

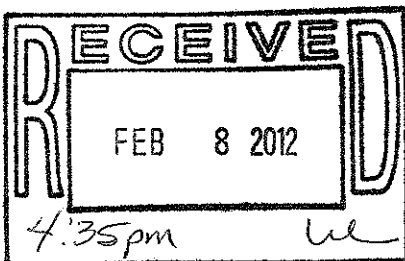
To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of Flagstaff

My name is Shawn Buckley and I have been a resident of Flagstaff for nearly 25 years. I am writing to inform you of my interest in the vacant City Council seat. I look forward to the confirmation process. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely



Shawn Buckley
3535 N Pine Dr
Flagstaff AZ, 86004



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: 2-8-12

YOUR NAME: Shawn Buckley HOME PHONE: 928 853 8565

HOME ADDRESS: 3535 N Pine Dr 86004 ZIP: 86004

MAILING ADDRESS (If Different from Above): _____

EMPLOYER: Wells Fargo JOB TITLE: Lead Teller

BUS. PHONE: 928-526-7709 CELL: 928 853 8565 E-MAIL: SBuckley1985@yahoo.com

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY 24 years PREFERRED TELEPHONE: HOME WORK CELL

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Please complete the following questions:

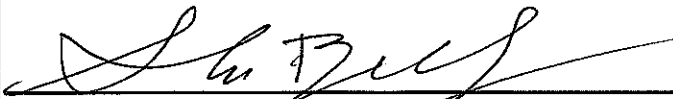
Explain why you are the best person to fill the position. (Please attach an extra page if needed.)

Attached

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.)

Attached

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.

I have lived in Flagstaff for almost 25 years and I intend to retire here when the time comes. I attended Flagstaff High School as well as NAU and CCC. I have worked for years in management, first in a restaurant and now in banking. My experience in school and the private sector has prepared me for public service in several ways. I have listed a couple of examples to give a better idea of my potential contribution.

First, I have witnessed this economy firsthand from several perspectives. During the economic collapse in 2008 I was working for a restaurant. I saw how immediate of an impact the crisis had on the economy. As business went down, applications conversely went up. I saw not only how the new economy impacted my customers, but also my employees. I know how this downturn hurt college students, suppliers, and families. The dramatic instability was felt by all and there was a sense of doom felt as bills went unpaid and school fell by the wayside. Now in banking I try my best to help families with their finances. I see dozens of people every day that are struggling with house payments, bills and raising their families. I understand their struggles because I too have been hurt by the downturn. My perspective in two critical industries gives me the experience to help the community through these hard times.

Secondly, I have the ability to quickly and accurately interpret financial data. I have always had significant math skills, and my experience within the private sector has strengthened my abilities. My understanding of profit and loss statements does not just end at the bottom line. When working for a company the understanding of how revenues and expenses will change through new policies or products is a main staple of success. The critical analysis skills necessary for success in my work will benefit the City and Council. My wealth of knowledge on financial, political and other subjects will be an asset for City Hall.

Finally, I believe my age would be an asset for Flagstaff. I am younger than anyone on the current Council, and I believe it could help invigorate a disillusioned youth. I know too many people who believe politics, even at the local level is out of touch or unapproachable. With such a youthful population in town it would benefit the Council to have the perspective of a younger member; someone who could be an envoy to the younger community and college students. Greater political involvement by the youth could only increase the validity of the decisions of the Council.

While I feel my skills cannot be enumerated in a short document, I am excited about my hometown and what the future entails. I would love a chance to be able to help make my home the best it can be.

The greatest challenge facing Flagstaff in the next two years is the budget. With the global economy still in turmoil, and the European debt crisis threatening our slow and fragile recovery, a tight budget for Flagstaff must be maintained in the foreseeable future.

With a diminishing emergency fund and worries about the City's bond ratings, the importance of a balanced, frugal budget could not be more clear. It is critical that expenditures represent a real need and are provided within the current structure.

However it will be difficult to cut into the budget much further without major disruptions to City services. Employees of the City are performing the jobs of two or sometimes three people. While I do not doubt the resolve of City personnel, they can only do so much before a breaking point is reached. With such demands, problems like unpaid overtime, are always a concern.

Any significant moves by the city must pass the litmus test of the budget. Pensions, zoning, land exchanges, tax incentives, affordable housing, water; everything must be examined through the criterion of the budget. The next two years must be a vigilant observance of revenue versus expenditures. It is essential the City provide basic services and examine any elective spending through a cost benefit analysis.

An old backpackers adage says "If you take care of the ounces, the pounds will take care of themselves". Too many small gadgets and you may find your pack is too heavy for your sleeping bag. It is imperative that the city be mindful of how small elective projects add up and may prevent a large, more productive program from being funded.

While there are many challenges facing the City over the next few years, by far the most pervasive will be the budget. It is critical the person filling the vacancy on the Council be ready for the hard work and controversy ahead.

Shawn Buckley

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Experience

Wells Fargo

2011-present

- Lead Teller
- Assist customers with day to day transactions and financial needs
- Ensure compliance with applicable laws, regulations and policies
- Ensure training of new employees
- Day to day operations

Ruby Tuesday

Assistant General Manager

- Maintained day-to-day operations
- Carried out decisions of General Manager
- Focused on applicable laws and policies

Kitchen Manager

- Concentrated on food safety and quality
- Succeeded in maintaining food, labor and materiel budgets
- Placed orders for food, chemicals paper, and general supplies

Front of House Shift Leader

- Key and safe code holder
- Responsible for writing bartender/server schedules
- Supervised operations and staff

Education

Coconino Community College

2009-2010

General Education

Northern Arizona University

2003-2005

- General Education
- Speech & Debate Team Member
- Nationally ranked Parliamentary Debater

References

David Canady (928)-522-0414(w); (602)-405-5032(c)

General Manager, *Ruby Tuesday*

Chelsie Laymon (928)-522-0414; (928)-864-8743(c)

Assistant General Manager, *Ruby Tuesday*

Additional references upon request