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**Employer Address:** 6501 Sylvan Rd, Citrus Heights, CA 95610

**Employer Phone:** (916) 735-1500

**Are you a registered Voter in King County?** Yes

**Have you lived in Federal Way for at least a Year?** Yes

**Have you previously serves on a City board or commission?** Yes

**If yes, please list:** Civil Service Commission (2012 - Date); Independent Salary Commission (2008 - 2012); and Planning Commission (1996 - 2000)

**Are you able to attend meetings?**

**Evening:** Yes **Daytime:** Yes

**1. Please identify the experience, knowledge and skills you believe that you possess which you could use in working as a City Councilmember, and specifically how they uniquely qualify you for this position. (150 Word Max.) \***

#1 Leadership & Administrative Skills ? Skills garnered as Loan Coordinator, US Small Business Administration; Legal Instrument Examiner, US Coast Guard; Law Librarian/Legal Assistant, US Social Security Administration and Washington State DOC; 2) Negotiation, Collaboration and Prioritization Skills - acquired while serving as a faculty member in three colleges and Civil Service Commissioner with the City of Federal Way; 3) Accountability Principle and Fairness skills were acquired while serving as an Independent Salary Commissioner and College Professor with Oregon Institute of Technology, Klamath falls, Oregon, University of Innsbruck, Austria and University of Ilorin; and, 4) Planning, Project Management & Policy Articulation ? Acquired while serving as Consultant with Paccar Incorporated and Planning Commissioner with City of Federal Way. Apart from holding a doctorate from Oklahoma State University, and Master's Information Science from the University of Washington, Seattle, I have served as Head of a College Department and Director of a Law Library.

**2. What is your understanding of the role of a council member? (150 Word Max.) \***

#2. The role of a council member is to listen to his constituent in resolving legislative issues in city government. Federal Way runs a Mayor-Council form of government, where legislative and policy-making powers are vested in the city council. The administrative authority is vested in the Mayor. I will provide legislative contributions, including reviewing, amending and adopting rules, regulations or by-laws that make for smooth running of city government.

I will participate in deliberations and voting on ordinances, resolutions or motions before the council in an open forum meeting. I would hold executive sessions provided majority quorum is formed by a roll call vote for purpose of consideration of matters of appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion or compensation of public employees; purchase or sale of city property; discussing pending or imminent litigation; and, maintaining highest ethics while keeping confidential matters as required by federal or state laws and rules.

**3. What ideas and suggestions do you have to enhance economic development in our downtown and around the City? (150 Word Max.) \***

#3 Identifying and proposing policies that broaden city revenue base, including violence prevention, expanding hospitality and tourism, and, attracting information-based businesses to create local jobs; Building better relationships with US Small Business Administration to afford for small businesses expansion and jobs? creation; Attracting a resident college campus to former Weyerhaeuser Corporate Campus; Supporting sustained growth initiatives, including energy efficient use initiative and programs in businesses and residential homes; Attracting research-based medical hospital complex to complement existing hospital beds around Pacific Highway-First Avenue- 348th corridor; Providing access to safe and affordable housing through development of combination of multi-housing units and detached family homes; and, Preparing city residents for natural disaster survival awareness, by coordinating better with emergency management public agencies like FEMA, Washington State Environmental Management Agency and Federal Way City's law enforcement.

**4. Please identify what you feel are the top opportunities and priorities for the future of the City – how would you rank such issues, and how would you proceed with developing ideas and/or implementing them? (150 Word Max.) \***

#4 Public safety ? I believe strongly in public safety and my experience with the Civil Service Commission has taught me how this issue must be the priority of city government. Nothing is more compelling as the recent event of walk trail shootings that have scared many residents. Transportation - connecting good and high quality mass transit system via the triangle project and Sound Transit System to afford for easy movement of city residents across the Puget Sound region; and,

Creating relaxing green spaces adjacent to downtown corridor - There are multiple lakes that can facilitate better open space and water body uses in Federal Way. How about enhanced city parks ?

attracting big entertainers away from Seattle and touting ourselves as a moderate cost center for events and performance? I will continue to support furthering downtown community gatherings, walks, recreation and visual aesthetics to help improve environmental space and preventing violence.

