

Wednesday, May 20, 2026  
Special City Council Meeting - Hybrid (In-Person & Online)

6:00 P.M.

Agenda: <https://go.boarddocs.com/wa/cocp/Board.nsf/Public>

In-Person at College Place City Hall, 625 S College Avenue, College Place Washington  
Meeting may be viewed by joining the Zoom meeting.

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Washington YouTube at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbx3qrqzLDL\\_05NusReSI-g/featured](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbx3qrqzLDL_05NusReSI-g/featured)  
City Council

## 1. Opening Items.

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| Subject :  | 1.01 Call To Order                                                           |
| Meeting :  | May 20, 2026 - Special City Council Meeting - Hybrid<br>(In-Person & Online) |
| Category : | 1. Opening Items.                                                            |
| Access :   | Public                                                                       |
| Type :     | Procedural                                                                   |

## Public Content

Mayor Hernández will call the meeting to order.

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|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Subject :  | 1.02 Roll Call                                                               |
| Meeting :  | May 20, 2026 - Special City Council Meeting - Hybrid<br>(In-Person & Online) |
| Category : | 1. Opening Items.                                                            |
| Access :   | Public                                                                       |
| Type :     | Procedural                                                                   |

## Public Content

Mayor Norma L. Hernández

Heather Schermann-Mayor Pro Tem,

Michael Cleveland,

Council Members Monica Boyle,

Jordan Green,

Nadine Stecklein

City Administrator, Troy Rayburn;

City Clerk, Carolyn Holm;

City Prosecutor, Michael Rio;

Community Development Director, Jon Rickard;

Staff Finance Director, Brian Carleton;

Fire Chief, David Winter;

HR Manager, Amber Brooker;

Police Chief, Troy Tomaras;

Public Works Director, Robert McAndrews

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|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Subject :  | 1.03 Pledge of Allegiance                                                 |
| Meeting :  | May 20, 2026 - Special City Council Meeting - Hybrid (In-Person & Online) |
| Category : | 1. Opening Items.                                                         |
| Access :   | Public                                                                    |
| Type :     | Procedural                                                                |

## Public Content

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

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| Subject :  | 1.04 Public Comment -                                                     |
| Meeting :  | May 20, 2026 - Special City Council Meeting - Hybrid (In-Person & Online) |
| Category : | 1. Opening Items.                                                         |
| Access :   | Public                                                                    |
| Type :     | Information                                                               |

## Public Content

**Council meetings are primarily structured to permit Council Members to arrive at the decisions necessary to govern the City.**

**Meeting Protocol for Public Comment:**

**Written** Public comments may be provided by submitting comment to [Clerk@cpwa.us](mailto:Clerk@cpwa.us) no later than 4:30 PM on the meeting date to be included in the record. (If typewritten, no less than 11 pt font).

**Verbal**Public Comments may be made during the meeting:

- In-person at the meeting location - provided at the beginning of each agenda.

**Telephone and Virtual Comments:**

Any member of the public who desires to make a public comment at the City Council meeting by telephone or remote access shall provide at least 24 hours notice (excluding weekends and holidays) prior to the start of the meeting at which the member of the public wants to make a comment, notify the City Clerk or designee in writing or by direct verbal communication of their desire to make a comment.

- Telephone comment - Call1-669-900-9128, entering the meeting ID (provided at beginning of agenda) and raise your hand (\*9 to raise hand, \*6 to mute/un-mute) when comments are requested.
- Virtual comment -Join using theZoom Attendee link (provided at beginning of agenda) and raise your hand when comments are requested.

**Once recognized, you will have five minutes to speak on any subject that is under the control of the Council.**

## 2. Presentations.

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| Subject :  | 2.01 AB 26087 Council positions #4 and #5 Interview Process - Mayor Hernández |
| Meeting :  | May 20, 2026 - Special City Council Meeting - Hybrid (In-Person & Online)     |
| Category : | 2. Presentations.                                                             |
| Access :   | Public                                                                        |
| Type :     | Information                                                                   |

## Public Content

**Information for Consideration**

The two open council positions were created by the resignation of Loren Peterson effective April 12, 2026, and Melodie Williams effective April 20, 2026.

There are six eligible applicants for the open position.

The interviews are open to the public; however, questions will be posed only by City Council Members who are not candidates.

Each interview could last up to 15 minutes.

When each interview is complete, that candidate may stay in the meeting room for the remaining interviews.

**City of College Place Council Position #4 and #5 - Vacancy Interview Process**

1) Interviews will be conducted in an order determined by random draw at the beginning of the interview window.

2) After the interviews, Council has scheduled an Executive Session, if needed, to review the qualifications of the candidates for appointment to elective office pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(h).

3) The Council will then reconvene to open session and may then take action on the appointment to fill the vacancy.

4) If action is taken to make the appointments, the appointees will be sworn in by the Clerk immediately following action by the Council.

**Regarding the upcoming General Election:**

Pursuant to RCW 42.12.070 (6) of Filling nonpartisan vacancies, "Each person who is appointed shall serve until a qualified person is elected at the next election at which a member of the governing body normally would be elected. The person elected shall take office immediately and serve the remainder of the unexpired term." This means that whomever is elected at the General

Election in November will immediately take office of Council Position #4 and/or #5 and replace the interim council member who is appointed today.

### 3. Candidate Interviews

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|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Subject :  | 3.01 AB 26088 Random Draw Order of Interview- City Clerk                  |
| Meeting :  | May 20, 2026 - Special City Council Meeting - Hybrid (In-Person & Online) |
| Category : | 3. Candidate Interviews                                                   |
| Access :   | Public                                                                    |
| Type :     | Information                                                               |

## Public Content

Candidates were randomly selected for the interview order prior to the Council Meeting.

The following is an alphabetical list of candidates who submitted applications.

1. E. David Lopez
2. Dana M Evans, JD
3. Richard Gilliland
4. Timothy Wang
5. Duane Wright CFE CPA

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|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Subject :  | 3.02 AB 26090 Candidate Interview #1 - E. David Lopez                     |
| Meeting :  | May 20, 2026 - Special City Council Meeting - Hybrid (In-Person & Online) |
| Category : | 3. Candidate Interviews                                                   |
| Access :   | Public                                                                    |
| Type :     | Discussion, Information                                                   |

## Public Content

**Historical Perspective:**

**Information for Consideration:**

### File Attachments

[Coverletter Lopez CP.pdf \(59 KB\)](#)

[E. David Lopez resume.pdf \(151 KB\)](#)

[Council\\_Position\\_Candidate\\_Packet\\_-Form\\_2026\\_Lopezd edited.pdf \(453 KB\)](#)

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| Subject : | 3.03 AB 26091 Candidate Interview #3 Richard Gilliland |
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| Meeting :  | May 20, 2026 - Special City Council Meeting - Hybrid (In-Person & Online) |
| Category : | 3. Candidate Interviews                                                   |
| Access :   | Public                                                                    |
| Type :     | Discussion, Information                                                   |

## Public Content

Historical Perspective:

Information for Consideration:

### File Attachments

[Richard Gilliland Resume.pdf \(234 KB\)](#)  
[CP City Council Letter of Interest.pdf \(72 KB\)](#)  
[Council\\_Position\\_Candidate\\_Packet\\_-Form\\_2026.pdf \(175 KB\)](#)

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|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Subject :  | 3.04 AB 26093 Candidate Interview #4 - Timothy Wang                       |
| Meeting :  | May 20, 2026 - Special City Council Meeting - Hybrid (In-Person & Online) |
| Category : | 3. Candidate Interviews                                                   |
| Access :   | Public                                                                    |
| Type :     | Discussion, Information                                                   |

## Public Content

Historical Perspective:

Information for Consideration:

### File Attachments

[Resume\\_Timothy\\_Wang.pdf \(91 KB\)](#)  
[LetterofInterest\\_CollegePlaceCityCouncil\\_TimothyWang.pdf \(55 KB\)](#)  
[Council\\_Position\\_Candidate\\_Packet\\_-Form\\_2026\\_TimothyWang\\_signed.pdf \(430 KB\)](#)

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| Subject :  | 3.05 AB 26092 Candidate Interview #5 - Dana M. Evans, JD                  |
| Meeting :  | May 20, 2026 - Special City Council Meeting - Hybrid (In-Person & Online) |
| Category : | 3. Candidate Interviews                                                   |
| Access :   | Public                                                                    |
| Type :     | Discussion, Information                                                   |

## Public Content

### Historical Perspective:

### Information for Consideration:

## File Attachments

[Evans.City Council Application.pdf \(369 KB\)](#)

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| Subject :  | 3.06 AB 26094 Candidate Interview #6 - Duane Wright CFE CPA               |
| Meeting :  | May 20, 2026 - Special City Council Meeting - Hybrid (In-Person & Online) |
| Category : | 3. Candidate Interviews                                                   |
| Access :   | Public                                                                    |
| Type :     | Discussion, Information                                                   |

