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Process underway to fill vacancy on Bellevue City Council *Applications for Position 5 seat due by Thursday, Feb. 2*

BELLEVUE, Wash. – Residents who have an interest in local government and serving their community are invited to apply for an opening on the Bellevue City Council. Due to Councilmember Vandana Slatter's resignation this month, there is an opening for Position 5 on the City Council to fill the remainder of her term through the November 2017 election.

To be eligible to serve on the Council, applicants must be a Bellevue resident for one year and be a registered voter. To apply, submit a resume and a letter of interest. The letter (1,000 word limit and 12-point-font) should respond to the following three questions:

- What is your passion for the community?
- What is your vision for the city?
- Why do you want to serve on the Bellevue City Council?

Letters of interest should be submitted via email, mail or delivery to Bellevue City Hall by 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, 2017:

- Email – cityclerk@bellevuewa.gov
- Personal Delivery – 1st floor, Service First desk, 450 110th Ave. NE, Bellevue (Attn: City Clerk)
- Mail - Kyle Stannert, City Clerk/Assistant City Manager, City of Bellevue, P.O. Box 90012, Bellevue, WA 98009

If selected as a finalist, the applicant will be asked to provide three-to-five references.

On Monday, Feb. 6, the Council will review applications in executive session and then deliberate on the selection of the finalists during open session. The Council will interview finalists during the Feb. 13 council meeting. The Council is expected to make the appointment by the end of February. Per the Revised Code of Washington, the council has until Friday, April 14 to fill the vacated seat.

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The term for the appointed councilmember will run through certification of the November General Election. The ballot for the November General election will include the Position 5 seat along with the Positions 2, 4, and 6. The elected councilmember for Position 5 term would be sworn in once the election is certified by King County Elections through the original term date of December 31, 2019.

The Position 5 seat became available when Vandana Slatter resigned after being appointed by the King County Council to represent the 48th Legislative District in the Washington State House of Representatives. Her resignation became effective Saturday, Jan. 14, 2017.

Bellevue operates under a council-manager form of government with the council selecting a city manager who oversees all city operations. The Bellevue City Council is made up of seven councilmembers who are elected-at-large and serve staggered four-year terms. The councilmembers, in turn, select a mayor and deputy mayor from among themselves.

For more information, visit the City Council section of the City of Bellevue website, <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council-members.htm>.

About the City of Bellevue

Known as a “City in a Park” with nearly 100 parks and a vast network of trails and greenbelts, Bellevue is the fifth largest city in Washington state. The Eastside city spans 33.5 square miles from Lake Washington to Lake Sammamish. As part of the Innovation Triangle, Bellevue is the high-tech and retail center with a downtown skyline of gleaming high-rises, a diverse population of approximately 140,000 and schools that are consistently rated among the best in the country. To learn more about why Bellevue is the city where you want to be, visit www.bellevuewa.gov.

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