
- Pride Foundation, Board of Directors
- Bainbridge Island School Board, Former Director
- ElderHealth Northwest, Past President and Board of Directors
- Leadership Tomorrow, Class of 1991

Employment History

Hillis Clark Martin & Peterson	Principal	1982 – present
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Education

J.D., Stanford Law School	1982
A.B., Political Science, Stanford University, with distinction	1979
B.S., Biological Sciences, Stanford University	1979
Phi Beta Kappa	1978

Bar Court Admissions

- Washington State Supreme Court
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
- U.S. District Court for the Western and Eastern Districts of Washington

Honors & Awards

- A/V Preeminent Lawyer 2015, Martindell Hubbell
- Repeatedly Recognized by *Best Lawyers*, most recently 2015
- Repeatedly Recognized as a Super Lawyer by Thomas Reuters' *Washington Super Lawyers*, most recently 2015