## Public Content

### Historical Perspective:

### Information for Consideration:

## File Attachments

[D\\_Wright\\_Resume\\_2026\\_April\\_CPWA.pdf \(172 KB\)](#)  
[Ltr of Interest Duane Wright CPWA 202604.pdf \(53 KB\)](#)  
[Wright-CP City Council Candidate Packet DW.pdf \(94 KB\)](#)

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|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Subject :  | 3.07 AB 26089 Candidate Interview #2- Derek Benzel-withdrawn              |
| Meeting :  | May 20, 2026 - Special City Council Meeting - Hybrid (In-Person & Online) |
| Category : | 3. Candidate Interviews                                                   |
| Access :   | Public                                                                    |
| Type :     | Information                                                               |

## Public Content

### Historical Perspective:

### Information for Consideration:

## 4. Executive Session.

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| Subject : | 4.01 AB 26095 Adjourn to Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(h) To evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office. However, any interview of such candidate and final action appointing a candidate to elective office shall be in a meeting open to the public. |
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| Meeting :  | May 20, 2026 - Special City Council Meeting - Hybrid (In-Person & Online) |
| Category : | 4. Executive Session.                                                     |
| Access :   | Public                                                                    |
| Type :     | Discussion                                                                |

## Public Content

Adjourn to Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(h) To evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office. However, any interview of such candidate and final action appointing a candidate to elective office shall be in a meeting open to the public.

### 5. Action Items.

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| Subject :            | 5.01 AB 26096 Council Position #4 Appointment - Mayor Hernández                                                                                                                                               |
| Meeting :            | May 20, 2026 - Special City Council Meeting - Hybrid (In-Person & Online)                                                                                                                                     |
| Category :           | 5. Action Items.                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Access :             | Public                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Type :               | Action                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Recommended Action : | First Motion: Make a motion to nominate [Candidate's Name] to Council Position #4.<br>Second Motion: Make a motion to appoint [Candidate's Name] to Council Position #4 with term expiring December 31, 2027. |

## Public Content

Nominations and voting to appoint candidate to Council Position #4 with term expiring December 31, 2027.

Candidate appointed may then file with the County Elections Department to run for Council Position #4 in the upcoming election.

#### Council Rules 1.11 (f)

Upon completion of the Executive Session, Council shall return to open session and the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem shall request nominations from Council Members, who may then nominate the applicants of their choice. A second shall be required for each nomination. Only those that submitted applications shall be eligible for nomination.

#### Council Rules 1.11 (g)

Council members shall then vote for the nominees of their choice. Absent members shall be permitted to vote by phone. The nominee with the majority of the votes cast is then selected to fill the vacancy. In the event of a tie, the Mayor may vote. If no candidate receives a majority vote, Council may adopt motions to enable it to complete the election by majority vote within a reasonable time.

MRSC Guidance on Bonds and Oaths:

<https://mrsc.org/explore-topics/officials/new-officials/bonds-and-oaths>

## File Attachments

### [CP Oath of Office Council Position #4.pdf \(141 KB\)](#)

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|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Subject :            | 5.02 AB 26097 Council Position #5 Appointment - Mayor Hernández                                                                                                                                               |
| Meeting :            | May 20, 2026 - Special City Council Meeting - Hybrid (In-Person & Online)                                                                                                                                     |
| Category :           | 5. Action Items.                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Access :             | Public                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Type :               | Action                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Recommended Action : | First Motion: Make a motion to nominate [Candidate's Name] to Council Position #5.<br>Second Motion: Make a motion to appoint [Candidate's Name] to Council Position #5 with term expiring December 31, 2027. |

## Public Content

Nominations and voting to appoint candidate to Council Position #5 with term expiring December 31, 2027.

Candidate appointed may then file with the County Elections Department to run for Council Position #5 in the upcoming election.

### Council Rules 1.11 (f)

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MRSC Guidance on Bonds and Oaths:

<https://mrsc.org/explore-topics/officials/new-officials/bonds-and-oaths>

<https://mrsc.org/stay-informed/mrsc-insight/october-2023/oath-of-office>

## File Attachments

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## 6. New and Unfinished Business

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| Subject :  | 6.01 Good of the Order?                                                   |
| Meeting :  | May 20, 2026 - Special City Council Meeting - Hybrid (In-Person & Online) |
| Category : | 6. New and Unfinished Business                                            |

Access : Public  
Type : Discussion, Information

**7. Closing Items.**

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Subject : 7.01 Conclusion - Motion to Conclude the Meeting.  
Meeting : May 20, 2026 - Special City Council Meeting - Hybrid (In-Person & Online)  
Category : 7. Closing Items.  
Access : Public  
Type : Action  
Recommended Action : Motion to conclude the meeting



## City of College Place Council Position Candidate Packet

Name: Elden David Lopez

PH #: (509) 676-7188

Email: lopeel@gmail.com

Physical Address: 977 SE Commodore PL, CP How Long? 7+ yrs

The City of College Place has one vacancy on the City Council for Position No. 5 with the appointment expiring on December 31, 2027.

To be eligible, candidates must be a registered voter of the City at the time of filing his or her declaration of candidacy, and have been a resident of the City for a period of at least one year immediately prior to their date of application.

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Those interested in this position need to submit a letter of interest, a resume, and a completed questionnaire to the City of College Place City Clerk at [clerk@cpwa.us](mailto:clerk@cpwa.us) or by mail (or in person) at 625 S College Avenue, College Place, WA 99324. by 4:00 p.m. PST on Monday, May 4, 2026.  
For questions, contact the City Clerk at 509-394-8569.

### **Questionnaire:**

Please provide a written response to the following questions:

1. Have you previously served on a governing board of any type, or as a leader in any organization?

Yes, I have served as on City Council for CP to fill a gap last year and I currently sit on a number of board in the community.

2. What do you believe are the three (3) greatest strengths of the City of College Place?

Strong sense of community: Residents look out for one another, creating a connected and resilient city.

Educational and intergenerational opportunities: The presence of higher education brings energy and potential for collaboration, while also offering ways to engage both young people and older residents.

Economic potential: With its location, charm, and capacity for growth, College Place is well-positioned to attract small businesses and tourism-related investment that benefit all.

3. What do you view as the three (3) most significant challenges facing the City?

Affordable housing and infrastructure strain: With growth across the Walla Walla Valley, College Place is facing increasing pressure on housing availability, rental affordability, and aging infrastructure.

Civic engagement across all ages: While there are active voices in the community, younger families and students are often underrepresented in city processes and long-term planning.

Economic development that preserves identity: As the city grows, there's a need to attract businesses and development that align with the community's values and scale, while avoiding displacement and loss of small-town character.



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4. Does your interest in serving on the City Council stem from a personal interest or goal? Is there something in particular you hope to accomplish while serving on the City Council, and why is serving on the Council important to you? *Please elaborate.*

My interest in serving on the City Council comes from a deep commitment to building stronger communities and ensuring people feel seen, heard, and supported—especially those historically left out of decision-making. Through my work at the Center for Humanitarian Engagement, I’ve seen the power of students and neighbors coming together to solve local problems. I hope to bring this same energy and focus to the Council, particularly around engaging families, supporting seniors, and making it easier for people to connect with city services and each other. It’s important to me that College Place remains a place where every resident—regardless of age, background, or income—feels they belong.

5. The City is operating under a recently updated Strategic Plan – ([https://cms6.revize.com/revize/cityofcollegeplace/Strategic%20Plan%20document Final.pdf](https://cms6.revize.com/revize/cityofcollegeplace/Strategic%20Plan%20document%20Final.pdf)) Please outline some ideas toward fulfilling the vision of the plan.

Support “Connected Community” goals by expanding programs like the HEYNN initiative and student-led service teams to help seniors, improve neighborhood cohesion, and support emergency preparedness.  
Promote “Vibrant Economy” goals through partnerships between WWU students and local businesses—providing internships, marketing help, and fresh talent to support small business growth.

6. Describe your leadership style and how you believe it would benefit the City Council.

I lead by building trust, listening deeply, and connecting people with the resources and relationships they need to thrive. I am collaborative by nature, data-informed, and committed to finding practical solutions that reflect the voices of those most impacted. I also bring a strong sense of follow-through and accountability—ensuring that ideas are not just heard, but implemented.

I believe this servant-leadership style will help foster a Council culture that is responsive, inclusive, and action-oriented. I lead by building trust, listening deeply, and connecting people with the resources and relationships they need to thrive. I am collaborative by nature, data-informed, and committed to finding practical solutions that reflect the voices of those most impacted. I also bring a strong sense of follow-through and accountability—ensuring that ideas are not just heard, but implemented. I believe this servant-leadership style will help foster a Council culture that is responsive, inclusive, and action-oriented.



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7. What experiences, talents, or skills do you bring to the Council and community that you would like to highlight?

Strategic leadership: I've successfully led multi-stakeholder initiatives, managed large budgets, and secured grants to meet community needs.

