Application for Appointment to the City Council, District 2

Disclosure

I understand that if one candidate currently running in the District 2 Council seat receives greater than 50% of the votes in the March 2024 primary, it is the intent of the current Sacramento City Council to appoint that person to open seat until they are officially sworn into that term of office in December 2024.

Eligibility

Tentative Timeline

Personal Information

Name: Gary W McGlinn
Phone: [redacted]
Email: [redacted]

Supplemental Information to Upload

Voter Registration Form.
Statement of Economic Interest (Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Form 700).

Member Statement

I understand the city council typically meets every Tuesday and I can commit to attending the weekly regularly scheduled City Council meetings.
I understand that if I am chosen as an appointee, I will only serve on the City Council until the newly elected councilmember is sworn in which is anticipated to be December 10, 2024.

I am aware of the time commitment and the responsibilities associated with service as a councilmember and am prepared to serve without reservation.

I am a resident of the City of Sacramento, District 2, and will continue to reside in the district for the duration of this appointment.

I have been a registered voter in the City of Sacramento, District 2 not less than 30 days prior to submitting this application.

I have no conflict of interest as defined by state law in serving as the appointed councilmember.

I understand that to be considered for appointment I must submit a completed application, I am obligated to submit to the City Clerk a FPPC Form 700, Statement of Economic Interests, and a Voter Registration form with this application.

I understand that this application and any documents submitted in connection with this application process are public records and will be made available to the public.

Questions
Please describe how your qualifications, education and/or work experience / training would be relevant to your role as a councilmember.

BS Purdue, MS Stanford in Engineering

I've lived in District 2 for over 30 years. I built a house in an area of District 2 under design review and so had interaction with various city departments. I was working on getting into home building using steel framed construction, but it didn't pan out in the end.

I briefly worked in Adult Education.

I was an Engineering Section Head for a few years which had personnel management and expenditure responsibility but not budget.

I was part of a team that built and operated a semiconductor fabrication facility. As an engineer, I would release vendor payments of varying amounts from incidental to $2.2M.

As an undergraduate, I tutored disadvantaged students on technical topics, mostly Freshman Physics.

As a graduate student, I had a part time teaching position at a community college where I taught Mechanics of Materials to Drafting majors.

I have rented property, both as a tenant and landlord.

I have a small handyman business. It is mostly inactive now.
2. What has your previous involvement with the City of Sacramento been? Please include any service organizations or community engagement specific to the City of Sacramento have you participated in and what your role was.

I am the leader of the Young's Heights Neighborhood Association. Prior to this, I got the city to recognize Young's Heights as a distinct neighborhood when identifying signage was incorrectly merging it into an adjacent neighborhood.

Many years ago, with the old neighborhood association, we presented a complaint to the City Council that neglect of the drainage ditches was leading to flooding. I remember there was some debate as to whether evaporation was the primary means of "drainage" or not. I thought it was highly likely. Regardless, the city did come out with a backhoe and very significantly improve the problem with standing water.

I file a significant number of 311 tickets. Mostly for abandoned vehicles and dumped garbage. But sometimes for tagging and graffiti. The city usually has a very quick response for graffiti. I pick up a lot of trash. Since it takes the city a while for junk, I usually just take care of it, unless it is beyond my capability.

I try to engage with my Councilperson and attend their functions and generally attend most functions sponsored by the city. I've met Sean Lolohee, Allen Warren, and Rob Kerth. They might still recognize me.

I attend most of the Planning Department meetings about significant projects in my neighborhood. Recently, I submitted comments on a proposed fast food/office complex both for myself and based on comments made at the neighborhood association meeting.

When I was building my house, back in the '90's, I was able to get one of the City Planners to sign off on my experience so that I could obtain a contractor's license. I still am a licensed contractor with an active license. Sometimes I maintain the license as inactive.

I was the speaker coordinator for the Sacramento Linux Users Group for a while. That consisted of finding speakers and selecting meeting topics. Basically coordinating everything it takes to hold a group meeting. That group has become much less active than it was 15 years ago when I held that position.

I was an unsuccessful applicant to be my neighborhood representative to the Air Forces RAB for the McClellan clean up. I attended most of the community meetings which gave me an opportunity to see how the various agencies involved interact and what the public's role is in that interaction.
3. Please provide a brief description of your interest in serving on the Sacramento City Council.

Getting elected is quite a task and quite an accomplishment. I'm not sure how to go about that. But, I've lived in district 2 for over 30 years now and I'd like to stay here. Obviously, I'd like the City and City Services to function as well as possible.