**5. If appointed to the Council, what changes would you like to see? How would you go about making any change? (150 Word Max.)**

#5

I consider it a privilege to serve in City government as a council member and will like to bring a more listening approach and attitude to learning what is workable and suitable for city legislation.

I believe strongly in collaborative approach to governance; and would encourage open dialogue with city residents as we attempt to resolve challenges of a developing and expanding city. It is close to imperative that one may have to harness the benefit of social media to assist in development and community relationship in Federal Way, Washington.

?Increasing commerce in the city, by complimentary programs funding initiatives and working with US Small Business Administration, to help fund small businesses, grow job opportunities and tourism and bring federal economic development dollars to further the safe city and non-violence initiative programs?; is a one sentence summary of what I am about in seeking this appointment.

**Cover Letter Attached:**

[http://www.cityoffederalway.com/sites/default/files/webform/Adekoya%2C%20Christopher\\_Letter%20of%20Appl%20-%20FW%20City%20Pos%202.docx](http://www.cityoffederalway.com/sites/default/files/webform/Adekoya%2C%20Christopher_Letter%20of%20Appl%20-%20FW%20City%20Pos%202.docx)

**Resume Attached:**

<http://www.cityoffederalway.com/sites/default/files/webform/Christopher%20Adekoya%20-%20Resume%20City%20Council%20%232.docx>

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Federal Way, WA. 98023  
November 19, 2016

Mayor and City Council,  
City of Federal Way,  
33325 8th Ave S.  
Federal Way, WA 98023

Dear Sir or Ma:

**RE: City Council Position #2 Vacancy**

Please accept my application for Council #2 position with City of Federal Way, Washington. I have been seeking an opportunity as this, and believe my resume and the responsibilities of the position are a good match.

With close to two-decades community service experience, volunteering with the City of Federal Way Administration, Planning Commissioner (1996 – 2000), Independent Salary Commissioner (2003 -2012), and, Civil Service Commissioner (2012 to date), I bring a unique perspective to understanding the challenges and successes of our city's administrations. Further, with commensurate professional experiences with US Small Business Administration in small enterprise loan initiation and closing; military mariner testing and administration with the US Coast Guard, Law Librarianship Administration and Legal Assistantship with US Social Security Administration and Washington State Department of Correction; I am poised to take on the duties and responsibilities of a Council member with the City of Federal Way, Washington. In addition, I have worked as a college professor, teaching applied economics and information science with Oregon Institute of Technology, Klamath Falls, Oregon; University of Innsbruck, Innsbruck, Austria and University of Ilorin, Nigeria. I have authored more than four books in public policy and environmental pollution and conservation.

I hold a doctorate from Oklahoma State University in Agricultural Economics and Education (1984), a Master's in Information Science from University of Washington, Seattle (1998); and, Bachelor's in Agricultural Economics from Langston University, Oklahoma (1981). I have great passion for public safety, law and order; mass transit and town planning; and, strive to find solutions for how to help small businesses thrive, create job opportunities and utilize city's green spaces. Finally, I would like to bring my professional experience, education and about twenty-year volunteering experience with the city, to help us move ahead to a more prosperous, inclusive and thriving city, where folks will love to live and grow.

If you are seeking a Council member and community leader who has a pattern of community engagement, progressive work ethics, integrity, smarts and ability to come to speed in the learning curve of accomplishing the goal, vision and commitment to the people of Federal Way, kindly consider what I offer. I am talented, energetic and dedicated to advancing the objectives of violence prevention, connectivity to the triangle project and expanding hospitality and tourism within the city. If additional information is required on the application, kindly call 253-347-1420.

Sincerely,

Chris A Adekoya,

Civil Service Commissioner, City of Federal Way, WA.

Cc: Stephanie Courtney

City Clerk

Christopher Adekoya,  
Applicant: City Council Vacant Seat #2.

**Biography:**

Christopher Adekoya has a long history of community engagement and professional services, including serving as a Civil Service Commissioner (2012 to date); Independent Salary Commissioner (2003 – 2012) and Planning Commissioner (1996 – 2000) for the City of Federal Way, Washington. He was on the Board of Bethel Christian Center (2001- 2004). He served as an Economics Subject Matter Examiner/Advisor to the International Baccalaureate Organization, Cardiff, United Kingdom (1996 – 2000).

