**Town Council Vacancy Application**

Please email your application to Town Clerk/Treasurer Margy Greer at: [mgreer@tomv.org](mailto:mgreer@tomv.org%20?subject=Town%20Council%20Vacancy%20Application) or drop your application into the black mail drop on the front wall of the Mountain View Town Hall at 4176 Benton Street. To be considered, applications must be received by 5pm on May 9, 2023. Feel free to use additional pages.

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Have you lived in the town of Mountain View for at least one year? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you a registered voter at this address? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you 18 years or older? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please state in general terms why you are interested in serving on Council?

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**TIME COMMITMENT**  
Serving on Council requires regular in-person attendance at monthly Council meetings, as well as multiple committee meetings, study sessions, training, and community events. The regular monthly Council meetings are currently held on **the third Monday of the month and begin at 6:30 pm.** They can go for 3 hours or longer (currently, they only go over 3 hours with unanimous consent). We also have Council workshops scheduled for **the first Monday of every month, beginning at 6:30 pm**. We do not always hold a workshop but you should be available if there is one. (They are less formal and typically shorter.) We encourage **occasional outside networking and training** as well. You will be assigned **a committee which will require a couple of hours a month to meet** and write a report to Council about your work. And lastly, you will be expected to **be present at most Community Events**. In other words, serving on Council requires a sizable time commitment. Depending on the month and the committee, the time commitment is estimated to be between 10-15 hours of work per month. Some Council Members spend much more time on their committee work and their time involvement is closer to 20 hours a month (event work is especially time consuming). Do you foresee any conflicts which might hamper your participation in these meetings or activities? If so, can you describe?

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A Council appointment requires a commitment to a term between one and four years, depending on what vacancy you are filling and how much is left of the term. For this vacancy, the term ends **November, 2025**. Are you willing to prioritize and commit to this period of time? Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_ No, this could be problematic for me, and why:

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**LISTENING & OPENNESS TO COMPROMISE**

Serving on Council requires an ability to listen and a willingness to compromise. Do you see yourself as good at this type of interaction? What experiences do you have that help you identify this in yourself?

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**PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Many people consider public speaking to be very stressful. Productive Council discussion requires diplomatically speaking our minds, sharing ideas, and asking questions in a public setting. Many times, other residents, appointed officials, and staff are in attendance. This year, we will be posting videos of the public meetings to our town website in order to better communicate with residents about the work happening at the Council table. What kinds of comfort level do you have with this aspect of the Council work? What experiences do you have with public speaking?

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**COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP**

After decisions have been reached, the goal is always to speak with one voice as a governing body. As community leaders, we strive to work together as a team to help residents have accurate information about their government. Can you share related experiences you may have had where you had to move forward after a disagreement and demonstrate unity? Or, if this is not applicable for you, what is one team you may have been on (sports, family, work, etc.) where you worked together for the success of the team? What did you find most challenging and/or rewarding about this team work?

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**SKILLS AND APTITUDES**

Please describe your employment and/or volunteer experiences that you feel you could bring to the Council table? How could you imagine these skills and aptitudes being valuable to our community?

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**LEARNING NEW THINGS**

As a Council, there will be some things we will be learning together, as we participate in Colorado Municipal League (CML) and other types of training. We are always learning from our appointed officials, contracted subject matter experts, and staff. Sometimes, the work of being on Council is different from our expectations and can require learning new things. How do you feel about learning these things and how do you think you might react if the work of being on Council is different from your expectations?

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**ELIMINATING PARTISAN POLITICS**

In our discussions, we frequently learn from each other as well. Everyone at the table comes from various different political backgrounds and there is no room for partisan politics. Council Members work best together if they can set aside partisan differences to solve comprehensive problems for the Town. Are you able to work as a team and learn from people who are different from you and may have very different perspectives?

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**SOLVING EXISTING PROBLEMS**

Many of us ran for election or applied to fill a vacancy because there was a particular issue we wanted to help address for our community. Do you have one or two important concerns that you feel the town faces, that you would envision working on as a Council Member?

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**OTHER**

Do you feel there is additional information about you that is important for us to know? Please feel free to attach your resume and list here your prior involvement with the town, as a volunteer or through any other engagement.

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