



City of Seattle
Council District No. 4
Applicant Summary

Applicant Name: Bruce Rips

Yes/No	Description: The following provides a summary of relevant experience, as provided by applicant in his/her application materials submitted on or before April 5, 2019.
Y	Does applicant express an understanding of Seattle city government operations and legislative processes?
N	Does applicant identify experience or knowledge of public sector budget processes? Does applicant identify any prior work or volunteer experience developing a budget for an organization (e.g. for-profit company, non-profit organization)?
Y	Does applicant identify any previous planning, land use and zoning experience?
N	Has applicant demonstrated or articulated a commitment to race and social justice—particularly, in recognition of the diverse populations who work and/or reside within the City of Seattle?
Y	Has applicant demonstrated or articulated an understanding of public policy issues (such as homelessness, affordable housing, public health, law and justice, etc.)?
N	Did applicant indicate whether he/she previously served in a publicly elected office?
N	Did applicant indicate whether he/she has served—past or present—on a Seattle-area board or commission?
N	Did applicant indicate whether he/she has played a role in social advocacy?
Y	Did applicant identify managerial or supervisor work experience?
Y	Is the applicant a current or former City of Seattle employee?
Y	Did applicant identify any potential conflicts of interest on the financial interest statement?
Y	If references were included in the application package, did applicant sign and return the Reference Checking Consent and Authorization Form?
Y	Is the applicant a resident of District 4 for at least one-hundred twenty (120) days prior to the appointment, scheduled for April 22, 2019?
	Comment(s): 20 years of planning experience with City of Seattle's Dept. of Planning Development, including senior planner and supervisor.

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1st Review Completed: 4/5/2019

2nd Review Completed: 4/7/2019

Reviewer Initials: JP

Reviewer Initials: PW



City of Seattle

FINANCIAL INTEREST STATEMENT AND ADDRESS VERIFICATION CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL POSITION 4

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 see SMC 4.16.070, attached as **Exhibit A**, for 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 4, you must be a resident of District 4 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: 2002

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: 

Date: APRIL 4, 2019

Signed at SEATTLE, Washington
(City or other location must be filled in.)

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

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

Name: BRUCE P. RIPS

I AM AN EMPLOYEE
OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE

Address: 

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

Name: SAME AS ABOVE

SAME AS ABOVE

Address: _____

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: BRUCE P. RIPS

Position held with entity: LAND USE SUPERVISOR

Entity name: CITY OF SEATTLE

Entity address: 700 5TH AVE, SUITE 2000

SEATTLE, WA 98124

BRUCE P. RIPS



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April 2, 2019

RE: City Council District #4 Application

To Whom It May Concern:

I believe that my career solving land use issues in the public and private sectors best meets the expectations for the city council seat to be vacated by Councilmember Rob Johnson. For the past twenty years, I have resided in District #4, guided the Department of Construction and Inspections as a senior land use planner/supervisor (1999-2019) and volunteered on the Children's Hospital Master Plan Standing Committee.

My familiarity with the district includes facilitating public meetings and design review meetings for over 30 development projects in the area. As the project planner, I listened to and assessed public comment, responded to technical and procedural questions, and ensured that constructive dialogue occurred both during meetings and throughout the entitlement process. Both residents and developers credited my fairness and technical knowledge.

I've contributed to downtown open space planning initiatives, street design recommendations, and zoning changes throughout Seattle. In my roles facilitating project reviews and supervising a team of 20 planners, I have acquired extensive expertise in the Land Use Code (Title 23), the SEPA, ECA and Tree Ordinances (Title 25), and Seattle's Comprehensive Plan. My 20-year career with the city involved frequent collaborations with SDOT, DON, Parks Department and OPCD.

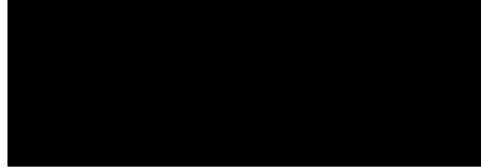
The short tenure of this interim position presents a valuable opportunity to constructively add to the discussion and decision-making on housing affordability, transit and related land use development among other issues on the Council's agenda. I will energetically assist the district with keen engagement, fairness and compassion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bruce P. Rips".

Bruce P. Rips, AICP

BRUCE P. RIPS



EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

City of Seattle Department of Planning and Development Seattle, Washington Land Use Planning Supervisor Design Review Program Interim Manager Senior Design Review Planner	1999-present
City of Redmond Redmond, Washington Senior Planner/Project Manager	1993-1998
Development Strategies, Inc. St. Louis, Missouri Associate Architect/Urban Designer	1988-1993
Westminster Development Co. St. Louis, Missouri Intern Architect	1987-1988

EDUCATION

Washington University School of Architecture St. Louis, Missouri Master of Architecture Teaching Assistant, Organized lecture series.	
Institute of Architecture and Urban Studies New York City, New York Work/Study Internship in architectural theory and design.	
Brown University Providence, Rhode Island Bachelor of Arts Major: History	

CIVIC/PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP)

American Institute of Architects (AIA)

American Planning Association (APA)

Urban Design and Preservation Division (Board Member). Initiated division grant program.

Economic Development Division, Conference Session Planning committee.

Juror for WAPA/PAW Awards.

Allied Arts of Seattle

Board of Trustees (Vice President 2001-2003)

Urban Environment Committee Chair

Strategic Planning Task Force Chair

Municipal Facilities Ad Hoc Committee.

Children's Hospital Master Plan Standing Committee

Seattle City Hall Architect Selection Committee

PUBLICATIONS

Ten articles and chapters published in architectural magazines and books: (Progressive Architecture, Inland Architect, Urban Land) and in Profiles in Growth Management, Urban Land Institute, Washington, DC. Guest Editor, Arcade Magazine

TEACHING

Guest studio critic and lecturer: University of Washington, Seattle, WA; Washington State University, Pullman WA; University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AK; Washington University, St. Louis, MO.

References Upon Request



LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT

Human Resources

Reference Checking Consent and Authorization Form

Disclosure

Please read the information on this form carefully and completely.

I have applied for appointment to the Seattle City Council and have provided information about my previous employment and professional references. I authorize the City of Seattle to obtain my academic records and conduct a reference check with my present and/or past employers, professional references, and additional references provided by my present and/or past employers or professional references. I understand that reference information may include, but not be limited to, verbal inquiries or information about my employment performance, professional demeanor, rehire potential, dates of employment, salary, and employment history.

My signature below authorizes my former or current employers and references to release information regarding my employment record with their organizations and to provide any additional information that may be necessary for my application for appointment to the City Council. I knowingly and voluntarily release the City of Seattle and any and all persons or entities providing a reference from any and all liability arising from release or receipt of information about my employment history, my academic credentials or qualifications, and my suitability for appointment to the City Council.

BRUCE P. RIPS
Name


Signature

APRIL 4, 2019
Date