Community mobilization: I built the Blue Mountain Volunteer Corps from zero to 6,500 volunteers, engaging 80+ agencies across the region.

Program innovation: I've developed models that connect university students with seniors and underserved populations, addressing digital equity, health access, and home maintenance.

Communications expertise: I've led teams to create outreach materials, websites, and social campaigns for nonprofits and city partnerships.

8. Are there any regional issues or forums in which you have a particular interest or expertise? (ex: transportation, economic development, water supply, solid waste, parks, housing, fire, police, emergency management)

Housing and aging-in-place strategies

Volunteer-based emergency preparedness (CERT)

Student transportation and active commuting infrastructure

Health and digital equity partnerships with healthcare providers

Public-private collaboration on youth recreation (e.g., Walla Walla Ice Rink)

9. How would you encourage more citizen involvement?

I would take a relational and grassroots approach. That could mean:

Meeting people where they are—SPRING BLOCK PARTY, at churches, schools, soccer fields, and neighborhood events—not just at City Hall.

Promoting storytelling and transparency to demystify city processes and invite ideas.

Engaging students and young families through volunteer service, internship pipelines, and civic education.

Candidate interviews will be held on May 12, 2026 at 6:00 PM during the regular council meeting.

April 30, 2026

College Place City Council  
625 S. College Avenue  
College Place, WA 99324

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

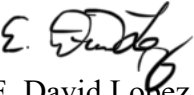
I'm writing to express my interest in the vacant seat on the College Place City Council. As a longtime resident, father, and community leader, I'm deeply invested in ensuring College Place remains a welcoming, vibrant, and connected place for all who call it home.

Through my role as Executive Director of the Center for Humanitarian Engagement at Walla Walla University, I've worked closely with students, families, and community partners to design programs that meet real needs—from senior support and emergency preparedness to digital equity and volunteer coordination. I've also served in leadership roles on local boards, including Providence St. Mary's and the Community Council, and so on.

I believe my collaborative servant leadership style, experience building coalitions, and passion for practical, people-first solutions would bring a valuable perspective to the Council. My focus areas include expanding affordable housing options, supporting intergenerational engagement, and promoting thoughtful growth that preserves the small-town character we all cherish.

Thank you for your consideration. I'd be honored to serve the people of College Place and contribute to the city's strategic vision. Please let me know if there are any next steps required in the application process.

Sincerely,



E. David Lopez

# Elden “David” Lopez

977 SE Commodore Pl, College Place, WA 99324  
(509) 676-7188 | [lopeel@gmail.com](mailto:lopeel@gmail.com)

Mission-driven executive leader with a proven track record of growing programs and securing funding to expand long-term global health impact. Experienced in building partnerships across universities, healthcare systems, and nonprofits, while mobilizing and supporting medical professionals for sustained service. Passionate about advancing models that move beyond short-term missions toward scalable, mission-centered healthcare engagement worldwide.

## Education

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Walden University  
**Doctoral of Public Policy & Administration (DDP)** (In Progress)

Andrews University Berrien Springs, MI  
**Master of Science in Administration** May 2018  
Leadership & International Development GPA 3.66

Walla Walla University College Place, WA  
**Bachelor of Business Administration** June 2004  
Concentration: Management  
Minor: Chemistry

## Professional Experience

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### Executive Director

Walla Walla University, College Place, WA  
2018 – Present

- Founded and lead a global-facing humanitarian engagement portfolio supporting international development, public health, disaster recovery, and community resilience initiatives.
- Secured **\$8.5M+ in competitive funding** from health care systems, foundations, institutional partners, and public-sector aligned initiatives, including large-scale place-based development efforts.
- Provided executive oversight of program budgets, compliance, and reporting in collaboration with senior leadership, ensuring fiscal responsibility and donor confidence.
- Represented the organization with **government entities, healthcare systems, foundations, nonprofit coalitions, and international partners**, serving as a trusted external voice.
- Built and supervised multicultural, cross-functional teams, including senior staff and distributed student professionals, emphasizing staff wellbeing and leadership development.

- Advised senior executives on strategy, partnerships, and policy-aligned initiatives related to community development, equity, and sustainability.
- Led knowledge-sharing initiatives and cross-unit collaboration to align programming, funding strategy, and organizational growth.

### **Director of Volunteer Projects**

*Maranatha Volunteers International, Roseville, CA*  
2006 – 2018

- Directed international humanitarian operations supporting **2,200+ volunteers annually across 12 countries (totaling more than 40)**, coordinating construction, education, and community development projects.
- Managed \$1.6M annual operating budget, ensuring compliance, cost controls, and responsible stewardship of donor funds.
- Supervised U.S.-based and international staff, providing operational backstopping, safety oversight, and leadership development in remote field contexts.
- Served as senior organizational representative at conferences, donor meetings, and partner engagements, contributing to millions in philanthropic support.
- Led institutional risk management and safety governance for global travel and operations.
- Collaborated with international church, government-adjacent, and NGO partners to align project implementation with local priorities and sustainability goals.

### **President and Co-Founder**

*Garnet Web Solutions, Inc., Walla Walla, WA*  
2002 – 2006

- Provided strategic vision and leadership, overseeing sales, accounting, personnel, and project management.
- Directed creative aspects of design projects, ensuring high-quality deliverables.
- Grew the company from two to ten employees while maintaining a full academic load, demonstrating strong entrepreneurial skills.

### **Student Missionary - Volunteer Project Support**

*Maranatha Volunteers International, Costa Rica*  
2000 – 2001

- Managed logistics and development for 1,800 volunteers building 27 churches and 12 schools throughout Costa Rica.
- Fostered alliances with schools and church leaders to implement service projects, ensuring successful collaboration and project outcomes.

## PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- Executive Leadership & Strategic Decision-Making
  - Institutional Grants & Donor Relations
  - International Program Oversight
  - Multicultural & Remote Team Leadership
  - Financial Management & Compliance
  - Public Speaking & Stakeholder Engagement
  - Risk Management & Crisis Leadership
  - Bilingual: English & Spanish
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## Recent Volunteer Experience

- **Annually lead Medical Mission Trips Internationally**
- **Blue Zones Walla Walla Valley:** Governance and Steering Committee
- **Blue Mountain Long-Term Recovery Group:** Co-Chair
- **Community Council:** Board Member
- **Community Health Partnership - Walla Walla County Community Health**
- **Commitment to Community (BMAC) Advisory Committee**
- **Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Board – City of College Place, WA**
- **Diversity and Inclusion Council Member – Walla Walla University**
- **Garrison Creek Heights HOA:** President
- **God's Helping Hands:** Board Member, Medical Clinic in Guatemala
- **St. Mary's Providence:** Board Member



## City of College Place Council Position Candidate Packet

Name: Richard D. Gilliland

PH #: 509-460-0730

Email: richard-gilliland@hotmail.com

Physical Address: 1037 SE Crestlane Drive, College Place, WA 99324    How Long? Almost 6 years

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### **Questionnaire:**

Please provide a written response to the following questions:

1. Have you previously served on a governing board of any type, or as a leader in any organization?

I have served on boards including the governing board of the Yakima Seventh-day Adventist Church and the Yakima Adventist Christian School, including serving as the Yakima Adventist Christian School Board Chairperson.

2. What do you believe are the three (3) greatest strengths of the City of College Place?

The City of College Place has numerous strengths which make it a wonderful place to live. If I have to pick three, I would list its greatest strengths as:

1. College Place is a safe community where I don't have to worry about my wife and children walking through the City;
2. College Place has excellent job availability with Walmart, Home Depot, etc. located within the City; and
3. College Place has excellent schools from Davis, Sager, Roger's, CP High, WWVA and WWU.

3. What do you view as the three (3) most significant challenges facing the City?

College Place faces challenges similar to other small towns. I would list the three most significant challenges for College Place as:

1. Affordable housing;
2. Diminishing public resources in a day and age where federal subsidies are drying up; and
3. Aging infrastructure.



## City of College Place Council Position Candidate Packet

4. Does your interest in serving on the City Council stem from a personal interest or goal? Is there something in particular you hope to accomplish while serving on the City Council, and why is serving on the Council important to you? *Please elaborate.*

I don't have any specific goals aside from being a person who truly loves the City of College Place. I have loved College Place my entire life, and want to see the City thrive and be a place where people want to live and raise a family.

5. The City is operating under a recently updated Strategic Plan – ([https://cms6.revize.com/revize/cityofcollegeplace/Strategic%20Plan%20document Final.pdf](https://cms6.revize.com/revize/cityofcollegeplace/Strategic%20Plan%20document%20Final.pdf)) Please outline some ideas toward fulfilling the vision of the plan.

