

Seattle City Council  
600 4th Avenue, Floor 2  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Dear Seattle City Council,

Thank you for considering my application to fill the vacant councilmember role for District 5. If you are looking for someone with extensive experience in elected office, you can save yourself time by putting my application down right now. However, if you are looking for someone with relentless curiosity, who questions the status quo, cares about getting the details right, and sees the best in people, then please consider me for this role. I am so incredibly proud of the culture I helped to build in the United States Navy aboard the U.S.S. Pennsylvania and on my product management team at Amazon. I hope to bring this same ethos of service, caring about people, and being accountable to this role.

The city of Seattle has been wonderful to our family of five since we moved here in 2016, and before that when we lived in Bremerton from 2011 to 2014. As a military veteran, a father of three daughters in Seattle Public Schools, an avid volunteer, and a manager at Amazon, I would consider it a distinct privilege to serve my fellow Seattleites on the City Council. This city is blessed with incredible natural beauty, acknowledges its indigenous roots in its very name, has a diverse population from all across the globe, and has a history of evolving to meet the challenges of the time.

To briefly cover a few of my qualifications for this role, I earned a Bachelor's Degree in History from the University of Notre Dame. I later earned a Masters in Engineering Management while serving in the Navy, and a Masters in Business Administration from Dartmouth. As a Lieutenant in the United States Navy, I led teams that drove the submarine, operated its nuclear reactor, and conducted the maintenance onboard. I love to learn, think data can drive clarity but isn't the full picture, and appreciate how everyone can bring their own unique perspective to problem solving.

I grew up seeing government service in action. My mom served for 12 years on the Raritan Borough City Council (NJ) when I was a child. She was the first Democrat elected in years, earning voter trust by going door to door, serving seniors in the community as a nurse, and working tirelessly to make sure public dollars were spent wisely. She got out of city hall, visited all parts of the city, and built the relationships needed to get things done. She put in the time to solve problems big and small for residents of the town and was never complacent. That's the example I would follow on the Seattle City Council, a role with incredible responsibility to help members of the community. My time volunteering at Jane Addams Middle School, Olympic View Elementary School, North Helpline, Bloodworks Northwest, Lake City Soccer, and elsewhere have reinforced the value of service and the goodness in people. Even when the headlines are negative and things seem bleak, the real joys in life are about connecting with others in meaningful ways.

I firmly believe that communities are stronger when people participate, when they bring new ideas to the table, and when new people step up to help shape the future. I've done this at our local school for years, and am happy to raise my hand for this open position. I am not coming in with a set agenda and I won't have answers on day one, I'm just hoping to do my best every day to make things a little better for my fellow Seattleites.

Sincerely,

Robert Wilson

# Robert D. Wilson

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## EXPERIENCE

2016 – Present     **AMAZON WEB SERVICES – SENIOR MANAGER, PRODUCT MANAGEMENT**     Seattle, WA  
*Amazon Simple Storage Service (S3) – low cost, hyper scale cloud storage for millions of customers*

**Senior Manager, Product Management – External Services** (Jan 2021 – Present)

- Hired and led 12 product managers, including two managers, for networking, security, and data lakes
- Main point of contact for data analytics partners including Databricks, Snowflake, and Pinterest
- Launched S3 Tables for managed Iceberg deployments, S3 Metadata for A.I. Training, S3 Access Grants for Active Directory-linked access to data, Batch Replication to copy petabytes of data across AWS Regions, and Double Encryption to satisfy compliance needs

**Principal Product Manager – External Services** (April 2020 – Jan 2021)

- Built a new storage management product management team, onboarding 4 PMs in 5 months to lead data protection, replication, and dashboarding/visibility products
- Launched 3 major new features for S3 Lifecycle, after years with no new innovation on that product
- Created custom pricing for 3 enterprises for newly launched products, unblocking large scale adoption

**Senior Product Manager – External Services** (July 2016 – April 2020)

- First Product Manager to achieve promotion on team of 25 in 3.5 years
- Designed and launched S3 Batch Operations, which supports actions like copying or tagging billions of images, text files, or any other data types in a single, simple to create and auditable job
- Authored and gained approval from AWS's #2 leader for a new data protection offering to allow for recovery of maliciously or accidentally deleted data

2009 – 2014     **UNITED STATES NAVY – LIEUTENANT**     Bangor, WA  
*USS Pennsylvania (SSBN – 735), Ballistic Missile Submarine*  
**Quality Assurance Officer, Assistant Engineer, Officer of the Deck**

- Directed safe navigation of a \$5B submarine and the conduct of the strategic missile deterrence mission for a crew of 150 people over five submarine deployments
- Coordinated maintenance and led operations through two major shipyard testing programs, including initial nuclear reactor startup, for teams of 25 people for 100+ days of shiftwork
- Developed or certified 150+ procedures for maintenance and testing of high-pressure air, hydraulic, and seawater systems to ensure watertight integrity and submarine recoverability
- Coordinated training of 100+ nuclear trained operators on procedures to operate the nuclear reactor and accomplish engineering certification, returning submarine to mission status in record time
- Supervised inventory, documentation and transfer controls for 500+ items of radioactive material
- Graduated second of 104 in the science and engineering fundamental to the design, operation and maintenance of naval nuclear propulsion plants

