



Applicant Information for City Council Vacancy

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The information provided on this form will provide the basic information to the Mayor and City Council regarding your appointment application. It is considered public and will be included in the City Council meeting packet for the meeting in which the interview(s) will take place.

Return all required forms and Letter of Intent (to be provided on a separate sheet of paper, preferably typed) to the City Clerk's Office, in original form, no later than Tuesday, August 29, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

Applicant Information

Full Name: Jonathon Young

Physical Address Where you Claim Residency: 3857 Main St Homer AK 99603

Mailing Address: _____

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Are you a City Resident? ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, how long have you been a City resident? 7 years

How long have you been a resident of the South Peninsula Area? 7 years

Political & Government Experience

Elected and/or appointed positions held and the dates of service – List no more than three

1. Economic Development Advisory Commission - 5 months

2. _____

3. _____

Business & Professional Experience

List no more than three

1. Office Manager - Kachemak Medical Group

2. Owner - Homer Stays LLC

3. _____

Organizational Memberships

List no more than three

1. PTO & OCLDC Fireweed Academy

2. _____

3. _____

City of Homer Council
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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I would like to begin by thanking each of you for setting a high standard as civic-minded leaders in our community. Your dedication has inspired me to apply for the open city council seat, as I hope to bring my own skills and commitment to serve Homer.

Through my role on the Economic Development Advisory Commission, I've gained insight into some of the critical issues facing Homer today. This past year, we've discussed the future of the port and harbor, debated the role of cruise ships, tourism and researched business licensing. Additionally, I've closely followed other pressing issues, from short-term rental regulations and bed taxes to setting a balanced mill rate that benefits our community without imposing unnecessary financial burdens. I am particularly passionate about the comprehensive plan, as it will guide Homer's progress for the next decade. These issues- and many more- are areas I am eager to engage with as a council member.

Most of my professional experience has been in healthcare administration, where I wore many hats: human resources, finance, revenue forecasting, compliance, marketing, IT, and business management. I often describe myself as a "Swiss Army knife"—someone whose purpose is to solve problems, whether for staff, patients, or systems. My work required me to identify core issues, understand underlying causes, devise solutions, and implement change. I believe this skill set is valuable in a council role, where data-driven decision-making and problem-solving are essential.

Currently, I volunteer on the Economic Development Committee and also assist Fireweed Academy through fundraising and supporting its vision for a unified campus. These roles have deepened my understanding of local civic engagement. I've enjoyed participating in City Council and Kenai Peninsula Assembly meetings. I can confidently say I've been "bitten by the civic duty bug" and am eager to contribute.

Seven years ago, my family and I moved to Homer, initially planning to stay just a few years. However, Homer quickly became home—a place where we felt embraced by kind neighbors, a safe environment for our children, and the remarkable beauty of Kachemak Bay. Homer is special, and it's am grateful to live, work, and raise a family here. My love for Homer fuels my desire to serve. I'm not one to simply air frustrations on social media. Instead, I am committed to preserving what makes Homer unique while fostering thoughtful growth. I want to support Homer as a community that allows for economic growth, strengthens healthcare resources, and remains a wonderful place for education.

In closing, I recognize that I may lack extensive experience in municipal government. However, I am a person who looks at data, listens to others, and votes with thoughtful consideration. I

approach issues with an open mind, ready to hear arguments and make decisions based on what is best for the people of Homer. I am honored to be considered for this role and am eager to contribute to our city's future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Jonathon Young