I love the mission and vision statements outlined in the City's Strategic Plan. I've always believed that the best way to develop a community is through shared experiences as nothing breaks down barriers better than getting to know other people. With this in mind, vibrant spaces and the ability to see and speak to each other is essential. The improvements the City has made to places such as Lions Park are essential to this process. I would also love to see continued additions of sidewalks throughout the City as sidewalks encourage people to walk in areas of the City they may not otherwise visit which then affords the opportunity to meet new people.

Other things I believe will continue to support the City's strategic plan are:

1. Open dialogue and communication with the City's largest partners--specifically the schools including the CP public school system, Valley Adventist Schools, and Walla Walla University.
2. Top notch training for City employees on areas that involve public trust and governmental transparency--this would include top level training in areas such as the Public Records Act.

I do not mean this to say that the City does not already do a good job in these areas. However these are areas where I believe I may be of particular assistance.

6. Describe your leadership style and how you believe it would benefit the City Council.

I believe collaborative leadership is almost always the best way to do things. When a leader makes it clear that other opinions besides his or her own have value and will be considered fairly, this improves moral and provides an environment where everyone thrives.



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7. What experiences, talents, or skills do you bring to the Council and community that you would like to highlight?

I have some skills and experiences that could be very helpful for the City. First, I am a lawyer with extensive experience in a variety of areas that are applicable to government, such as the Public Records Act of RCW 42.65, and the Open Public Meetings Act of RCW 42.30 and criminal law. In addition, during my life I have been blessed to meet lots of wonderful people which has allowed for many excellent connections that could open and facilitate communication between the City and some of the major organizations within the City.

8. Are there any regional issues or forums in which you have a particular interest or expertise? (ex: transportation, economic development, water supply, solid waste, parks, housing, fire, police, emergency management)

As someone with extensive experience in criminal justice having been a prosecutor and criminal defense attorney for the last 17 years, I have a particular interest in police and how they conduct their business. I am also particularly interested in affordable housing and transportation.

9. How would you encourage more citizen involvement?

The first step to more community involvement is to have a variety of opportunities that will meet the skill sets and time availability of a diverse group of people in the community. Second, people have to know how they can be involved in order to be involved, so effective communication is critical. Third, people need to see that involvement is in their best interest.

Candidate interviews will be held on May 12, 2026 at 6:00 PM during the regular council meeting.

May 3, 2026

RE: Letter of Interest for College Place City Council

Good afternoon,

I am interested in serving on the College Place City Council because I love the Walla Walla area, particularly the City of College Place.

My family has been a part of this community for a very long time. All four of my grandparents moved to College Place in 1966 and thus both my parents grew up in College Place. While my family lived on the west side of the State of Washington as I grew up, my siblings and I always loved coming to visit our Grandparents who lived near Whitman Drive.

For me, there was never any question whether I would attend Walla Walla College, from which I ultimately graduated with a BA in History in 2002.

In addition to my family, my wife's family also hails from College Place and Milton-Freewater.

Thus, it was almost a foregone conclusion that our family would return to College Place which we did in June of 2020. It was then a pleasure to have all four of our children attend school in College Place.

In sum, our family roots in this area run deep and my wife and I have no intention of leaving this area. We desire for College Place to be a thriving and inviting community for all its inhabitants and if I can assist in that process through serving on the College Place City Council then I am happy to do so.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard D. Gilliland

# Richard D. Gilliland



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College Place, WA 99324  
509-460-0730  
richard-gilliland@hotmail.com

## Professional Experience

### **Managing Partner**

Hall and Gilliland PLLC: Criminal Defense Firm consistently voted best in Yakima for nearly a decade.

*2015 to present*

- Represent clients in all types of criminal cases from Misdemeanors to Class A Felonies
- Conducted trials for wide range of offenses ranging from DUI to First Degree Murder
- Argued cases before the Washington State Supreme Court and Court of Appeals
- Admitted to practice in all Washington State courts, Federal Court for the Eastern District of Washington, and The Supreme Court of The United States of America

### **Attorney at Law**

Gilliland Law Firm PLLC

*2011 to 2015*

- Represented criminal defendants in courts throughout Yakima County
- Handled all phases of criminal defense proceedings

### **Deputy Prosecuting Attorney**

Yakima County Prosecutor's Office (Criminal Division)

*2008 to 2011*

- Successfully prosecuted all types of cases
- Ran Adult Diversion Program: Primary author of Yakima County Felony Diversion Agreement

### **High School Teacher**

Tri-City Junior Academy – 2003-2005

Hinsdale Adventist Academy – 2002-2003

- Taught secondary courses in mathematics, science, physical education, and social studies.
- Mentored students and contributed to academic and extracurricular development.

## Community Activities

### **Sports Coach**

Valley Adventist Schools | YMCA

- WWVA Varsity Boys Basketball (2023-present)
- Roger's 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball (2021-2024)
- YMCA Youth Basketball & Flag Football (2007-2018)

### **Walla Walla Noon Rotary Club Member**

*2021 to present*

- Serve on International Service Committee
- Participant in Community Service Projects

### **Yakima SDA Church**

*2010-2020*

- Youth Sabbath School Teacher
- Church Board Member

### **YACS School Board Member/Chair**

Yakima Adventist Christian School

- School Board Chair (2017-2020)
- School Board Member (2014-2020)

## Education

### **Juris Doctor**

Seattle University School of Law

*Graduated May 2008*

Law Trustee's Scholarship

### **Bachelor of Arts in History**

Walla Walla University

*Graduated June 2002*



## City of College Place Council Position Candidate Packet

Name: Timothy Wang

PH #: 509-704-0226

Email: tim@thebetterclinic.com | tim.wang724@gmail.com

Physical Address: 623 SE Birch Ave, College Place, WA 99324 How Long? 5 years

The City of College Place has one vacancy on the City Council for Position No. 5 with the appointment expiring on December 31, 2027.

To be eligible, candidates must be a registered voter of the City at the time of filing his or her declaration of candidacy, and have been a resident of the City for a period of at least one year immediately prior to their date of application.

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Those interested in this position need to submit a letter of interest, a resume, and a completed questionnaire to the City of College Place City Clerk at [clerk@cpwa.us](mailto:clerk@cpwa.us) or by mail (or in person) at 625 S College Avenue, College Place, WA 99324. by 4:00 p.m. PST on Monday, May 4, 2026.  
For questions, contact the City Clerk at 509-394-8569.

### Questionnaire:

Please provide a written response to the following questions:

1. Have you previously served on a governing board of any type, or as a leader in any organization?

Yes. I currently own and operate Better Better Hei Gung Therapy ([www.thebetterclinic.com](http://www.thebetterclinic.com)), where I manage operations, staff development, and patient care while growing a local healthcare-focused business.

Previously, I worked as a Lead Engineer at Boeing on the 787 program, coordinating across technical teams to solve engineering and production challenges. I also served on the Board of Directors for Green Line Mobility ([www.greenlinemobility.com](http://www.greenlinemobility.com)), a transportation data company supporting federal, state, and local infrastructure and planning projects.

2. What do you believe are the three (3) greatest strengths of the City of College Place?

One of College Place's greatest strengths is that it still feels personal. It's small enough that people know their neighbors, talk to each other at parks and community events, and genuinely look out for one another. There's a level of everyday human connection here that's becoming rare in a lot of places.

Another strength is the willingness of people to help. A lot of residents care deeply about the community and want to contribute in meaningful ways. People have ideas, they want to volunteer, they want to support local efforts, and they want to be involved. I think there's a real opportunity to make it easier for residents to connect with the city and participate in shaping the future of College Place.

I also think the city benefits from its shared community spaces and accessibility. We have parks, outdoor areas, schools, churches, local businesses, and gathering places that naturally bring people together. That creates a stronger sense of community and makes College Place feel welcoming and connected in a way many larger cities do not.

3. What do you view as the three (3) most significant challenges facing the City?

I keep coming back to how we can make our existing spaces work better for families. Not just places for kids, not just places for adults—but spaces where both can happen at the same time. Kids can safely play, parents can work, take care of life, work out—it just makes daily life a little more doable.

Because for a lot of families, things are just hard right now. People are working, but the jobs and schedules don't always line up with what family life actually looks like. Add in childcare, transportation, even healthcare, and it's a lot to juggle.

And in many cases, people aren't far off—they just need help getting over a few hurdles. Things like basic repairs or reliable transportation can really change someone's situation.

In short,

1. Jobs that don't support family life
2. Spaces that work for both kids and parents at the same time
3. Everyday barriers (transportation, basic house repairs, accessibility) that keep people from getting ahead



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4. Does your interest in serving on the City Council stem from a personal interest or goal? Is there something in particular you hope to accomplish while serving on the City Council, and why is serving on the Council important to you? *Please elaborate.*

My interest in serving really comes from a long-standing connection to this area. I've been in and out of the community for over 20 years through work, family, and friends, and I've owned a home here for nearly a decade. This is where I've chosen to build both my life and my business.

Through my clinic, we work with a broad range of individuals, including veterans and Medicaid clients. That experience has given me a practical understanding of the day-to-day challenges people face, and where there are gaps in systems that are meant to support them.