As an interim Councilperson I could make a positive impact on my district and my neighborhood. I'm a good listener and know how to present my constituents interest. Since I would be unelected, I wouldn't have a mandate for any specific program or change. But I would be able to listen to the needs that the District expresses and work to address them by understanding why and what is desired and negotiating with other stakeholders and service providers to obtain the desired result.

I see quite a few things that could be accomplished with a little bit of organization and a little bit of help from the City. I have my own ideas, but in filling this vacancy, I would actively explore my constituency to find out what the community needs. I think I could help the City work better for the residents of District 2. That would be my goal.

I'm retired. I do a small amount of traveling. I would have time to devote to my responsibilities.
4. What are the top 3 issues facing District 2? a. Why do you think these are most important? b. What is your solution to addressing those key issues and how will you work with your fellow city council colleagues in addressing them?

Homelessness. They are everywhere. But recently, they seem to be more transient. I know that the city has housing and placement programs, and I would support these and help my district access these programs. The homeless don’t belong on the streets. It’s bad for them and it’s bad for the neighborhoods. They do need help.

Jobs are also an issue. Most of the discussion I have seen on this seems to be focused on creating jobs in district 2. That’s a good thing. But there are jobs all around district 2. At McClellan for example. Sacramento, generally, doesn’t have great public transit. Improving that would help job seekers get to and from jobs that may be out of the district. As someone who uses public transit, both here and everywhere I go, I would like to work with service providers and stakeholders to understand the current situation and see how it can be improved. I would like to see if major employers, like Amazon, see a need for public transit and if they would support changes and improvements.

There is a lack of pride. Not everyone, but enough people. I’ve been here over 30 years and would like to stay quite a while longer. I have enough resources that I could move somewhere else, if I really wanted. But, I like it here. I’ve made it my own. Like a well worn shoe or favorite pair of pants. I could have chosen many other issues: education, gangs, housing (outside of homelessness), crime. But, in some way, the attitude of the residents toward their community isn’t as positive as it needs to be if the people who are now in District 2 are going to thrive. A councilperson doesn’t really have much of a bully pulpit, but that is the place to start to address this. Finding and supporting people and organization that are doing good things helps too. The tools are already there. In the end, it has to come from the people. You can only instigate, support and encourage, and I would do those things.

I didn’t mention police oversight. The role of the police today is an evolving and somewhat controversial topic. Doing anything meaningful is probably beyond the scope of this interim position and should be properly addressed by someone who is elected and has a mandate. But, in the short term, I can work to ensure that the role of the police, and all City agencies for that matter, is clearly defined and there are appropriate standards. But, I have two guiding principles that are relevant to this area: if you give someone an impossible job they won’t be able to do it, and if you expect perfection you probably won’t get that either. The police probably have a pretty good idea on how their job needs to change to make them more effective and to provide greater job satisfaction. The key to the long term solution is defining the right job and responsibilities and getting and keeping people with the right attitude and skills to fill those jobs. I see motion in this direction, but I think the City could still improve in both of these areas.
5. Provide any additional information that you feel is relevant to your application.

As I've alluded to previously, I am at the point in my life where I can give something back. This position would give me an opportunity to discover some of the people, organizations, and processes that make giving back possible, and to find out how suited I am to take that road.

I'm a sensitive, competent, task oriented person. I could address issues raised by my constituents effectively and diligently. I'm smart enough to know that the stakes for some decisions are high. I know that in addition to making a good decision, there is a good time to make a decision. I have a good feel on what kind of actions would need to be deferred due to the unique nature of my appointment, but I would also rely on the rest of the Council for guidance.

I think Sacramento has a great future. I'd like to help it get there.

Acknowledgement

I hereby certify that all statements made in this application are true and complete. I legally reside in the City of Sacramento. I am 18 years of age or older, and I am a registered voter in the City of Sacramento, District 2. In compliance with State law, I understand that I will be required to file a Statement of Economic Interests upon appointment to office. I understand that my application and materials will be considered a public record and thus will be available for public inspection and copying.

