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February 7, 2012

Mayor and Council
City Of Flagstaff
211 West Aspen Ave.
Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Dear Mayor and Council:

I am writing in response to the recently vacated council seat. I meet the basic requirements for the position and I believe my skills and experience are perfect for the job.

As my enclosed resume shows, I have worked a variety of jobs in both the public and private sector and have had many opportunities to serve the community. In addition to my work history, I have volunteered for and worked with several local organizations including Flagstaff Liberty Alliance, The States' Rights Coalition of Northern Arizona and Golden Rule Flagstaff.

I have the insight, knowledge, and professional experience needed to represent the people of Flagstaff. I am conscientious, motivated and outspoken, and would appreciate the opportunity to serve on the Council.

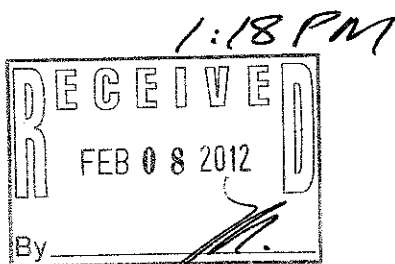
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Elisha Dorfsmith

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Enclosure



IMPORTANT NOTICE: The City Council may consider applicant qualifications for the Council vacancy in executive sessions which are closed to the public, and then make the appointments in a public meeting. You have the right, however, to have your application considered in a public meeting by providing a written request to the City Clerk.

**CITY OF FLAGSTAFF
APPLICATION TO SERVE ON THE CITY COUNCIL**

RETURN TO: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, 211 WEST ASPEN AVENUE, FLAGSTAFF, AZ 86001

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN BLACK INK
APPLICATIONS WILL BE KEPT ON FILE FOR ONE YEAR!

DATE: 02-06-2012

YOUR NAME: Elisha Dorfsmith HOME PHONE: 928-526-9011

HOME ADDRESS: 4858 E. Merriam Dr. ZIP: 86004

MAILING ADDRESS (If Different from Above): _____

EMPLOYER: Self Employed JOB TITLE: Book Dealer

BUS. PHONE: 928-526-9011 CELL: 928-864-6310 E-MAIL: radiantdregs@yahoo.com

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY 6 Years PREFERRED TELEPHONE: HOME WORK CELL

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Please complete the following questions:

Explain why you are the best person to fill the position. (Please attach an extra page if needed.)

See attachment.

What do you think are the most important issues facing the City Council in the next two years? (Please attach an extra page if needed.)

See attachment.

I certify that I meet the statutory requirements of living within the corporate limits of the City of Flagstaff for at least one year, that I am over the age of 18 years, that I am a registered voter of the City of Flagstaff; *and that I have read and understand the right to have my application considered in a public meeting.*

Elisha Dorfsmith
Applicant Signature

Explain why you are the best person to fill the position.

I have been following city proceedings and local politics very closely for over 5 years. My background of working in both the public and private sector give me the tools and experience necessary for this position. I believe I can work with current and future council members to achieve our goals. As challenges arise I am able to think outside the box and come up with creative solutions. I believe that the biggest responsibility of a councilperson is to represent the people. As a councilman I will strive to listen to and consider the viewpoints of all the citizens of Flagstaff, even those who disagree with my positions on the issues. I will do everything I can to promote transparency, honesty and trust at City Hall. My wife and I have raised our 8-year-old son in Flagstaff and I intend to do everything I can to make Flagstaff a safe and economically sustainable community for residents and businesses alike.

What do you think are the most important issues facing the City Council in the next two years?

Spending: The Council must take control of the budget. Irresponsible spending and waste continue to surface while at the same time the rainy day funds are only 2.8% of our annual budget. There will be many more bumps in the road to economic recovery and the Council cannot afford to keep approving unnecessary spending projects. The City Council must learn to live within their means.

Fees and Regulations: Flagstaff has reached a tipping point where small businesses are so taxed and overregulated that just one more burdensome fee will be the final hit that forces them to shut down and leave town. The City must change course and allow small businesses to spring up and thrive bringing much needed jobs and revenue here.

Personal Freedom and Private Property Rights: Flagstaff must protect the health and safety of its citizens while at the same time preserving freedom and private property rights. Several ordinances are currently being planned that will give the City more control of private property and take away the people's right to make their own choices for their own lives.

Parking: Lack of downtown parking spaces and illegal parking in Southside have been and will continue to be big issues for the City Council over the next few years. I believe that creative solutions to both problems can be found and I look forward to working with current members of the Council to meet the needs of the public.

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OBJECTIVE

City Council Position

SKILLS PROFILE

- Organized and efficient.
- Provides appropriate feedback.
- Identifies problems.
- Manages groups.
- Thinks outside the box.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Construction, General Laborer 1995 — 1998

Big Bear Lake, CA

- Worked on all stages of residential construction.
- Worked in specialized trades including concrete, framing, electrical, and roofing.

Youth Organizer, First Baptist Church of Big Bear 1999 — 2000

Big Bear Lake, CA

- Organized youth programs and events for junior high – college age students.
- Performed many tasks commonly associated with a youth pastor including teaching, music, and counseling.
- Planned and supervised day camps, summer camps, rallies, and concerts.
- Published a monthly zine focusing on Christianity and the arts.

Construction, General Laborer 2001 — 2003

Big Bear Lake, CA

- Worked on all stages of residential construction.
- Worked in specialized trades including concrete, framing, electrical, and roofing.

Casual Clerk, United States Postal Service 2003 — 2004

Big Bear Lake, CA

- Sorted, processed and delivered mail.
- Served the public at three post office locations in the Big Bear area.

Construction, General Laborer

2004 — 2005

Big Bear Lake, CA

- Worked on all stages of residential construction.
- Supervised employees

Pricer, Goodwill Industries

2006 — 2007

Flagstaff, AZ

- Sorted and priced donations as they came in.
- Worked at both Flagstaff Goodwill locations

Book Dealer, Self Employed

2007 — Present

Flagstaff, AZ

- Owner and operator of Dorfsmith.com
- Purchases and re-sells rare and unusual books.

EDUCATION

- High School Graduate (CHSPE)

ACTIVITIES

- Homeschooling father of a third grader.
- Director of Flagstaff Liberty Alliance.
- Blogger/independent journalist.
- Liberty advocate.