There are several areas where I believe we can make meaningful improvements—roads, childcare, education, and access to stable, accessible employment. These are not abstract issues; they directly affect the quality of life in the community.

I'm interested in serving because I would like to contribute to thoughtful, steady progress in these areas, and help ensure that decisions reflect the realities people are living with every day.

5. The City is operating under a recently updated Strategic Plan – ([https://cms6.revize.com/revize/cityofcollegeplace/Strategic%20Plan%20document Final.pdf](https://cms6.revize.com/revize/cityofcollegeplace/Strategic%20Plan%20document%20Final.pdf)) Please outline some ideas toward fulfilling the vision of the plan.

To me, the Strategic Plan is really about making sure day-to-day life in College Place keeps improving in ways people can actually feel — whether that's housing, work, infrastructure, or community connection.

1. Community spaces and connection

Work with schools and local partners to create more flexible, multi-use spaces — especially indoor spaces where kids can safely play and learn while parents can also work or connect.

2. Workforce and local opportunity

Support more local training and job pathways so people can build stable careers here in College Place and not feel like they have to leave for opportunity.

3. Housing stability through partnerships

Partner with nonprofits and housing organizations to help residents access resources for small but important home repairs and accessibility improvements that can really change day-to-day stability.

4. Infrastructure and utilities people rely on

Keep investing in core systems like water, sewer, roads, and stormwater, and also recognize that reliable internet is now just as essential. Broadband affects work, school, healthcare, and small business, so it needs to be part of long-term planning.

6. Describe your leadership style and how you believe it would benefit the City Council.

My leadership style is collaborative and practical.

Running Better Better has taught me how important it is to listen carefully, build trust, and stay focused on the people directly affected by decisions. My engineering background at Boeing taught me how to break down complex problems and focus on long-term solutions instead of short-term fixes.

I try to approach leadership by staying calm, gathering good information, and working toward solutions that are realistic, efficient, and people-focused.



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7. What experiences, talents, or skills do you bring to the Council and community that you would like to highlight?

I bring experience from several different areas that I think work well together: healthcare, engineering, business ownership, and workforce development.

As the owner of Better Better Hei Gung Therapy, I understand the challenges of running a local business, hiring employees, and providing services that directly impact the community.

At Boeing, I learned how to manage large technical projects and work within complex systems. I also gained experience through Green Line Mobility working with transportation data and public-sector planning.

I believe strongly in practical education and vocational opportunities that help people build stable careers here in the community.

8. Are there any regional issues or forums in which you have a particular interest or expertise? (ex: transportation, economic development, water supply, solid waste, parks, housing, fire, police, emergency management)

I'm especially interested in transportation, economic development, workforce training, and public health.

As a healthcare business owner, I see firsthand how important accessible wellness and healthcare services are for working families and older residents.

My engineering and transportation background also gave me experience with infrastructure planning and how transportation data influences funding and long-term city development.

I'm also very interested in workforce development and creating practical career pathways through vocational education and local partnerships.

9. How would you encourage more citizen involvement?

I think people do want to be involved — the issue is less interest and more access. People are busy, and they're also getting information in very different ways than they used to.

A lot of community information now actually flows through local social media groups, where you have tens of thousands of residents already engaged and checking posts daily. That's where people are paying attention, so the city needs to meet them there with clear, consistent updates — not just formal channels.

There's also a real opportunity to use digital tools better, like targeted social media updates or ads that reach specific groups of residents based on location or interest. At the same time, communication needs to be simple and flexible — some people prefer email updates, others prefer text, especially since phone calls are often ignored due to spam.

The key is giving people multiple easy ways to stay connected: email sign-ups, text updates, quick feedback links, and simple ways to respond without needing to show up to a meeting. Even short surveys or "reply with feedback" options can go a long way.

I also think in-person engagement still matters, but it should be paired with these digital tools — not replace them. The more pathways we create, the more likely it is that people who already care will actually be able to participate.

**Candidate interviews will be held on May 12, 2026 at 6:00 PM during the regular council meeting.**

# LETTER OF INTEREST

**To:**

City of College Place City Clerk  
clerk@cpwa.us o  
625 S. College Avenue  
College Place, WA 99324

**From:**

Timothy Wang  
623 SE Birch Ave,  
College Place, WA 99324  
tim.wang724@gmail.com | (509) 704-0226

**Date:**

April 30, 2026

Dear Members of the City Council,

I am writing to express my sincere interest in serving on the College Place City Council. I am a resident and local business owner, and I care deeply about the long-term health, stability, and livability of our community.

I currently own and operate Better Better Hei Gung Therapy, located in a central area that serves both Walla Walla and College Place, where I manage day-to-day operations, staff development, and patient care. Through this work, I see firsthand the challenges many residents are facing — from financial strain to access to housing, healthcare, transportation, and safe, flexible spaces for families. These conversations have reinforced my desire to step forward and contribute at the policy level.

Prior to my current business, I worked as a Lead Engineer at Boeing on the 787 program, where I gained experience coordinating complex technical projects and working across large, interdisciplinary teams. I also served on the Board of Directors for Green Line Mobility, a transportation data company working with federal, state, and local agencies on infrastructure and planning initiatives. These experiences gave me a strong foundation in systems thinking, data-informed decision-making, and long-term planning.

My interest in serving on the City Council comes from a commitment to practical, community-focused problem solving. I believe College Place is at a point where thoughtful investment in infrastructure, workforce development, housing stability, and community connection can make a meaningful difference in people's daily lives. I am especially interested in improving how residents access information and engage with the city — meeting people where they already are, whether through social media, email, text updates, or in-person conversations.

I believe effective local government should be accessible, transparent, and responsive. Residents should have multiple easy ways to stay informed and provide input, and city decisions should be clearly connected to how they affect everyday life.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would be honored to serve the City of College Place and contribute to its continued growth and well-being.

All the Best,



Timothy WAng

# TIMOTHY WANG

COMMUNITY-FOCUSED BUSINESS OWNER | ENGINEER | INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEMS LEADER

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Community-focused leader and business owner with a strong ability to bring people together, build trust, and create practical solutions that improve real-world outcomes and strengthen the community.

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## Owner / Lead Practitioner

August 2025 - Present

*Better Better, Serving College Place & Walla Walla - [www.thebetterclinic.com](http://www.thebetterclinic.com)*

- Own and operate a local healthcare clinic serving residents of College Place and Walla Walla, focused on accessible, long-term functional care
- Provide care to a diverse patient base, including Medicaid recipients and Veterans, with a focus on reducing barriers to treatment and improving continuity of care
- Oversee full clinic operations including scheduling, staffing, patient flow, insurance and billing coordination, and overall care delivery systems
- Deliver integrative, movement-based therapy programs focused on chronic pain, mobility limitations, neurological conditions, and work-related injuries
- Patients commonly report meaningful improvements in quality of life, including reduced chronic pain symptoms (with some reporting up to 70% improvement in fibromyalgia-related symptoms), increased mobility and range of motion, reduced reliance on pain medications, and improved ability to return to work and daily physical activity after long-term injury or chronic conditions.

## Program Lead - Systems Integration and Testing

Jan 2011 - May 2015

*The Boeing Company, Seattle WA*

- Led 787-9 Fuel System Analysis and Certification team during development, design, analysis, testing, and certification. Facilitated communication and program alignment between suppliers, external partners, and internal customer-facing teams.
- Directed cross-functional collaboration between engineering, testing, and operations teams to develop and deploy the organization's first integrated software testing system, improving system reliability and cross-departmental communication.
- Designed and implemented structured feedback loops, enabling siloed team members to align their contributions with broader organizational goals and mission outcomes.

## Board Advisor, Strategy & Special Projects

Nov 2024 - Dec 2025

*Green Line Mobility (Endeavor Industries, Inc.), Seattle, WA - [www.greenlinemobility.com](http://www.greenlinemobility.com)*

- Built organizational frameworks that translated high-level company goals into actionable initiatives, ensuring consistent execution across all business functions.
- Created internal feedback mechanisms to identify business objectives and emerging opportunities during critical growth phases.
- Provided leadership in multiple transitional phases, balancing early cashflow constraints with long-term brand development and program delivery.
- Developed early-stage revenue acceleration strategies by identifying and removing operational bottlenecks and improving program delivery.

## EDUCATION

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### Bachelor of Science. Biomolecular & Chemical Engineering

The Johns Hopkins University, Whiting School of Engineering

## **Dana M. Evans, JD**

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College Place, WA 99324

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April 29, 2026

City of College Place City Clerk  
625 S. College Avenue  
College Place, WA 99324

Dear City Council,

Thank you for considering me for one of the two vacant City of College Place's City Council Positions. This is an honor and privilege that I do not take lightly.

