



## Application for - CITY COUNCIL - Ward- #3

<b>Name (Full)</b> <u>Mahsa Eshghi</u>		<i>Please Print Clearly-</i>
<b>Address</b> <u>729 NW Grand Ridge Drive, Camas, WA 98607</u>		
<b>Contact Phone</b> <u>360-718-1889</u>	<b>Other Phone</b> _____	
<b>E-Mail Address</b> <u>Mahsa.esh@gmail.com</u>		

### Eligibility Requirements, Notification and Signature

A Council Member for the City of Camas must reside within City limits and be a registered voter in Camas, Washington. In order to be eligible for appointment to a Council vacancy, applicants must have lived in the City of Camas for 12 consecutive months prior to being appointed to office.

**As an applicant, I declare that I am qualified for appointment to this public office and acknowledge the information provided on this application will be available to the public.**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

### Additional Information

Are you a registered voter in Camas, WA?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
Are you a resident of Ward 3 in the City of Camas?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
How long have you been a resident of the City of Camas? <u>2 years in the City limits + 9 years in the City service area</u>		
How long have you lived at your current address? <u>3 years</u>		
If you have lived at your current address for less than 12 months, please list your previous address.		
Previous address and length of time at address. <u>4005 SE Sunrise Drive, Camas, WA 98607</u> <u>7 years (2007 to 2015)</u>		
Do you or any family member residing in your household, have a financial interest in, or are you an employee or officer of any business or agency which conducts business with the City of Camas? <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		

**Please return this form, your cover letter, resume and answers to the supplemental questions to the City of Camas City Hall (616 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue) no later than 5:00 pm on January 11, 2019. Applications received after 5:00 pm will not be accepted.**

The application and attachments should be sent to:

**Peter Capell**  
**Camas City Hall**  
616 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Camas, WA 98607  
Contact Phone: (360) 834-6864 Email Address: [pcapell@cityofcamas.us](mailto:pcapell@cityofcamas.us)

## DECLARATION AND AFFIDAVIT OF CANDIDACY

State of Washington }  
County of Clark } ss.  
City of Camas }

### DECLARATION

I, MAHSA ESHGHI, declare that I am a registered voter  
residing at 729 NW Grand Ridge Drive, City of Camas, Clark County,  
State of Washington. I further declare that I am legally qualified to assume the office of  
COUNCIL MEMBER, if selected. I hereby request that my name be placed before the City Council, as a  
candidate.

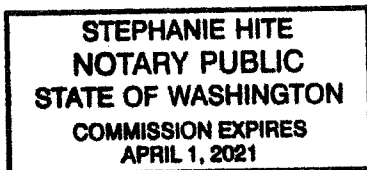
### AFFIDAVIT

FURTHER, I do solemnly swear, or affirm, that I will support the Constitution and laws of the  
United States and the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington, and the Ordinances of the  
City of Camas.



Signature of candidate as registered to vote

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of Jan, 2019



(SEAL)



Signature of Acknowledging Official

Notary

Title of Acknowledging Official

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January 11, 2019

**City of Camas**

*Re: Application for Appointment to City Council*

Dear City of Camas Council:

When I learned about the vacant council seat in my Ward, I felt very excited about applying, as I believe my passion for our community and my 20-year professional and volunteer work experiences can bring value to the Council.

I have more than 20 years of experience in civil engineering design and management working for both private and public sectors. My extensive experience includes working for the City of Vancouver in the development review team as well as capital team in the Department of Transportation. Serving the public provided me with a comprehensive understanding of community and neighborhood needs and the challenges in managing projects budgets and deficits. In recent years, I've been working for a local consulting firm, Mackay Sposito, where I have developed my engineering and management skills. I have a proven track record of managing complex planning and design projects within the parameters of Clients' needs and agencies regulations. I am a licensed engineer in the State of Washington and I have Master Degree in Civil Engineering with focus in transportation engineering from PSU.

I have been involved in a variety of volunteering positions in the area of supporting youth and women. I believe these programs bring value to the whole community. I learned even small benefits can make differences and bring hopes and direction to people lives.

As a female engineer of color, and being the first-generation immigrant, I've faced many challenges in different stages of my life. The challenges could not stop me from believing in myself; instead they made me stronger and enhanced my enthusiasm to achieve my goals and values in life.

I look forward to meeting with you to discuss how my qualifications and experience may bring value to the Council. If you would like me to provide you with any additional info, please call me at (360) 718-1889 or email me at [mahsa.esh@gmail.com](mailto:mahsa.esh@gmail.com).

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Mahsa Eshghi



**Answer to Question 1.**

Camas became our home when my husband and I immigrated to the USA eleven years ago. Camas has provided us with a wonderful quality life and a great place to raise our two daughters. I love my City and I believe it is continuing to move toward a brighter future. I can see Camas is in good hands and being well managed by the City staff and Council. As such, I'd like to be part of the progress and serve my community by contributing insights based upon my engineering experiences and most of all by sharing my strong passion for our city's future growth.

**Answer to Question 2.**

I have more than 20 years of experience in civil engineering and leadership. My current position is Transportation Manager with Mackay Sposito in Vancouver. I believe my engineering skills and leadership experience will bring value to the council. I previously served the public when I was working in the City of Vancouver as a development review engineer and project manager for local street improvements. Working in the public sector has given me a strong understanding of both the public needs and the economic challenges cities face to fund projects.

I also serve as the treasurer for our neighborhood association, Grand Ridge HOA. I enjoy serving my neighborhood and strive to be an effective member of an overall great team who have the best intentions for our small community.

I've lived in three different countries including Canada which has given me a broad exposure to the diversity, challenges and values that different communities face. This makes me very appreciative for what we have in Camas and I look forward to an opportunity to help make it even better.

