



CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND

March 9, 2023 Regular Work Session and Town Hall Meeting Agendas
Council Chambers, 25510 Lawson Street, Black Diamond, WA 98010

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REGULAR WORK SESSION AGENDA

6:00 P.M. – CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

- 1) Interviews of Council Candidates for Position #6

ADJOURNMENT

TOWN HALL MEETING AGENDA

7:00 P.M. – CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

- 1) Open Mic – Please limit your comments to 10 minutes

ADJOURNMENT

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL POSITION 6

Applicant Information

(Please type or print)

Applicant Name Travis Phillip Steichen
Residence Address 30734 229th PL SE, Black Diamond WA 98010
Home Phone (206) 226-0784 Work Phone (206) 386-0071
Email TSteichen_15@yahoo.com

Cover Letter and Resume

Please attach a one-page cover letter and a resume of no more than two pages to this application.

Supplemental Questions

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City of Black Diamond – Supplemental Questions – Appointment to City Council Position 6

Applicant – Travis Steichen

1. Why are you interested in serving as a Black Diamond City Councilmember?

I've lived in Black Diamond for over 11 years. In that time I have seen the population increase and with that population increase the City is being asked to do more to maintain a strong standard of services for the community. demand for expanded and updated infrastructure and everything that goes along with that (budget, materials, manpower, planning, zoning, permitting) has increased. I would like to take an active role in supporting and shaping our community's future.

2. What Strength Would you Bring to the Council?

I am the City of Seattle's Risk manager/Deputy Division Director of Risk Management. With a strong understanding of municipal operations I would be a benefit and knowledge resource to the City Council in the following areas: Citywide operations and planning, engineering, permitting, insurance, lawsuit and claims, applying and updating legislative and revised code of Washington, homelessness, budgetary planning, COVID, FEMA, Federal government emergency response, and reporting to City Council and Mayor on critical City matters.

3. What are the three highest priorities and/or issues you believe the City needs to address? How would you propose to address these issues?

There are so many priorities in running a City, each department has their own priorities they would say are critical. Here are three priorities that could cause major issues if not addressed with a long term lens:

- a. Expanding population, this creates an increased demand for improved City infrastructure (utilities, roads, services).
 - b. Expanding more complex Budget (increased tax revenue doesn't always meet the needs of an expanding City, also economic downturn could affect revenues and cripple long term projects.).
 - c. Expanding population brings more divers needs and demands that the City may not have been equipped to account for.
- Everyone working together to do the best they can with the resources available.
 - Strong communication between City leadership.
 - Networking with other City's see if they are facing the same issues (or had faced the same issues). What was their solution? Their lessons learned?
 - Budget with clear understanding of project costs, funding sources, how susceptible these funding sources are to recessions, explore alternatives to funding (bonds, grants, loans).

4. Explain your current and past community involvement and/or service on City, nonprofit, or public boards, committees, task forces, or commissions and how this has contributed to the Black Diamond community. Address its relevance to the position of Black Diamond City Councilmember.

I have not served on any Black Diamond related committees or task forces. I have actively supported committees and task forces for the City of Seattle (COVID, Federal and FEMA Emergency Response, Homelessness, Urban development, Small business owner revitalization, and others) as an advisor in Risk Management matters.

5. What do you wish to accomplish during this appointment term as a Black Diamond City Councilmember?

First term goal would be to get up to speed on City matters. Collaborate with and provide positive contributions to the Council, Mayor and City.

6. What is your vision for our City and Community?

Long term financial stability, good ingress and egress for surface street traffic, uniform utility services offered equitably to the community and a strong regional presence with other municipalities.

7. Is there anything else you would like to add that would help us get to know you a little better?

After review, if you are agreeable to the information provided, I would enjoy meeting to discuss my background and getting to know each of you.

TRAVIS STEICHEN

OBJECTIVE

To protect the interests of the City of Black Diamond and its ability to effectively serve its great communities by analyzing and managing all risks and working with key players to positively influence programs.