I have lived in the City of College Place for over 10 years and am happy to call it home. As soon as I got to the Valley, I dove straight in to serving others. I joined a local community service club (The Exchange Club) in 2016 and have served on their Board, at either the local or district level, since 2019. While serving, I earned the National Distinguished Club President Award and the National Distinguished District President Award. I am currently a candidate for the National Exchange Board as a Region 2 Vice President.

Professionally, I am an attorney who found her home in banking. I have been a licensed attorney since 2009 and started my career in Yakima, WA as an attorney for Menke Jackson Beyer, LLP. There I was able to practice in municipal law, labor and employment law, land use law, and litigation. I worked closely with cities, counties and other municipalities that sought our legal services. To current, I proudly work for Baker Boyer National Bank as their Vice President Credit Administration Officer. With them, I get to be ingrained in helping our local community. I received the American Banker's Most Powerful Women in Banking Next Award in 2022.

Personally, I was a two-sport athlete at the University of Jamestown and found that there was a soccer-shaped hole in my heart when my playing career ended. So, after I hung up my cleats, I wanted to give back what was given to me and picked up coaching youth. Overall, I have 20 years of coaching experience with the last 10 years being the Head Coach of the Walla Walla High School Girls' Soccer Program. I was the Mid-Columbia Conference Coach of the Year in 2019 and in 2024 and was inducted into the University of Jamestown's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2023.

Overall, I feel strongly about providing benefit in every room I am in. I strive to work collaboratively and to be a good teammate so others know they can rely on me to get things done and support them.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve our City and thank you for your consideration.

Yours in Service,



Dana M. Evans, JD

# Dana M. Evans, JD

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## EDUCATION

**Graduate School of Banking at Colorado, Boulder, Colorado**  
Diploma of Graduation

July 2021

**Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Lansing, Michigan**  
Juris Doctor – *Cum Laude*

May 2009

- Thomas M. Cooley Law Review Board, *Comments Editor*.
- Graduate Assistant and Research Assistant.

**Jamestown College, Jamestown, North Dakota**  
Bachelor of Arts in English, History, and Political Science – *Cum Laude*

May 2006

- Two-sport collegiate athlete.
- University of Jamestown's Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee (2023).

## EXPERIENCE

**Baker Boyer National Bank**

March 2016 – Current

**Vice President Credit Administration Officer**

- Assist in lending portfolio risk mitigation strategy and implementation.
- American Banker's Most Powerful Women in Banking Next Award (2022).
- Washington Bankers Association's Commercial Lending Development Program (2016).

**Coffey Communications, Inc., Walla Walla, Washington**

Summer 2013 – March 2016

**Legal Consultant and Account Executive**

- In-house counsel and managed top accounts.

**Menke Jackson Beyer, LLP, Yakima, Washington**

2009 – Summer 2013

**Attorney**

- Litigation, municipal law, school law, labor and employment law, and land use law.
- Licensed to practice law in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.
- Licensed to practice law in the United States Eastern District of Washington.

**City of Sunnyside**

2010 – 2011

**Attorney**

- Criminal Special Prosecuting Attorney.

**Office of the Michigan Attorney General, Lansing, Michigan**

Summer/Fall 2008

**Consumer Protection Division**

- Investigated and mediated consumer complaints and encouraged compliance with consumer protection and antitrust laws.

## EXTRA

**Walla Walla Public Schools**

2015 – 2026

**Head Coach – Walla Walla High School Girls' Soccer**

- Mid-Columbia Conference Coach of the Year (2019 & 2024).
- Extracurricular Agreement Coaches' Negotiation Team.
- WIAA 3A State Seeding Committee.
- ACCEL Coaching Certificate from University of Washington's Center of Leadership in Athletics.



## City of College Place Council Position Candidate Packet

Name: Dana M. Evans, JD

PH #: 509-952-1851

Email: evansd09@gmail.com

Physical Address: 1915 SE Clover Ct, College Place How Long? Since 2015

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### Questionnaire:

Please provide a written response to the following questions:

1. Have you previously served on a governing board of any type, or as a leader in any organization?

[Please see the attached written responses.]

2. What do you believe are the three (3) greatest strengths of the City of College Place?

3. What do you view as the three (3) most significant challenges facing the City?

## City of College Place Council Position Candidate Packet

Submitted by: Dana M. Evans, JD

### Questionnaire:

#### **1. Have you previously served on a governing board of any type, or as a leader in any organization?**

Most recently, I have had the privilege to serve on the below boards:

- Exchange Club of Walla Walla's Board for 4 years (2019 – 2023; as Vice President, President-Elect, President, and then Immediate Past President); and
- Northwest District Exchange Board for 4 years (2022 – 2026; as Vice President, President-Elect, President, and then Immediate Past President).

I am currently a candidate for the National Exchange Board as a Region 2 Vice President.

For the past 10 years I had the absolute honor of serving as the Head Coach for the Walla Walla High School Girls' Soccer Program where I oversaw 3 teams comprising of 4 assistant coaches and 60+ athletes every year. I retired from coaching in March of 2026, after 20 years of coaching overall.

Previously, when I lived in Yakima, WA, I served as a board member for the Yakima County Volunteer Attorney Services.

#### **2. What do you believe are the three (3) greatest strengths of the City of College Place?**

I believe the 3 greatest strengths of the City of College Place (in no particular order) are its strong desire to evolve to meet community needs, its educational footprint, and its size.

Strong desire to evolve to meet community needs: This is evident throughout the City's Strategic Plan. Everything seems to be genuinely connected to working with the community for present and future needs. Even as a citizen, over time I have seen tangible proof of this desire through the updating of City signage, decorative utility boxes, and the park improvements. The City wants to evolve and grow for the betterment of its citizens.

Educational footprint: Walla Walla University's (originally Walla Walla College's) presence in this community is heavily rooted in our City. The word "college" is even in our name! With the creation of College Place High School, the community has a rather "large for its size" educational footprint. This educational footprint provides a wide variety of economic and social benefits to our City – such as increased spending and employment opportunities. Furthermore, the development of a skilled workforce can't be understated.

Size: The “smaller feel” of College Place is one of its strengths as it not only brings a stronger sense of community but also increased adaptability. In general, if the resources and community engagement align, a “smaller” ship can tend to adjust more quickly than a larger ship.

**3. What do you view as the three (3) most significant challenges facing the City?**

I believe the 3 most significant challenges facing the City (in no particular order) are budget constraints, its independence, and its community participation.

Budget constraints: This is real for most every city. We have more need than we have funds. This forces tough decisions to balance the budget.

Independence: We are blessed to have a good neighboring city like Walla Walla and collaboration is undeniably key for both of our success. However, the balance of resources to maintain our own separate independence is difficult. The City of College Place is still its own vibrant separate City.

Community participation: The City’s growth and development can pivot on this. Thus, if we don’t have a high level of community participation, it can hamper future possibilities. We need our “small but mighty” feel to be with everyone contributing. This will allow grassroots problem-solving and streamline spotting issues and opportunities for our City.

**4. Does your interest in serving on the City Council stem from a personal interest or goal? Is there something in particular you hope to accomplish while serving on the City Council, and why is serving on the Council important to you? *Please elaborate.***

My interest in City Council stems from my genuine desire to help others and to give back. I believe we are tasked with giving back what was given to us and to honor the work done before us by ensuring that we leave everything better than we found it.

To help further illustrate, below is a favorite quote of mine:

“The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away.” ~ Pablo Picasso

I believe my meaning in life is to serve others and I want to do as much as I can to help as long as I am on this Earth.

I have enjoyed the City of College Place for many years and simply want to put in the work that city officials have done for me to be able to do that.

**5. The City is operating under a recently updated Strategic Plan. Please outline some ideas toward fulfilling the vision of the plan.**

Within the Strategic Plan, an idea toward fulfilling the Connection to Community would be to ensure the City website is a solid base to build expanded and optimized digital communication from. In example, under "Visitors" – "What To Do" we direct those engaging with our City website to "The Walla Walla Valley." While it is labeled "Walla Walla Valley", upon closer inspection, College Place doesn't seem to be as highlighted (i.e. our parks are not individually highlighted) within that resource. So, could we work with them to ensure additional inclusion or do we need to create another resource? Basically, taking actions to ensure our City website doesn't leak away engagement with our City.

Within the Strategic Plan, an idea toward fulfilling launching City-Led Sports and Recreation Programs is to create a Pickleball League and a Soccer League. The idea here is to start "small" and build from that success as the years progress (i.e. adding Flag Football the next year). Specifically, we could use our pickleball courts at Kiwanis Park to implement a youth, young adult, and / or adult pickleball league. Furthermore, we could use Lions Park for a modified soccer field (with pop up Pugg goals) for a small sided youth, young adult, and / or adult soccer league. Parents could volunteer coach and we could leverage Walla Walla University's Department of Health and Physical Education students as referees. This recreation piece is critical for local youth development and community engagement.

