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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? No

If yes, please list:

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.) *

I have a deep connection to the Federal Way community. As a Councilmember, I would bring my experience in working with the public to help enhance the quality of life of our residents. Skilled and experienced in mediation, negotiation and bargaining I am well known as being an advocate for people. Understanding the struggles of our working class, senior citizens, and those struggling to make ends meet leave me with a passion to help promote job creation, neighborhood preservation, and economic growth. My goal is to serve on the Federal Way City Council as a hard-working advocate for the public

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

City Councilmembers are elected to serve the people. They approve the annual budget, vote on policy, and adopt the resolutions and City ordinances. The state constitution authorizes the Councilmembers to support the laws of the State of Washington pertaining to all local ordinances as well and

Councilmembers are expected to represent the people with high integrity, and in the best interest of the people they are elected to serve.

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

I would like to see less empty retail spaces, and creatively look at attracting business around the City. For example, a space such as the former Metropolitan Market does not have to be promoted as a market of the same sort at all. Something like Tacoma's Freighthouse Square indoor shopping mall and food court has always been a great use of a large space. The concept is also more affordable to small businesses, and lower rent means lower prices for consumers. Other areas of undeveloped or empty retail could take on a "cultural theme" such as European, South American, or Scandinavian (to name a few). Areas like these could become mini-destinations for shopping, and lunch in the City, and encourage the growth of our diverse community. Places where great food could be experienced with music and people coming together

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.) *

I believe we have the obligation to the community to continually seek funding and ways to support the Police and Emergency Medical Responders. Public safety is a top priority and identifying revenue to keep our Police and SKFR teams fully functional with the most updated technology is important. Promoting economic growth by recruiting new business to the area is very important to me, as well as making sure that the small business owners have a chance at success in this world of chain franchises. I would like to see Federal Way become a destination for travelers, as well as safe thriving place to work, live, and for our children to attend school. I would work closely with our State Representatives and ask them to help promote the top items on the Legislative agenda not forgetting Health and Human Services.

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

I would like to see the City set up a Homeless Coalition, made up of Councilmembers, faith-based leaders, leaders of the Federal Way Service groups, homeless people, and community members interested in finding solutions. I believe that if the entire community came together, we could start to identify potential challenges and barriers. We could be more effective tackling the problem facing our most vulnerable (poor) population in larger numbers. I would also strongly encourage the City to attract a Labor Ready or other like business locally that could offer temporary employment so that we could better encouraged and help our neighbors help themselves.

Cover Letter Attached:

<http://www.cityoffederalway.com/sites/default/files/webform/Sharry%20Edwards%20cover%20letter.pdf>

Resume Attached:

<http://www.cityoffederalway.com/sites/default/files/webform/Sharry%20Resume.pdf>

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November 20, 2016

City of Federal Way
33325 8th Avenue South
Federal Way, WA 98003

Dear Members of the Council,

I am writing to express my interest in being considered for appointment to the City Council seat, position 2. I live and work in Federal Way, and love this City. My family moved here in 2005 attracted by the affordability, beautiful parks, and great location.

Federal Way is a thriving City with so much potential. I look forward to supporting the vision of the City, and listening to and supporting the citizens. I believe that government should be transparent as well as efficient especially when concerns are brought before the Council by the community members. Every voice should be heard and every concern taken very seriously.

I believe that we must continue to maintain our existing parks, green spaces, and quality roads. Traffic congestion could be helped if we could find funding for additional access to I-5, and doing so would help promote the economic development efforts underway of our Town Center. Developing this new area where the new Performing Arts and Event Center is being constructed is a top priority and area of interest for me. I would love to see the look and feel similar to University Village on the edge of the UW Seattle Campus.

Federal Way is growing, and whether we are working here, doing business, visiting, or living in our homes, we need to feel safe. Our children need to feel safe walking to their bus stops going to, and attending school. Therefore, Public Safety is my number one priority. I believe we need to continually seek ways to fully fund and support our Police and first responders. I would support joint efforts with the FWPSD with their Legislative goals, and finding ways to fund Police initiatives including increasing cameras, new officers, and supporting a gang task-force to be proactive in the community preventing crime.

As a nurse, mother, and volunteer with our homeless, I have deep concerns about the numbers of homeless youth that are being reported. This problem is not unique to Federal Way, and I have met and worked with helping homeless families with children. It's time to find a solution to this problem, and I am devoted to doing so.

Our neighbors of Northlake need our help as well. We must find a way to address the environmental impacts of the proposed redevelopment projects on the former Weyerhaeuser property. The impacts this could have on the residents' property values, traffic, roads, and safety concerns that have brought up. I believe it is not too late to find a solution, and will work on behalf of what is in the best interest of all involved. I look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

Sharry Edwards

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Objective

My goal is to run for elected office to continue serving the people of Federal Way that I have been serving through professional and volunteer work for the past two decades.

Employment

GROUP HEALTH COOPERATIVE | FEDERAL WAY | LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE 1995- PRESENT

- 2013-2016 Primary Care Nurse Advice Unit Federal Way Group Health
- 2011-2013 Orthopedics/Urology
- 1998-2010 Home Health and Hospice
- 1995-1998 Primary Care, Cardiology, Oncology, Internal Medicine, Dermatology, Allergy, Rheumatology, General Surgery, Urgent Care and Neurology

RESTORATION/SMALL BUSINESS

- Simco Restoration 2010-2013
- Clover Creek Construction 2000-2003

While working full time for Group Health, I leant support to my spouse during these years operating his own small businesses

Professional Licenses

WASHINGTON STATE LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE

1994-Present

LEADERSHIP

- Federal Way Community Caregiving Network Board of Directors -Current
- Ashley House Board of Directors -Current
- Lakota Middle School Community Garden Chair 2014-2016
- SEIU 1199 NW Executive Board Member 2015-2013
- SEIU 1199NW Multi-Employer Training Fund Executive Board Member
- Group Health Steering Committee/ Group Health Joint Labor Management Committee/Bargaining and Negotiating contracts and resolving disputes between Labor and Management 2004-Current
- 30th District Democrats Executive Board Secretary 2015-2017
- Crestview Shoreclub Secretary Current
- Idlewild Elementary Site Council. Parent Chair 2004-2005

MEMBERSHIP/VOLUNTEER

- Kiwanis Club of Federal Way -Current
- Soroptomists of Federal Way - Current
- Federal Way Service Club- FWCCN Representative- Current
- Puget Sound Association of Retired Americans- Current
- Friends of Camp Kilworth
- **Federal Way Community Caregiving Network | LAUNDRY CHAIR | 2014-Current**
- Providing Laundry Service for Homeless and those struggling with basic needs. Homeless can bring their clothing and bedding on the last Wednesday of the month to be cleaned partnering with the support of the FWCCN and Dash Point Laundry.
- **PUGET SOUND PET FOOD BANK Volunteer helping homeless obtain pet food -Current**
- **RENTON SPECIAL OLYMPICS Volunteer 2015-2016**
- **UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY Parent Club and Volunteer**
- **WASHINGTON KARATE ASSOCIATION Kinder Karate Volunteer 1998-2001**
- **JUVINILE DIABETES ASSOCIATION/ Summer Camp Panther Lake 1995 Nurse Volunteer**
- **MARY BRIDGE CHILDRENS HOSPITAL /Volunteer 1993**
- **SPECIAL OLYMPICS Volunteer Olympia Summer1990**

Education

Bates Technical College School of Nursing 1992-1994

SPSCC 1989-1990

Olympia High School. Olympia Washington 1985-1989

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