EDUCATION

CENTRAL WA UNIVERSITY ELLENSBURG, WA

Bachelor of Science – June 1998
Business Administration & Finance

VITALS

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Dear Ms. Brenda Martinez, City Clerk:

Upon learning of your search to fill Black Diamonds City Council position 6, I feel compelled to submit my enclosed resume for your consideration. As a dedicated and highly accomplished professional with over 20 years management experience in multiple disciplines (insurance operations, risk management, contractual, financial, municipal operations), I am prepared to vastly exceed your expectations in this role. My experience is broad with an intimate knowledge of all aspects of Municipal operations as I have served as the City of Seattle's Deputy Division Director of Risk Management for over four years, which has allowed me to collaborate with department heads, City elected officials, City attorneys and other professionals in the private sector to establish risk management strategies and insurance requirements. Working for the City of Seattle as a Deputy Director has made me a particularly rounded and foundational member of the risk management team.

With a strong familiarity of the responsibilities of this position, your mission and product, you can be assured that I would uphold the highest level of service and eagerness to expand my knowledge and reach. I am a strong and flexible leader, harmonious team player, and persistent at solving problems with innovative ideas to achieving organizational goals.

With my depth of experience directing multiple facets of City operations, risk management, combined with my inherent interpersonal and analytical skills, I am ready to provide outstanding support and leadership to the City of Black Diamond. I would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you in person to discuss in detail the position and how my qualifications would enhance operations. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Travis Steichen

TRAVIS STEICHEN

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OBJECTIVE

Accomplished operations manager with 20+ years' experience in public and private sector multi-sight operations and risk management. Articulate communicator and seasoned mentor who thrives in results-driven, collaborative environments. Looking to contribute to the outstanding success of The Black Diamond City Council.



SELECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Developed standardized risk management operating procedures for the City of Seattle COVID-19 vaccination program.
- Directed and oversaw operations, training and support to civil authorities during COVID-19 State of Emergency.
- Managed the City of Seattle's judgment and Claims Fund and Insurance Fund. Developed long term funding guidelines, budget and supplemental budget oversight and provided direct expenditure approval.
- Developed Citywide department funding structure for emergency Fund during COVID-19 State of Emergency. Advised in FEMA federal emergency recovery efforts.
- Developed and supervised the execution of vaccination training to over 400 City and public first responders.



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Risk Manager, Deputy Division Director |City of Seattle

FEBRUARY 2019 – PRESENT

Serving as an active member of the City's Executive Leadership team by leading Citywide Risk Management program section.

- Draft policy and action papers on behalf of the City of Seattle affecting Citywide operations, including but not limited to ensuring the establishment of necessary procedures and standards for vendor, procurement and construction contract operations, indemnification, subrogation and insurance language.
- Establish guidelines for City of Seattle operations.
- Member of leadership team/steering committee overseeing emergency response efforts.
- Oversee litigation and insurance recovery related matters.
- Co-Unit Leader for Lumen Field vaccination effort.
- Public relations officer for risk management matters.

Insurance Operations Manager |City of Seattle

FEBRUARY 2013 – 2019

- Managed the loss control and insurance programs for the City of Seattle; including a \$7 billion property, \$135 million excess liability and \$50 million Cyber insurance program.

- Advised department heads, managers, attorneys and technical staff on the City's broad continuum of operational risks including contracts, agreements, permits, tort, environmental and municipal law issues to establish operational strategies, contractual risk transfer language, subrogation, limits of liability and insurance requirements.
- Direct oversight of City self-insurance fund and Judgment and Claims Fund. Evaluated reserve projections and historical loss data to forecast quarterly and annual funding levels to City Council and Mayor.
- Managed from inception to completion large multi-agency coordination projects, implementing operational strategies and insurance requirements for: Key Arena development, Ship Canal Water Quality, CSO tunnel design, Joint Project Agreements for multiple contracts with various government agencies.

Pension Project Manager, Aide to VP of Operations, Financial Auditor | Northwest Administrators

NOVEMBER 1998 – 2013

- Managed a staff of 22 across 5 multi-state offices to overseeing the operations of the Unfunded Vested Benefit Liability department for 4 multi-employer Pension Plans.
- Created and implemented organizational policies and procedures regarding such issues as participant eligibility program requirements and program benefits Act as a consultant to trustees, beneficiaries and other programs regarding interpreting program related federal, state and county regulations and policies.
- Led a complete legacy software changeover. Drafted budget proposal, hired consultants and created technical designs, managed the implementation, data migration, testing, and on boarding process for 100+ staff.



EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS

CENTRAL WA UNIVERSITY | BS, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE, ECONOMICS MINOR | 1996 – 1998

BELLEVUE COLLEGE | ASSOCIATES DEGREE, BUSINESS FINANCE | 1993 – 1995

THE INSTITUTES | ASSOCIATE IN RISK MANAGEMENT (ARM) CERTIFICATION

NORTH SEATTLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE | EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN | 2010

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL POSITION 6

Applicant Information

(Please type or print)

Applicant Name Pravat Sripranaratanakul

Residence Address 32936 SE Cottonwood Street, Black Diamond, WA 98010

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Cover Letter and Resume

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1. Why are you interested in serving as a Black Diamond City Councilmember?

I am interested in serving as a Black Diamond City Councilmember in order to continue to move Black Diamond forward. There is a changing dynamic in Black Diamond that includes a change in demographic. I believe that having a minority on the City Council will help the other minorities in Black Diamond feel like they can be better heard.

2. What strength would you bring to the council?

I am a very analytical person, both in my personal and professional life, I enjoy digging into the little things that others may find mundane. I work hard to get to the bottom of issues to get problems resolved.

3. What are the three highest priorities and/or issues you believe the City needs to address?
How would you propose to address these issues?

Growth – The City will continue to grow through the planned developments. The developers have made certain commitments to the City to make improvements that benefit the City as a whole. I would like to hold the developers to their commitments to improve Black Diamond for the benefit of all who live here.

Community Diversity –Black Diamond will continue to change due to the influx of new residents with different backgrounds and experiences. I would encourage the newer residents to get involved with the City and regularly attend community events and meetings, in an effort to mesh with the residents that have lived in Black Diamond for a longer period of time.

Tax Income – As the City grows there needs to be a greater influx of sales tax income to the City to pay for city services, upgrades to aging infrastructure, and to keep competitive wages for the City employees. The Residents must travel out of the City to purchase necessities, and other items which increase the tax income for the surrounding cities, but does not help Black Diamond. The easiest way to increase sales tax income to the City is to court new businesses to open shop in Black Diamond.

4. Explain your current and past community involvement and/or service on city. Non-profit, or public boards, committees, task forces, or commissions and how this has contributed to the Black Diamond community. Address its relevance to the position of Black Diamond City Council Member.

This would be my first involvement with the City. I applied for the open Planning Commission position in August 2022, and the open City Council Position #2 in October 2022, but was not chosen for either of those. Over the last 22 months or so I have attended a majority of the City Council meetings online. I have followed the city's business and am aware of issues that have been brought up by the Council as well as the public.

For the last three years since moving to Black Diamond, my family and I have participated in the Black Diamond Community Center Giving Tree program. Each year we select several tags from the tree and buy gifts for those children who need them. In 2022 I spoke with Cheryl, near the end of the program to get gift tags that were not picked and purchased several gifts for children that may have not otherwise had presents.

I have served on the Board of a Professional Organization for five years serving as the President one of those years. I was also a member of several committees serving as the chair for some of the committees. Serving on the board and as a committee chair has allowed me to take on a leadership role and grow my ability to listen. I currently serve as a member of the Legacy Committee to help guide the current board with direction.

5. What do you wish to accomplish during this appointed term as a Black Diamond City Councilmember?

During my appointment I would like to keep the City moving forward. Because it will be a short-term appointment of less than a year I would speak with the public to attempt to resolve issues that continue to be brought up.

6. What is your vision for our City and Community?

My vision for our City and Community is one where everyone can feel accepted, regardless of their background or how long they have lived here. I would like to see the City grow, but maintain its small town feel. I appreciate the quietness of Black Diamond, and understand that with unchecked growth too many things can change that will irrevocably change Black Diamond.

We as a community are more alike than we are different, but it helps to see someone who looks more like you in a position of leadership to be able to believe that you can be heard and accepted.

7. Is there anything else you would like to add that would help us get to know you a little better?

I am the second of four kids. Growing up I navigated being a middle child, which helped me be a better negotiator and mediator. I have carried these skills into my professional career as a Consultant in the construction industry. As a regular part of my work life, I work with Building Owners/Representatives, Architects, Contractors, and others to resolve issues that arise as a part of normal construction.

When bigger problems present themselves, I can remain neutral on issues and hear both sides of an argument, and then make decisions based on the overall good of the whole.

My Great Aunt and Uncle owned property on Lake 12. My family would come out on various occasions to spend time on the lake. I remember coming out to Black Diamond in the late 80's to early 90's for the first time and feeling like it was far away from everything. As I grew up and came out to Black Diamond to spend time with family at the lake, or I was just passing through to get to other places I really appreciated the beauty of the area.