**Employment:**

During the period of 1996 to 2016, he was at various times: 1) Loan Coordinator/CS, Disaster Assistance, US Small Business Administration, assisting individuals and businesses, impacted by disasters, with their SBA loan applications; identifying and analyzing consumer and business related loan problems; explaining to disaster victims the SBA disaster recovery loan process; and analyzing prospective customer's ability to repay loan and or retirement. 2) Legal Instrument Examiner, US Coast Guard, Regional Examination Center (2007 – 2009), testing merchant mariners and US Coast Guard personnel, reviewing legal documents, and related documents antecedent to the issuance of Merchant Mariner Licenses and Pilot Instruments subject to the provisions of CFR 46, 10, Parts 1-40. 3). Financial Services Specialist, Washington State Department of Social & Health Services (2007), completing social welfare program evaluation, interfacing with external and internal clients/examiners regarding social services programs and issuing out social services benefits to applicants; 4) Consultant, Paint Project Management, Paccar Incorporated (2005 – 2007), communicated project completion status, providing advice on environment pollution activities and briefing administrators on federal pollution guidelines and writing pollution impact statement reports. 5) Professor (Adjunct), Oregon Institute of Technology, Business Information Technology (2001 – 2005), teaching and preparing instructional materials, counseling students, identifying recruitment strategy, testing and grading college students in the subject matters of Micro-Economics, Decision Support Systems; Oracle Business Intelligence Enterprise Edition (8i), and, Relational Database and Systems Analysis. 6) Law Librarian and Legal Assistant with US Social Security Administration and or Washington State Department of Correction (2000 – 2002), assisting library patrons, lawyers, judges and professionals with law library use questions, conducting detailed searches of State and Federal codes, legislative histories, case reports, digests and indexes; developing relationships with appeal courts, district courts' libraries and preparing materials for case adjudication before administrative law judges.

1995 – 1996: Senior Research Fellow/Faculty, Institute of Erziehungswachaffen, University of Innsbruck, Innsbruck, Austria

1986 – 1994: Head of Department/Senior Lecturer/Lecturer, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin, Nigeria

**Education:**

MLIS (Library & Information Science) University of Washington, Seattle, WA – 1998;  
MS., Ph.D (Ag. Economics/Educ.) Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK. – 1984  
BS (Ag. Economics) Langston University, Langston, OK - 1981

**Books:**

Adekoya, C (2017): Essays on American Presidential Elections: 2016 Experience. Turner Publishing, (In Press), Nashville, Tennessee.

Adekoya, C. (2015): America's Healthcare Reform I. Paperback Edition; Pp. 540. Inkwater Press, Division of First Book Inc., Library of Congress Catalog Card Number: 2014-919267 (I); ISBN-13 978-1-62901-224-7 | ISBN-10 1-62901-224-6

Adekoya, C. (2015): America's Healthcare Reform II. Paperback Edition; Pp. 400. Inkwater Press, Division of First Book Inc., Library of Congress Catalog Card Number: 2014-919267 (II); ISBN-13: 978-1-62901-224-7; ISBN-10: 1-62901-224-6

Adekoya, C. (2014): BP Oil Spill: Documenting the Crisis in US Gulf Coast. Paperback Edition; Pp. 378. GRIN VERLAG GmbH Press., Munich, Germany, ISBN-13 978-3656673767; ISBN-10: 3656673764

Adekoya, C. (2014): Essays on American Presidential Elections: 2012 Experience. Kindle Edition (Amazon.com); Pp. 402.

**Honors:**

2008 Excellence of Public Service Award from the Seattle Federal Executive Board, while with the United States Coast Guard, REC;

2001 Distinguished Public Service Recognition, while with Office of Hearings and Appeals, United States Social Security Administration

**Personal:**

A resident of City of Federal Way for twenty-one years, he is married to Edith Adekoya and both have four children, each a graduate of Federal Way Public School System: Helen, Kevin, Alex and Mary Adekoya. He writes a blog at: [www.cirdm-heritage.blogspot.com](http://www.cirdm-heritage.blogspot.com). You may reach him @ 253-347-1420 or Email: [cirdm52@gmail.com](mailto:cirdm52@gmail.com)