



**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO INTERIM
 CITY COUNCIL 4TH WARD REPRESENTATIVE POSITION**
 (Please Type or Print Clearly)

City of Bellingham Charter
 2.05 Eligibility To Hold Elective Office

No person shall be eligible to hold elective office unless he is a registered voter of the City and a resident of the City for one year next preceding his election. Residence and voting within the limits of any territory which has been included in, annexed to, or consolidated with the City is construed to have been residence within the City.

No City elected officer shall hold any other office or employment within the City government.

Name: Don Gischer

Street Address: 3425 Alabama St Bellingham, WA

Mailing Address (if different): _____ Zip Code: 98226

Home Phone: 647-6728 Work: _____ E-Mail: dongischer@comcast.net

Are you a resident of the City of Bellingham, 4th Ward? YES NO

Are you a registered voter? YES NO

How long have you lived in Bellingham? 38 years

Neighborhood in which you reside Alabama Hill (9 years)

Occupation (If retired, please indicate former occupation): Retired - Millworker

Education: AAS Degree in Computer Network Engineering Technology

Professional / Community Activities: Whatcom County Chapter American Civil Liberties Union, Garden St. United Methodist Church

Qualifications Related to Position: 12 years representing 1st Ward on City Council from 1984-1996

Describe why you are interested in this interim position: I want to use my past experience and skills to help guide the city through the challenges and opportunities it is facing this year.

Do you or your spouse have a financial interest in, or are you an employee or officer of any business or agency which does business with the City of Bellingham? YES NO

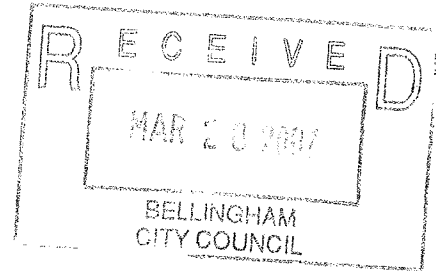
If yes, please explain: _____

3/20/07
 Today's Date

Don Gischer
 Signature of Applicant

NOTE: AS A CANDIDATE FOR APPOINTMENT, THE ABOVE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE CITY COUNCIL, MAYOR AND THE PUBLIC.

Bellingham City Council
210 Lottie St.
Bellingham, WA 98225



March 20, 2007

Dear Council members,

I am applying for appointment to the interim City Council 4th Ward Representative position. Attached you will find my completed application.

I served on the Bellingham City Council from 1984 to 1996, representing the 1st Ward. I've worked on many of the issues that you now are involved in....Lake Whatcom water quality issues, economic development issues, neighborhood issues, and environmental issues. As you know, these are continuing issues that don't get resolved by one vote or one action, they are issues that continue to evolve as our city grows and our needs and priorities change.

There are issues you are involved in now that have evolved in recent years: Central waterfront redevelopment; increased emphasis on transportation, parking and land use issues; disaster preparedness and response capability; and others. Decisions and actions needed to resolve or improve these issues require thoughtful, sound, and deliberate decision making.

I can provide that thoughtful, sound, and deliberate decision making. I have twelve years of experience making decisions similar to the ones you make. I also have the desire, the enthusiasm, and the commitment to renew my service to the Council and to the city.

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for the position. I look forward to participating in your selection process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Don Gischer".

Don Gischer

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