When my wife and I decided it was time to relocate to a new city we visited Black Diamond. Black Diamond still felt like it was out away from civilization. In the end that was one of the biggest reasons we decided to purchase a home and move our family here.

I am a proud father of three boys, a 21-year-old Marine stationed at Miramar in California, a 21-year-old swim instructor/life guard at the Covington Aquatic Center, and an 8-year-old 3rd grader who attends Black Diamond Elementary. Black Diamond is a wonderful city to raise my family, and I hope that others see it that way as well.

Pravat Sripranaratanakul
32936 SE Cottonwood Street, Black Diamond, WA 98010
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February 14, 2023

To: Brenda Martinez, City Clerk
Mayor Carol Benson
Black Diamond City Council

Ref: Application for Appointment to Black Diamond City Council Position #6

I am excited to submit my letter of interest, resume, application, and answers to supplemental questions for the vacant City Council Position #6.

My wife and I relocated our family to Black Diamond in 2020 during the Covid 19 pandemic and we were unable to get out and meet our neighbors as much as we would have liked. In an effort to better get to know the city, my family began to stream the City Council meetings. We sit down as a family and watch the meetings together. This has engaged my 8-year-old son in city business, he has a lot of questions, and is excited when he see's someone that he saw on the council meeting around town. I want to show him that I can help to shape the town that we call home.

I have been a business owner since 2017, starting out as an employee in 2003, and working my way up. As a consultant in the construction industry, I have a great deal of experience bridging the gap between groups of people who want what is best, but cannot always see eye to eye. As such, I feel that I can make decisions based on what is best for the City even if I don't agree with the direction.

Black Diamond is a City that is growing and will continue to grow for the foreseeable future. With that growth the demographic of the City is changing. I would be honored to serve the citizens of Black Diamond as an Asian American.

Thank you for your consideration for appointment to City Council Position #3.

Pravat Sripranaratanakul

Attachments: Application, Resume, Supplemental Questions



206 445-4801
pravat@lightfadesaway.com

EDUCATION

South Seattle
Community College: AA,
2000

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATIONS

RRO, RRC, RWC

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

IIBEC, Inc. (International
Institute of Building
Enclosure Consultants),
NRCA (National Roofing
Contractors Association),
WSRCA (Washington State
Roofing Contractors
Association)
ACEC-Washington
(American Council of
Engineering Companies -
Washington)

Pravat Sripranaratanakul

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Black Diamond, WA 98010

Professional Experience

2003 to Present Wetherholt and Associates, Inc. – *Currently Principal/
Sr. Field Engineer/Inspection Supervisor*

Responsible for leak investigation at roof, deck, wall, and window assemblies on residential and commercial buildings. Responsible for inspection and evaluation of roofing, waterproofing, exterior cladding application, often including related structural aspects at commercial and residential projects. Responsible for field engineering duties including expert witness testimony, mediation, building envelope surveys, moisture testing, construction material sampling, building envelope design, review of design project documents, and punchlist / closeout inspections. Supervising and training staff inspectors. Setting the inspection schedules and reviewing inspection reports.

2002 to 2006 Meany Middle School – *Systems Administrator/Soccer Coach*

Responsible for installation of hardware and software, troubleshooting hardware, software, and networking equipment. Teaching school staff new software/programs, and working with staff to implement new technology into classrooms. Work with the boys and girls soccer teams teaching new skills and improving existing skills while maintaining a fun and safe environment.

Volunteer Experience

IIBEC Puget Sound Chapter Board (formerly RCI, Inc.) – 2016-2019, and 2021

President 2018

IIBEC Puget Sound Chapter Golf Committee (formerly RCI, Inc.) – 2016-2021, 2023

Chair 2020-2021

IIBEC Puget Sound Chapter Legacy Committee (formerly RCI, Inc.) – 2022-Present

PacWest Little League Baseball Coach/Umpire – 2008-2016

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL POSITION 6

Applicant Information

(Please type or print)

Applicant Name Nathan A. Jones

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Home Phone 425-306-5540 Work Phone 425-306-5540

Email natejones@hotmail.com

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1. Why are you interested in serving as a Black Diamond City Councilmember?

Black Diamond is at an exciting time of investment and development which brings great opportunities and issues to resolve.