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## EDUCATION

2014 - 2016     **TUCK SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AT DARTMOUTH**     Hanover, NH  
*Master of Business Administration degree; Tuck Scholar*

2013 – 2014     **OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY**     Norfolk, VA  
*Masters of Engineering Management degree*

2005 – 2009     **UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME**     Notre Dame, IN  
*Bachelor of Arts; History; magna cum laude*  
Study Abroad: Peking University, Beijing, China (Mandarin Language, Asian History & Culture)

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## PERSONAL

- Youth Soccer Coach, Leads Festival Event Planning for PTA, Blood Donor, Charity Donor/Volunteer



# City of Seattle

## FINANCIAL INTEREST STATEMENT AND ADDRESS VERIFICATION

### CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL DISTRICT 5

All City of Seattle officials and employees are subject to the provisions of Seattle Municipal Code (SMC), Chapter 4.16, (the "Ethics Code"). The purpose of the Ethics Code is to ensure that no public office is used for personal gain; and that the public have confidence in the integrity of its government. An individual with certain financial interests may be prohibited from participating in City business, as specified in the Ethics Code. Please click [HERE](#) to see SMC 4.16.070, a list of prohibited conduct.

The City Council is interested in knowing whether you have any financial interests that could be an issue with your service on the Council. Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability. Answering "Yes" does not necessarily disqualify you from consideration:

1. Do you, or any member of your family, **receive compensation** from any person or entity that engaged in any transactions or activities with Seattle City government in the past five years? ☐ No ☒ Yes, please complete item 1 on page 2.
2. Do you, or any member of your family, have a **direct financial interest** in any person or entity that engaged in any transactions or activities with Seattle City government in the past five years? ☐ No ☒ Yes, please complete item 2 on page 2.
3. Have you, or any member of your family, served in the past five years as an officer, director, trustee, or employee of an entity that engaged in any transactions or activities with Seattle City government? ☐ No ☒ Yes, please complete item 3 on page 2.
4. After referencing SMC 4.16.070, do you have any other relationships, employment history or financial interests that you feel could be an issue with your service on the Council under the Ethics Code? ☒ No ☐ Yes, please complete item 4 on page 3.

In order to be eligible for appointment to Council Position 5, you must be a resident of District 5 for at least 120 days (City Charter Article IV, Sec. 2; Article XIX). Please confirm your eligibility by clearly printing your current residential address and affirming the length of your residency at that address:

Street Address: REDACTED  
Zip Code: REDACTED  
Resident at this address since: 2016

Name of Candidate (as registered with King County Elections): Robert Devers Wilson

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the information provided on this page and on page 2 and on all attached sheets is true and correct and that I have made reasonable inquiry to determine the truth, accuracy, and completeness of my responses.

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Signed at Seattle, Washington

Date: 7/7/2025

(City or other location must be filled in.)

Note: If you are appointed to the City Council, you will be required to complete a "Personal Financial Affairs Statement" on a form provided by the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission (SEEC). You can see SEEC Form F1 by clicking [HERE](#).



**EXPLANATIONS FOR RESPONSES ON PAGE 1:** (Use additional sheets if necessary. For assistance, please call the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission at 206-684-8500.)

1. Please provide the name and address of each person or entity for which you answered Yes on page 1

**Name:** AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC

**Address:** REDACTED

2. Please provide the name and address of each entity for which you answered Yes on page 1.

**Name:** AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC

**Address:** REDACTED

3. Please indicate (i) the name of the person holding the position (you or an immediate family member); (ii) the title of the office, directorship, trusteeship or employment held; and (iii) the name and address of the entity.

**Person holding the position:** Robert Wilson (self)

**Position held with entity:** Sr. Mgr. Product Management

**Entity name:** Amazon

**Entity address:** REDACTED

Shannon Wilson (spouse)

Senior Manager

Amazon

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4. Please describe the relationships, employment history or financial interests for which you answered YES on page 1.

The "Yes" responses on Page 1 are all related to my wife and I's employment at Amazon. The Ethics and Election Commission page lists Amazon Capital Services Inc. as having received \$436,274.60 from the city between 2/1/2023 and 1/31/2025. Our roles are in Amazon Web Services and Human Resources respectively and in those roles we have had no contact with the city of Seattle. The Yes to question 1 was due to both of us being in salaried positions at Amazon, the Yes to question 2 refers to us both owning Amazon stock directly and in mutual funds, and the Yes to question 3 refers to each of us being employed at Amazon. I would resign my position at Amazon if chosen to fill the District 5 vacancy on the Seattle City Council.