**6. Describe your leadership style and how you believe it would benefit the City Council.**

My leadership style is that I am a servant leader who leads by example. If I am not willing to do it, how can I ask others to? So, I am not afraid to put in the hard work needed. I hold myself to high standards simply to ensure the team knows I can be relied upon and to do my part to ensure team success. This isn't for my own glory, but rather being a good teammate is ensuring you are doing your own part to help others find success as well.

**7. What experiences, talents, or skills do you bring to the Council and community that you would like to highlight?**

I believe both my legal background and my banking background would provide a relevant skill set for the Council and community. I acquired my Juris Doctor (*Cum Laude*) and passed the Washington State Bar Exam in 2009 and have been within the local banking industry since 2016. I received my diploma from the Graduate School of Banking at Colorado in 2021. Overall, I really enjoy problem solving and critically thinking to find the best possible solution. I genuinely enjoy reading codes, regulations, and contracts.

**8. Are there any regional issues or forums in which you have a particular interest or expertise? (ex: transportation, economic development, water supply, solid waste, parks, housing, fire, police, emergency management).**

I am happy to help wherever I can or am needed. However, if I had to pick, I would say (in no particular order) economic development, parks, fire, and police interest me.

Economic Development: My current full-time employment (within the local banking industry) requires attention to this. In addition, I have been attending the Port of Walla Walla's Economic Development Informational Meetings for years and find them very interesting and applicable.

Parks: This is the longtime coach in me, and I love the outdoors in general. The overall physical and mental health benefits of parks can't be understated.

Fire and police: My father was a long-time police officer and volunteer fire fighter for the City of Sunnyside, WA. So, I grew up around these important resources and have a genuine appreciation for their civic service. In addition, I was the City of Sunnyside's Special Prosecuting Attorney for misdemeanor cases for a couple of years.

#### **9. How would you encourage more citizen involvement?**

High-level I think citizens get involved in things they are passionate about or things they believe tangibly / directly affect or benefit them. So, first, I would love to see the research that was done to create the Strategic Plan and the results of the research and outreach of Phase 1 of that Plan. Pockets of interest will more than likely be identified and then we can pursue those pockets directly.

For example, I am assuming the desire to launch a City-led sports and recreation program was identified within the research to create the Strategic Plan. That program is a great place to increase citizen involvement! For example, citizens as volunteer coaches, citizens literally participating in the program itself, and incorporating our local college or high school students as referees. It can and will magnify City participation and pride.

# RESUME

Duane Wright, CFE, CPA

College Place, WA 99324

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## Summary:

- Over 40 years of consolidated experience in accounting, finance, taxation, project management, project costing and billing, ERP systems, developing and implementing major business processes.
- Over 20 years of consulting experience and has extensive Oracle Applications experience with implementation of processes and procedures to achieve appropriate compliance with Sarbanes-Oxley, GAAP, FAS, IFRS, revenue recognition, regulatory (FERC) and localization requirements and tax compliance issues.
- Specific industry environments include Government, Construction, Industrial Manufacturing (Process & Discrete, ETO and Project Manufacturing).
- Cross functional business process experience includes - financial accounting systems, financial reporting, project accounting, human resources, payroll, inventory, manufacturing, warehouse management, order entry and supply chain organizations.
- Significant experience with SaaS (Cloud) based application solutions for ERP systems.
- Designed Governance, Reporting and Compliance (SOX) systems and implemented design requirements. Assisted clients with FDA requirements.
- Engaged in numerous forensic accounting examinations including legal support and expert legal testimony.
- Managed, supervised and evaluated large employee groups.

## Skills:

Microsoft & Other Applications: Microsoft Dynamics GP – 2010: Financial, Manufacturing, and Order Entry applications. (QuickBooks, Financial Force, Sales Force, Intacct, and NetSuite)

Oracle EBS Application Subject Matter Expertise: Oracle EBS R12 Financials (GL, AR, AP, FA) (R2R), Purchasing (P2P) and Project (Costing & Billing) applications. GRC applications.

Application Knowledge: Project Management tools, Human Resources, Payroll, Supply chain, Microsoft Office XP, MS Project, PMI Method, IBM Project Management Method, Primavera, Rational Portfolio Manager, Financial Reporting Packages, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) requirements.

## Education & Professional Background:

- BS in Business Administration & Accounting (minor in Computer Science) - Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR
- CPA - Certified Public Accountant certification (current & active) - issued in Oregon (License # 4160)
- CFE - Certified Fraud Examiner - (current & active)
- MBA in process
- SEC - Series 6 and 7 licenses
- NASAA – Series 63 and 66 licenses
- National Mortgage Lending License

## Experience:

Duane Wright, CFE, CPA – College Place, WA - Owner/Principal September 2023 to Present

- Financial accounting, tax preparation, business consulting, and forensic accounting services.
- Assisted TAX ACT software in support of taxpayer questions and problems during tax season.
- **Structures Northwest LLC, Spokane, WA – Contract Finance Director**
  - **Managed all accounting, financial reporting, tax, payroll and human resources functions for a construction company with more than \$26 million in annual sales.**
  - **Prepared management reports on operational profitability and efficiency. Managed Payroll, HR and front office personnel.**
  - **Company operations in Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Company has a staff 55+ employees.**
- **Inland Cellular – Contract Accounting Director**
  - **Worked closely with Finance Director on project to correct accounting challenges related to death of former accounting director.**
  - **Prepared month-end close processes and procedures for corporate accounting department.**
  - **Prepared accountant analysis and account reconciliations.**

Walla Walla Housing Authority, WA – Accounting Director February 2023 to September 2023

- **Asset management director for facilities with over 1,700 individual property locations.**
- **Procurement management and approval of all facilities expenditures.**

City of Bethel, AK – Finance Director April 2022 to November 2022

- **Responsible for all municipal accounting and reporting activities and supervised staff of 9 employees.**
- **Assisted in budget preparation and audit processes for the city. Annual budget in excess of \$25 million.**
- **Conducted sales tax audits of local businesses and reported tax compliance to City Council.**
- **Directed processes to assist the external CPAs in annual audit completion.**

COVID – No Employment March 2020 to March 2022

Credit Suite, Inc., Liberty Lake, WA - Sr. Accounting Manager May 2019 – March 2020

- **Financial and Accounting Manager for the company. Responsible for all financial reporting.**
- **Credit Suite is an internet consulting company – SAS operational model.**

- Establish budgets and manage accounting reporting of “actual to budget” for cost centers and overhead operations. Manage systems and staff for day-to-day and monthly accounting operations, close processes and year end activities with external CPA firms.

**Merrill Lynch & NYLIFE Securities, Spokane, WA – Financial Advisor** **June 2017 – April 2019**

- Licensed with SEC and FINRA as a Series 6, 7, 63 and 66 financial advisor.
- Licensed mortgage broker.
- Worked with clients to develop, implement and manage wealth and financial plans.

**Green & Wright, LLC, Portland, OR** **July 2010 – May 2017**  
**Consultant, Solution Architect & Project Manager**

- Provided business and information technology consulting services to clients.
- Designed and implemented information systems for companies.
- Supported accounting and information systems already in place and provided clients with assistance in designing solutions to accounting issues and process workflows.
- Designed Governance, Reporting and Compliance (SOX) systems and implemented design requirements.
- Worked as contract Director of Accounting for Precision Cast parts in Portland, OR. Filling an expected vacancy of internal employee. Supervised the regular completion of month-end accounting close and internal reporting.
- Worked closely with process manufacturing companies to improve and automate accounting processes.

**IBM Global Business Services, Portland, OR** **August 2006 – July 2010**  
**Senior Director - Consultant**

- Provided business and information technology consulting services to clients.
- Designed and implemented information systems for companies in manufacturing, professional services, high tech, and many other industries.
- Supported accounting and information systems already in place and provided clients with assistance in designing solutions to accounting issues and process flows.
- Designed Governance, Reporting and Compliance (SOX) systems and implemented design requirements.
- Worked with manufacturing companies to design and implement solutions to enhance accounting, organizational and customer CRM requirements.

**Oracle Corporation, Redwood Shores, CA** **July 1995 – April 2006**  
**Senior Practice Director - Consultant**

- Provided business and information technology consulting services to clients.
- Designed and implemented information systems for companies.
- Supported accounting and information systems already in place and provided clients with assistance in designing solutions to accounting issues and process flows.
- Designed Governance, Reporting and Compliance (SOX) systems and implemented design requirements.
- Worked with AT&T Wireless (consulting client). Consulted on the cell-site project costing method and solution for CIP cost capture and final capitalization.
- Worked with Alyeska Pipeline Service Company. Consulted on use of Project Costing systems and processes to capture asset cost and operational cost for pipeline operations.
- Assist clients in streamlining monthly closing processes and timeframes.

**CH2M Hill – Engineering & Construction, Denver, CO** **June 1990 – July 1995**  
**Director of Corporate Accounting**

- Corporate Accounting Director responsibilities included (Project Costing and Billing as well as Financial Applications) for a large Professional Services (A&E) and Design Build firm with annual revenue in excess of \$2 billion.
- Managing and directing the corporate monthly, quarterly and annual accounting and reporting activities for the financial and project accounting systems. Responsible for all Corporate Accounting close and financial reporting activities for \$3 billion dollar corporation
- Managed external and internal audit processes for both certified (GAAP) and Defense Contract Audit Administration (DCAA) audit processes and requirements.
- Assisted and supported the quarterly and annual corporate tax preparation and all other tax compliance requirements (i.e. property tax reporting, sales and use tax compliance).
- Key member in the Oracle EBS selection process and implementation team.
- Subject matter expert and team lead for the Project Costing & Billing and Financial applications of the R10 implementation of Oracle EBS.
- Managed Project Costing and Billing subledger for the professional services operations

**Public Accounting** **January 1981 – June 1990**

**Price Waterhouse Coopers (Coopers & Lybrand), Portland, OR - 11 years (prior to June 1990) Auditor & Tax Senior**

- Tax Expert - tax planning and preparation.
- Audit experience with large “For-Profit”, “Municipal” and “Co-Op clients
- Business Process Re-engineering (BPR) projects for clients. Recommend improvements to process flows, system and internal controls.

**Former Board Director**  
**Potlatch No. 1 Financial Credit Union – Lewiston, Idaho**

**College Instructor**  
**Umpqua Community College, Roseburg, OR - experience 6 years transfer level courses**  
 • Part-time instructor in Freshman and Sophomore level college credit courses.

- Courses include - Principles of Accounting, Business Law, Introduction to Business, Introduction to Computer Science and other courses requested by college.

## Letter of Interest

**Duane Wright, CFE, CPA**

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678 SE Whimbrel Loop - College Place, WA 99324

May 1, 2026

To the City of College Place, WA:

I am interested in the position of City Councilman for the City of College Place, Washington.

I am a native of the Pacific Northwest. I own a home and have lived in College Place, WA since 2023. I was born and raised in northeastern Oregon. I am a graduate of Oregon State University. I have raised a family in the northwest and my wife, and I love the area and all it provides.

As a candidate for City Council, I bring a significant amount of professional knowledge, experience and skill. I hold an active Certified Public Accountant license (Oregon #4160 issued October 1981) and an active license as a Certified Fraud Examiner - issued by the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. My experience is significant. I have managed small and large accounting and project teams. I have taught college level courses in accounting, business and law. I audited municipal organizations while working in public accounting. I have worked as a business consultant. I have served as a Board Director for the United Way, two Homeowners Associations (HOA) and the Potlatch 1 Financial Credit Union (P1FCU). I worked as the Finance Director for a City in Alaska – annual general fund budget of \$26 million. I am a working professional in a virtual CPA and consulting practice here in College Place.

I look forward to spending additional time discussing my background, experience and resume in more detail. Thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Duane Wright

# **City of College Place Council Position Candidate Packet**

Name: Duane Wright, CFE, CPA

Phone #: 509-520-4865 Email: duanewrightcpa@gmail.com

Physical Address: 678 SE Whimbrel Loop - College Place, WA 99324 How Long? 3 years

The City of College Place has vacancies for the City Council for Position Number 4 and 5 with the appointment expiring on December 31, 2027. To be eligible, candidates must be a registered voter of the City at the time of filing his or her declaration of candidacy and a resident of the City for a period of at least one year immediately prior to their date of application. Those interested in this position need to submit a letter of interest, a resume, and a completed questionnaire to the City of College Place City Clerk at [clerk@cpwa.us](mailto:clerk@cpwa.us) or by mail (or in person) at 625 S College Avenue, College Place, WA 99324. by 4:00 p.m. PST on Monday, May 4, 2026. For questions, contact the City Clerk at 509-394-8569.

## **Questionnaire:**

Please provide a written response to the following questions:

### 1. Have you previously served on a governing board of any type, or as a leader in any organization?

I have served in many leadership positions throughout my career. I served many clients over a period 22 years as Senior Practice Director at both Oracle Corporation and IBM Global Business Consulting. I have served as a Director on the Board of two Homeowner Associations (HOAs), United Way and Potlatch 1 Financial Credit Union (P1FCU). I have served on the Ethics Advisory Board for the Oregon State Board of Accountancy.

I have held the job of Director of Finance for a city government – City of Bethel, Alaska.

I have conducted many municipal audits as a Certified Public Accountant.

### 2. What do you believe are the three (3) greatest strengths of the City of College Place?

Community Lifestyle. A small college town has a quality all its own. I went to college in smaller college community and I enjoyed the quality of life it brings to those who live here.

Community Location. We have a community located at base of the Blue Mountains in a valley known for some outstanding agriculture. As child I grew up viewing the Blue Mountains every day, so this area feels like home to me.

Community Quality. The social make-up of the community is outstanding. We have a community and neighborhood of people who respect each other. We as a community have lower crime issues. We enjoy a great climate and many fun things to do. We also have an ageing population which will provide some new challenges.

3. What do you view as the three (3) most significant challenges facing the City?

Community Financial Stability – Maintaining the appropriate financing level is key and integral to the success of City. Every city must be financially secure first. Without a sound financial position a city is always “focused” on finances and not on other important concerns – “improving the quality of life”

Community Identity - It is easy to be hidden in the shadow of Walla Walla. We have a challenge to maintain our own identity while being good neighbors. We need to work with our neighboring communities, while at the same time retaining our unique identity.

Community Growth - Planned growth requires a clear strategy focused on proper zoning and economic development. We also have an aging demographic which will present some new challenges for community to address.

Community Involvement – Getting the citizens of the community involved city government is a large challenge. It is, however, crucial to the future of the city. There is generational shift coming for governance and community management. Helping to establish the process of generational change is a significant issue.

4. Does your interest in serving as a City Councilperson stem from a personal interest or goal? Is there something you hope to accomplish while serving in the City Council, and why is serving on the Council important to you? Please elaborate.

I am a member of the community and as a resident and homeowner, I am interested in serving the city and the council; providing my professional knowledge, experience and skills. I would like to “give something back” to the community and share my professional experience. I am at a point in my career where I can do something for city within which I call home.

I see many important elements of city governance which need continuing attention to be successful. We have 10-year Strategic Plan which is a tool to help in addressing the long-term needs and goals for the community. This plan is coming to end and will need to be re-engineered to address the next ten years for the community. It appears 2026 will be a pivotal year for planning the next 10-year plan.

5. The city is operating under a recently updated Strategic Plan – ([https://cms6.revize.com/revize/cityofcollegeplace/Strategic%20Plan%20document Final.pdf](https://cms6.revize.com/revize/cityofcollegeplace/Strategic%20Plan%20document%20Final.pdf)). Please outline some ideas toward fulfilling the vision of the plan.

I believe a successful long-term Strategic Plan must start with clear obtainable goals. The goals need to be clearly defined with a clear matrix to determine progress and success. The plan you have developed appears to have these important elements. As the 10-year (2017 to 2026) plan states - it was to document to be reviewed annually to determine progress and actions to continue progress to goals. Have we do a good job of managing the annual review and continuously realigning the plan to actual results?

6. Describe your leadership style and how you believe it would benefit the City Council.

My management style is lead by example. Educate, train, confirm knowledge and let the team members act on their own. Follow up if there any questions and make period review to confirm knowledge learned. I am collaborative manager and leader. I am not a controlling and micro-managing leader.

7. What experiences, talents, or skills do you bring to the Council and community that you would like to highlight?

My professional experience is strong in many areas. I have significant experience with accounting (GAAS), information technology, auditing, budgeting and business process improvements.

8. Are there any regional issues or forums in which you have a particular interest or expertise? (ex: transportation, economic development, water supply, solid waste, parks, housing, fire, police, emergency management)

Since my professional expertise is in finance, I am well suited to be involved with the finance and audit processes, economic development, utility management and budgeting processes.

9. How would you encourage more citizen involvement?

Encouraging more citizen involvement is a difficult goal! This question is at the heart of my desire volunteer to be a City Councilman. I have learned the most effective way to encourage involvement is to lead by example. Show people what it means to volunteer and the hope they will follow. People must want to participate and or see what it means when they do. Maybe encourage younger citizens to get involved. Maybe more Town Hall meetings with groups. Council members should get out into the community and be visible.

**STATE OF WASHINGTON,**

**OATH OF OFFICE**

**County of Walla Walla**

***I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear that I am a Citizen of the United States and of the State of Washington; that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution and Laws of the State of Washington, and all local ordinances; and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the office of City Councilor for the City of College Place according to the law and the best of my ability.***

\_\_\_\_\_, City Council Position #4  
Signature

**I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that \_\_\_\_\_ is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that he signed this Oath of Office and acknowledged it to be his free and voluntary act for uses and purposes mentioned in this instrument.**

**DATED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026  
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**Carolyn Holm, City Clerk  
City of College Place, Washington**

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\_\_\_\_\_, City Council Position #5  
Signature

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