

Flagstaff City Council
211 W. Aspen Ave.
Flagstaff, AZ 86001
(928)-774-5281

February 10th, 2012

Dear Mayor Presler and Council Members,

I am applying to fill the council seat vacated by Art Babbott. I believe I am an excellent choice to fill the position for numerous reasons.

The first reason is the amount of time I have spent learning how the city operates and functions. Over the past two years I have spent many hours serving on different commissions and committees within the city. During that time I had a perfect attendance record and intend to bring that level of commitment to the council. I also gained a wider perspective of city issues by serving on the Arizona Daily Sun editorial board in 2011.

I was born and raised in Flagstaff. This is the second reason that I think I will make a good council member. I have a unique perspective with a personal historical knowledge of many issues that have affected the city.

I have the best interest of Flagstaff in mind when applying for this position. I want to work with the current council to ensure the best future for our city. I have no specific agenda or cause I want to push if selected for this position. My main concerns are economic responsibility and service to our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Blake Nabours', written in a cursive style.

Blake Nabours

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: February 10, 2012

YOUR NAME: Blake Nabours **HOME PHONE:** 928-699-1307

HOME ADDRESS: 3221 W. Dannielle Dr. Flagstaff AZ **ZIP:** 86001

MAILING ADDRESS (If Different from Above): _____

EMPLOYER: Flagstaff Unified School District **JOB TITLE:** Teacher

BUS. PHONE: _____ **CELL:** _____ **E-MAIL:** Blake.Nabours@gmail.com

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY 29 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 A

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 A

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.*

Applicant Signature

The City of Flagstaff is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

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

I believe I am the best person to fill this position based on the amount of time I have spent learning how the system works. By sitting on the bond advisory committee and the budget task force I was able to learn how the city functions and the intricacies of the budget process. This will enable me to “hit the ground running” so to speak saving time and energy training someone who has not had similar experience.

I am a life-long resident of Flagstaff. The reason this matters is that I have seen how the city has developed over time. I am aware of many stories and histories in the city that will help guide my future decision making. I have also sat on the Arizona Daily Sun editorial board in 2011 which gave me a broader understanding of various issues relating to Flagstaff and northern Arizona.

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

The first real issue I think the Council will be facing is the depletion of shared revenues in the budget. The state government is not clear in the amount of shared revenue we can expect to collect as a city from year to year or in the future. These funds are in the form of HURF funds and state shared revenue. This makes the budgeting process difficult without a reliable fixed number to plan around. The constant threat from the state level to cut funding keeps us in a precarious situation. I believe the best course of action is to plan cautiously and set clear financial priorities within the city.

The second real issue facing the Council is the need for a new public works yard and court house. These are two major projects that are necessary for the growth of our city. While sitting on the Bond Advisory committee I was shown multiple presentations on the current conditions of both facilities. I believe these facilities need to be replaced. I think it will be up to the council in the next two years to begin serious consideration of these projects and how we are going to get them accomplished.

Blake Nabours



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Objective

My objective is to fill the council seat recently vacated by Art Babbot.

Experience

Sinagua Middle School 2010 - Present

- Taught engineering and technology to seventh and eighth grade students 2010-2011
- Taught engineering and technology to sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students 2011-2012
- Developed the Middle School Institute of Technology and Engineering (MIT-e) along with a co-teacher in order to prepare students for the Coconino Institute of Technology. MIT-e has since been established as a magnet program in FUSD.

Flagstaff High School 2007 - 2010

- Taught power mechanics, drafting, and architecture to all levels of high school students.
- Taught business management, marketing, and accounting to all levels of high school students.

Alpine Pizza 1998 - Present

- I work seasonally in summer and winter when not in school.
- I began in the kitchen when I was 15 washing dishes.
- I have worked every job in the restaurant and currently manage front store sales and operations when in season

Education

Masters of Arts in Teaching 2006 - 2007

James Madison University

Bachelor of Arts in Business and Marketing Education 2002 - 2006

James Madison University

Community Experience

- Citizens Budget Task Force 2010 - 2011: member
- Bond Advisory Committee 2009 - 2010: member
- City of Flagstaff Budget Retreat 2011, 2012: in attendance
- Arizona Daily Sun Editorial Board 2011: member
- City Resident: 29 years