2. What strength would you bring to the Council?

I have built a career in planning and project management, split almost evenly between public sector and private sector employers. I understand processes such as public (and stakeholder) involvement, budget oversight, and communicating the facts in a plain, transparent fashion.

3. What are the three highest priorities and/or issues you believe the City needs to address? How would you propose to address these issues?

- Common **vision for the long-term** – what is Black Diamond of 2123 going to be? Spend 18 months forming a multi-faceted steering committee of businesses, school district, property owners, youth, to help form this vision.
- Pro-active **policing of the community** – analyze crime trends (city and region) and prepare the police with training and equipment to effectively perform their jobs. Using state-of-the-art IT tools and predictive AI, the answer doesn't need to be -more- police, it can be appropriately resourced assets.
- Fueling the **economic engine** – a city cannot succeed with funding needs and wants solely with property taxes and funds from state and federal sources. A robust business economy is critical for revenues to providing world-class services to citizens and facilities they demand.

4. Explain your current and past community involvement and/or service on city, nonprofit, or public boards, committees, task forces, or commissions and how this has contributed to the Black Diamond community. Address its relevance to the position of Black Diamond City Councilmember.

I have been a resident of Black Diamond since December of 2021 when my family purchased a home south of 288th and west of SR 169. We became members of the Lake Sawyer Community Club, where I have attended community meetings on invasive vegetation spraying in Lake Sawyer and volunteered with two neighbors to post signs on docks, notifying lake residents of the spraying dates this past summer.

How this relates to the Councilmember position is it was potentially controversial, as people are concerned whenever chemicals are applied to nature, especially around wildlife and bodies of water. Accordingly, we had to take care in how we approached folks at their docks.

Additionally, some lake residents voiced concerns over a privately-funded and managed spraying a lake resident had obtained permits for another area of the lake and residents perceived lack of coordination between efforts. The bottom line was the people that had issues with that plan needed to take up their issue with him, not the publicly-managed spraying project.

5. What do you wish to accomplish during this appointed term as a Black Diamond City Councilmember?

Provided any public safety and food and shelter security issues have plans funded and being worked, it would be fantastic to get work started on the future vision exercise – even if just to get people talking about it.

Secondly, need to make Black Diamond a presence in the regional forums and leverage partnerships with

like-sized agencies.

6. What is your vision for our City and community?

- Welcoming to all and supportive of differences, whatever they may be, in a safe, affordable place to recreate, restore, and enjoy the blessings nature can offer.
- Business environment that fosters seedlings and supports well-established to their next level of commercial growth to draw-in employees and investors.
- Quality residential development that's smart and provides what the market is seeking; a balanced approach which allows property owners the ability to realize economic gains without inappropriately shouldering impacts upon the community.
- Safe schools with world-class educators, cutting-edge technology, and renowned STEM programs; development of a 4-year college expansion campus.

7. Is there anything else you would like to add that would help us get to know you a little better?

Father of 3

Pacific NW native (40+ years in Renton-Kent-Maple Valley-Black Diamond)

3rd generation aerospace employee

BA University of Washington/AA Bellevue College

Hobbies include: boating, music (percussion), and classic Volkswagens

February 14, 2023

Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk
Black Diamond Councilmember Recruitment
PO Box 599/24301 Roberts Drive
Black Diamond, WA 98010
Subject: *Council Opportunity Application*

Dear Ms. Martinez:

Reading through the announcement regarding the open City Council position, it stirred my interest and I would like to be considered for the opportunity.

I would bring these qualities and experiences to the position:

- I have 11 years of experience specifically in municipal planning, with 16 total years employed as a planner
- I have demonstrated an ability to manage numerous projects simultaneously in a collaborative fashion within a government agency in a public-facing role, when employed by the University of Washington and City of Renton

The bulk of my experience came from employment with the City of Renton from 2002-2011, until I was laid off during the economic downturn. As a Transportation Division planner, I managed a study of Rainier Avenue, a multimodal corridor, which included internal department representatives, partners Sound Transit, King County Metro, WSDOT, and the local business community. The product of the study was instrumental in forging an agreement with Sound Transit to support funding a substantial portion of the transformative \$40M project. I also developed a Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Plan for the city and supported the Comp Plan policy and objective updates of the Transportation Element.

With the University of Washington, in 2011-2012, I successfully managed a team which rolled-out of the ORCA transit pass to the 70,000 UW student, staff, and faculty population. The position required coordinating internal IT, finance, registrar office, facilities, and transportation employees, as well as external partners: Sound Transit, KC Metro, and other transit agencies to assess and address issues. As a student planner in 2001, I performed cutting edge geographic analysis of residential and work trips to develop targeted marketing strategies.