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that all statements in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature

Date

Feb 28, 2024
NAME OF FILER  (LAST)  (FIRST)  (MIDDLE)
McGillinn  Gary  Wayne

1. Office, Agency, or Court  
   Agency Name  (Do not use acronyms)  
   Sacramento City Council  
   Division, Board, Department, District, if applicable  
   Your Position  
   District 2 interim Councilperson  
   ► If filing for multiple positions, list below or on an attachment.  (Do not use acronyms)

   Agency: ____________________________  Position: ____________________________

2. Jurisdiction of Office  (Check at least one box)  
   □ State  
   □ Multi-County  
   ■ City of Sacramento  
   □ County of ____________________________  
   □ Other ____________________________

3. Type of Statement  (Check at least one box)  
   □ Annual: The period covered is January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.  
   -or-  
   The period covered is ______/_____/__________, through December 31, 2023.  
   □ Leaving Office: Date Left ______/_____/__________ (Check one circle.)  
   -or-  
   The period covered is ______/_____/__________, through the date of leaving office.  
   -or-  
   The period covered is ______/_____/__________, through the date of leaving office.  
   □ Assuming Office: Date assumed ______/_____/2024  
   □ Candidate: Date of Election 3/5/2024 and office sought, if different than Part 1: ____________________________

4. Schedule Summary (required)  
   ► Total number of pages including this cover page: 2  
   Schedules attached  
   □ Schedule A-1  -  Investments – schedule attached  
   □ Schedule A-2  -  Investments – schedule attached  
   □ Schedule B  -  Real Property – schedule attached  
   □ Schedule C  -  Income, Loans, & Business Positions – schedule attached  
   □ Schedule D  -  Income – Gifts – schedule attached  
   □ Schedule E  -  Income – Gifts – Travel Payments – schedule attached  
   -or-  □ None  -  No reportable interests on any schedule

5. Verification  
   MAILING ADDRESS  STREET  CITY  STATE  ZIP CODE  
   (Business or Agency Address Recommended - Public Document)  
   Sacramento  CA 95838
   DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER  EMAIL ADDRESS

   I have used all reasonable diligence in preparing this statement. I have reviewed this statement and to the best of my knowledge the information contained herein and in any attached schedules is true and complete. I acknowledge this is a public document.

   I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

   Date Signed  ____________________________  Signature  ____________________________
   (month, day, year)  (File the originally signed paper statement with your filing official.)
SCHEDULE C
Income, Loans, & Business Positions
(Other than Gifts and Travel Payments)

1. INCOME RECEIVED

NAME OF SOURCE OF INCOME

University of California, Regents

ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)

1111 Franklin St, Oakland CA 94697-5201

BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE

YOUR BUSINESS POSITION

Retired

GROSS INCOME RECEIVED

☐ $500 - $1,000 ☐ $1,001 - $10,000

☐ $10,001 - $100,000 ☐ OVER $100,000

CONSIDERATION FOR WHICH INCOME WAS RECEIVED

☐ Salary ☐ Spouse’s or registered domestic partner’s income

(For self-employed use Schedule A-2.)

☐ Partnership (Less than 10% ownership. For 10% or greater use Schedule A-2.)

☐ Sale of ____________________ (Real property, car, boat, etc.)

☐ Loan repayment

☐ Commission or ☐ Rental Income, list each source of $10,000 or more

☐ Other ____________________ (Describe)

☐ Annuity

(Describe)

Social Security Administration

ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)

PO Box 67620, Wilkes-barre PA 18767-7620

BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE

YOUR BUSINESS POSITION

Recipient

GROSS INCOME RECEIVED

☐ $500 - $1,000 ☐ $1,001 - $10,000

☐ $10,001 - $100,000 ☐ OVER $100,000

CONSIDERATION FOR WHICH INCOME WAS RECEIVED

☐ Salary ☐ Spouse’s or registered domestic partner’s income

(For self-employed use Schedule A-2.)

☐ Partnership (Less than 10% ownership. For 10% or greater use Schedule A-2.)

☐ Sale of ____________________ (Real property, car, boat, etc.)

☐ Loan repayment

☐ Commission or ☐ Rental Income, list each source of $10,000 or more

☐ Other ____________________ (Describe)

☐ Annuity

(Describe)

2. LOANS RECEIVED OR OUTSTANDING DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

* You are not required to report loans from a commercial lending institution, or any indebtedness created as part of a retail installment or credit card transaction, made in the lender’s regular course of business on terms available to members of the public without regard to your official status. Personal loans and loans received not in a lender’s regular course of business must be disclosed as follows:

NAME OF LENDER*

ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)

BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF LENDER

HIGHEST BALANCE DURING REPORTING PERIOD

☐ $500 - $1,000

☐ $1,001 - $10,000

☐ $10,001 - $100,000

☐ OVER $100,000

INTEREST RATE

% ☐ None

TERM (Months/Years)

SECURITY FOR LOAN

☐ None ☐ Personal residence

☐ Real Property ____________________ Street address

_________________________ City

☐ Guarantor ____________________

☐ Other ____________________ (Describe)

Comments: