

Town of Apex Council Member Application

Filling Vacant Seat through December 2013

Due to the recent resignation of Councilman Mike Jones, an Apex Town Council seat is currently vacant. The vacancy will be filled through an open process in which interested citizens can submit an application for the Council's review. The final candidate will be appointed by the Council to serve the remainder of term through December 2013. Candidates must be at least 21 year of age, live within the Apex town limits and be registered to vote.

Serving on the Council requires time and dedication, meeting twice each month in addition to work sessions and other special projects.

The Town of Apex operates under the Council-Manager form of government, in which the citizens elect a Mayor and Council members (the Council) as the Town's governing body. The Council represents Apex residents and works to establish policies that are responsive to residents' needs and wishes, and that affect the overall operation of the community as a whole. For more information about Apex's form of government, and sitting Council members, visit www.apexnc.org/elected-officials.

By checking this box, I consent to the posting of this application on the Town of Apex public website. I understand that all applicants for the Council seat who agree to have their application made public will have it posted on September 20th at noon, following the September 19th application submission deadline.

Contact Information

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How long have you lived in the town limits of Apex? 13 years

Occupation & Education

Occupation: Telecommunications

Place of Employment: Tekelec

Education: AAS Biomedical Technology / BS Electrical Engineering

Other Distinctions: _____

Local Government Experience & Civic Engagement

- Please describe any previous experience in local government (employment with municipality, service on elected board, service on appointed committees). Be sure to include the Town in which you served, and your role there.
 - None
- Please list involvement in other civic groups or other relevant organizations.
 - Chair / Co-Chair of the Architect Control Committee Woodridge (1999 – 2007), Usher Committee Apex Baptist (2010 – present) , Children’s Sunday School Teacher Apex Baptist (2002 – 2008), Youth Sunday School teacher (2008 - present), Coach Morrisville and Apex Recreational Baseball (2000- present)

Other Information

- Describe why you want to serve as a Town of Apex Town Council member.
 - My wife Jeani, my 3 children and I are proud to call Apex our home. Thirteen years ago we decided to move to Apex because we thought it would be an excellent place to raise our family. Over the last couple of years I have really become interested in decisions that affect our town and in what I believe is personally, my civic responsibility. I want to serve on the Town Council because I would like to participate in the decisions that keep Apex economically viable while maintaining its unique country allure. I want to help make Apex a place that I can be proud of for years to come.
- Describe your perspective on issues you believe the Town is currently facing and what ideas you have for dealing with those issues.
 - Growth/Economic Development: Managing the growth of Apex is crucial to its residents. I believe Apex can grow and still keep the small town look and feel. I also feel that Apex residents should have access to a variety of businesses without having to leave Apex town limits. While helping Apex grow we must fully understand how road placement, new development, and physical appearance of the new commercial infrastructure affects the overall town appearance. We cannot be blinded by the desire to increase revenue from new business growth without thinking about our community. There needs to be a healthy balance.
 - Transportation Infrastructure: Managing our roads is extremely important to our daily lives. New residential and commercial growth requires old road maintenance and the design of a newer efficient transportation network. We need to seek recommendations, review other town road plans, and find creative ways to improve our roads.
 - Budget: As an experienced leader, I continually double check all spending and try to find a more reasonable solution to achieve the same overall goal. I believe in accountability for all budgets and expect all budgets to be managed accordingly. I believe we need to spend within our means and determine what is best for Apex by continually reviewing all items while ensuring no increase in taxes.
- Have you ever been convicted of a crime (other than a minor traffic infraction/violation)? No

Timeline for Filling Vacancy

Please complete fully and submit to Town Clerk Georgia Evangelist via email at georgia.evangelist@apexnc.org by 5pm on Monday, September 19, 2011.

Council will review applications and consider an appointment at the October 4th regular meeting. The new Council member may be sworn into office as early as the following regular meeting.

Direct all questions about the submittal process in writing to Town Manager, Bruce Radford at bruce.radford@apexnc.org.