In addition to being a full-time professional, I am also a mom of two children who are currently 3 and 8 years old. As such, my family wants to ensure Camas stays a great and safe place for kids to grow and live. I believe Camas has a great deal of potential for enhancing resident's quality of life while fostering the city's growth. To that end, I have a strong desire and willingness to contribute my expertise and passion to the council as a way to help ensure a healthy and safe future for my kids.

**Answer to Question 3.**

I would work alongside council members to define priorities and identify best solutions. I would suggest evaluating all sources of revenue and research for finding a sustained source of revenue with the least impact to property taxes. Some potential opportunities might be:

- Provide more attractive and profitable business opportunities for big corporations and businesses to generate high tax revenue
- Find private investors and establish a partnership program to fund our capital projects. This program can offer advance tax credits and/or other exempts to encourage investors and public to participate in funding for a higher quality of living.
- Offer partnership opportunity to other agencies including surrounding cities and Port of Camas/Washougal to establish a general fund for those projects or services which benefit both parties.
- Make closer connections to Olympia and legislative bodies to make sure our needs are voiced and also wait for the best opportunity to ask for State funding. Senator Hobbs, the Senate Transportation Committee Chair, is trying to pass a \$10-Billion bill for a 10-year transportation program. His staff has

been visiting all regions around the State to invite agencies to add their capital projects into this. This opportunity will provide state-level revenue for our capital projects instead of fully funded locally.

**Answer to Question 4.**

- Lack of community center to serve a safe recreational center for all ages. We need to establish a funding program and invite the public to be involved and for their partnership.
- Not utilizing our green spaces to their best potential. We should establish an asset management program and set aside a source of revenue for all of our available facilities, and prioritize the need for maintaining and improving the existing facilities.
- Inadequate traffic safety and illumination for some of major roadways. Our Arterial and Collector roadways need to be evaluated for their traffic safety and pedestrian accessibilities, especially around school areas and business center areas.
- Not enough service centers and mix-used zoning in Camas. Camas needs to assign more mix-used zones and establish a program to attract businesses including healthcare services and retail centers to come to Camas.
- Camas is popular for its high quality school programs, and that is one of the reason we've seen a lot of rapid growth in our community population. However, the classes have become crowded and the need for new schools will be more serious in the future. Therefore, the city and the school district needs to strongly consider the future growth and begin forecasting the budget for new schools.
- GP's demolition can cause a big long-term environmental impact in addition to its short impact to the tax revenue. The City should require them to provide periodic inspection and environmental abatement of their sites if needed. We have to make sure the land is developable in the future.

**Answer to Question 5.**

- Volunteering as Treasurer for Grand Ridge Homeowner Associate, 2018 to Present.
- Led professional events for students in support of SAME (Society of American Military Engineers) mission to develop future engineers and associated professionals through outreach and mentoring, 2013-2014.
- Served the public as a civil engineer, for the City of Vancouver. Transportation Department, 2007-2010.
- Acted as a member of the Diversity Council in the City of Vancouver to help a discrimination-free workplace and also to develop the City's scholarship and internship programs, 2009.
- Volunteered at Women Center, Vancouver BC, taught computer/internet to seniors, 2005.
- Volunteered at Multicultural Society, North Vancouver, BC, translated for new immigrants to register their kids to school and finding their way in the society, 2004.

**Answer to Question 6.**

Grand Ridge HOA Board member. Elected as treasurer, 2018 to present.

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

An experienced project manager with a Master's in Civil Engineering and more than 20 years successfully designing transportation projects, leading multi-disciplinary teams, and coordinating client and public agency communication. Combines collaborative leadership approach and professional interpersonal skills with a passion for transportation and development projects.

## PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Mackay Sposito, Vancouver WA  
**Transportation Manager, PE**

2014-Present

Lead design team on roadway infrastructures, storm facilities, and utility systems for both public and private projects. Mentor staff, coordinate communications with consultants and agency staff, and prepare permit sets and construction packages. Manage project and staff, prepare project proposals and invoices, assign budget to projects, forecast work load and scheduling.

Akana, Portland OR  
**Civil Engineer, PE**

2012-2014

Designed and managed transportation and utility improvements projects using design tools. Prepared engineering cost estimates, quantity estimates, and project specifications. Inspected project sites, supported construction management, analyzed hydraulic systems, calculated stormwater facilities, and prepared technical reports.

Portland State University, Portland OR  
**Graduate Student, Master degree in Civil/Transportation Engineering**

2010 to 2012

Successfully completed Master's program including focused coursework on Traffic Applications and Signal Timing Design, Traffic Safety Design, Freight Transportation and Logistics, Public Transportation Planning and Design.

City of Vancouver, Vancouver WA  
**Associate Civil Engineer**

2010 to 2012

Performed project management for street improvements, researched codes, produced specifications and cost estimates and coordinated bid advertising. Reviewed civil plans and wrote staff reports for residential and commercial developments, presented findings and recommendations to Hearing Examiners and City Council.

GEOSYS Technology Solutions Ltd., Vancouver B.C

2004 to 2007

**Production Supervisor, Geomatic /Mapping**

Supervised 4 people and leaded projects in the area of data compilation and analysis.

Mahab Consulting Engineering Co., Tehran

1998 to 2004

**Geomatic Engineer and Project Supervisor**

Supervised a cross functional team of 15 people for geographic map production.

### **EDUCATIONS**

**Master of Science, Civil Engineering**, Portland State University  
with Focus in Transportation Engineering

**2012**

**B.S. in Civil Engineering**, Esfahan University

**1998**

### **CERTIFICATES**

**Licensed Engineer, PE**, State of Washington

**2011**

**Certified Engineer in Training**, State of Washington

**2008**