Employed as a facilities planner for Boeing, I work through planning and design issues with internal business partners and supported expedited project delivery with our project implementation team. I have served as point-of-contact for land use and civic issues between Boeing and local, cities, the State of Washington, and railroad companies.

Through my 16-year career as a planner, I have had the opportunity to:

- develop and implement public involvement processes and events related to transportation planning, policy and program outreach
- influence transit routing and facility development and implementation, bicycle and pedestrian facility design in public and private space, on- and off-street
- deliver communications to varied audiences on complicated or contentious subject matter

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss my experience and qualifications with you. Please contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached at 425-306-5540.

Please note: I have initiated a review with my employer to ensure there would be no conflicts of interest being a representative within local government. If applicable, I will share the findings or conditions my employer would have. Their review was not completed prior to the submission deadline.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nathan A. Jones
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Nathan (Nate) A. Jones

Cell 425-306-5540

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CURRENT POSITION:

Business Operations Specialist (Project Manager), 2020-current - Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Auburn WA

PREVIOUS ROLES:

Planner, Boeing Facilities, 2015-2019

Project Manager, Boeing Facilities, 2014-2015

Business Operations Chief of Staff, Boeing Commercial Airplanes, 2012-2014

Manager, Commute Office, University of Washington, 2011 – 2012

Transportation Planner, City of Renton, 2002 – 2011

Planner, Commute Office, University of Washington, 2001-2002

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Represented employer in negotiations with city over a site development agreement as it pertained to the design and construction of \$80M multi-building project; engaged Legal Department when required, for subject matter expert review and guidance, summarized findings and recommendations for leadership.
- Led rail road track replacement planning and pre-engineering plan development with internal and external organizations, including Legal Department and Environment Health & Safety, senior level management and government agencies to identify and assess impact to the business operating plan; discussions included: Supply Chain Logistics, BNSF railroad, UP railroad, PSE, City of Algona, City of Auburn, City of Pacific, King County, Pierce County, and WUTC.
- Performed role of Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Government Liaison, providing link between EOC team and outside agencies – "Cascadia Rising" Tabletop Exercise Drill.
- Negotiated with City of Algona to defer proposed "no trucks" zone on Pacific Ave. near a factory, impacting deliveries to the site; coordinated attorney review of alternative approaches to city plan and legal requirements.
- Communicated company response to potential environmental impacts of White River flood mitigation work performed by City of Pacific, Army Corps of Engineers, and Pierce and King Counties.
- Managed city transportation projects and programs, including a quarter million dollar planning study of the Rainier Avenue corridor, sidewalk capital program, and bicycle program.

CAPABILITIES:

- Developed training materials and planned event outreach opportunities to cross-promote transit agency products ("smart cards" ORCA transit passes) and services (Sound Transit LINK and KC Metro Rapid Ride) and RideShareOnline website functionality within three adjacent South King County (Washington State) jurisdictions: Kent, Renton, and Tukwila.
- Represented city's interest in regional forums regarding Commute Trip Reduction (CTR), vanpooling and transit, coordinated and communicated issues between agencies verbally and in-writing.
- Authored State and Federal grant applications, coordinating with maintenance, code enforcement, and police staff to address community pedestrian safety and traffic concerns around schools.
- Wrote Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element goals, policies, and objectives and related narratives and visuals (maps) during annual update process.

- Managed City employees' Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) transportation benefit program as an Employee Transportation Coordinator (ETC) and marketing commute alternatives and directed promotions, including South King County 10-week limited term project supporting Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) to educate and inform citizens and promote transit usage.
- Analyzed neighborhood populations with GIS tools (ArcView) and AutoCAD to design and implement geography-based marketing in support of the employer's Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) goals, and conducted traffic and pedestrian circulation studies, bike rack usage counts, and parking assessments.

EDUCATION:

BA, University of Washington, 2002 (Geography)

AA, Bellevue Community College, 2000

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Current employer's "*Sense of Pride*" Team

Current employer's Site Incident Management Team (IMT)/Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

Formerly on employer's Morale Team and site Diversity Council

German Toys Volkswagen Club member (motoring hobby club)

Formerly Workgroup Safety Focal for multiple employers

Former Employee Health and Wellness Committee member