



October 6, 2014

To Whom this may concern:

I hereby request appointment to the Gaithersburg City Council.

I have an interest in the City of Gaithersburg that extends back to childhood. A lifelong county native who grew up in nearby Derwood, I have a vested interest in this city and have lived in the Deer Park neighborhood with my wife Kim since 2000. My son, Cush, is in the Autism Program with Montgomery County Public Schools. He attended Gaithersburg Elementary School, currently attends Gaithersburg Middle School and will attend Gaithersburg High School.

I have clearly shown my interest in Gaithersburg as a businessman, and later resident through participation and leadership of several committees over the previous 20 years. These include but are not limited to, the Olde Towne Advisory Committee, the Economic and Business Development Committee, the Olde Towne Day Advisory Committee, the Police Chief Search Committee and the City Manager Search Committee.

Furthermore, I have an extensive volunteer record in the local community. I have been a member Montgomery Central Derwood Lions Club for 15 years, was President in 2004-5 and Vice President multiple times. I have raised funds for Autism Speaks on multiple occasions. I have also done extensive work with the Olde Towne Business Watch and co-chaired our local neighborhood watch in Deer Park.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Thomas S. Rowse

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OBJECTIVE

To positively affect change in the City of Gaithersburg through listening to constituents concerns, understanding the needs of different stakeholders citywide and addressing the ongoing need for effective economic development.

EXPERIENCE

Wegmans Food Markets, Inc., Germantown, MD

2013-Present *Team Leader Meat Department*

- Managing and scheduling a diverse group of employees
- Effective Purchasing and forecasting
- Training and Personnel Development
- Tracking results and implementing changes
- Working with management to optimize financial outcomes

House of Rowse Business Consultants

2007-2013 *President*

- Field representative and onsite bookkeeping consultant to client restaurants
- Designed process and procedures manual for newly formed company
- Set up computerized invoice coding, cash flow and sales projections management systems for clients
- Advised client business owners on fundamentals of financial management
- Trained client staff on use of newly installed business models

Roger Rowse & Associates, Inc., Gaithersburg, MD

2004-2006 *Acting President*

- Organized divestiture of client base
- Created archival system of pertinent client records
- Advised former clients on options for tax and accounting services
- Supervised closure of business

1992-2004 *Vice President, Sales*

- Planned, developed and launched sales department, which included creation of marketing plans, costs analysis, and presentation materials
- Responsible for new business and growth of existing contracts for company
- Developed and placed advertising for print media
- Designed proposals, presentation and contract templates for use in sales prospecting
- Targeted decision makers of local businesses for sales prospecting
- Carefully developed a level of credibility and trust, thereby growing brand loyalty to company
- Built partnerships with local companies through bartering agreements for services
- Developed and maintained payroll systems for clients
- Responsible for invoicing/accounts receivables from client
- Recruited and staffed company support and accounting personnel

Maryland Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Personal Assistance Services, Baltimore, MD

2001-2006 *Certified Care Provider*

- Responsible for ensuring client quadriplegic is able to lead a healthy, productive and rewarding life
- Nursing and administering of medications
- Mobility and transfers (in/out of bed)
- Grooming and personal hygiene
- Meal preparation and housekeeping

- Maintenance of equipment (lifts, wheelchairs, c-pap, etc.)
- Purchase and inventory control of supplies
- Coordination of recreational activities
- Supervision of various support services, such as transportation
- Management of household accounts
- Facilitation of paperwork for Maryland Office of Personal Assistance Services

Montgomery County Public Schools, Montgomery Co., MD

2001-2004 *Substitute Teacher, Various Schools in County*

2000-2001 *Long-term Substitute Teacher, Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, Bethesda, MD*

- September 2000, assigned as long-term substitute teacher, with full teaching responsibilities for Government, Social Studies and English for at-risk students; and European History for advanced placement students. Responsible for ensuring students achieved functional understanding of subject matter. Required tasks included:
 - Lesson plan development
 - Classroom instruction
 - Administering of tests
 - Daily grading of student work
 - Final examination design and grading

1997-2001 *Football Coach, Thomas S. Wootton High School, Rockville, MD*

- Varsity Assistant Coach, Offensive Line Coordinator
- Junior Varsity Co-Head Coach
- Strength and Conditioning Coordinator

1996-1997 *Football Coach, Poolesville High School, Poolesville, MD*

- Varsity Assistant Coach, Offensive Coordinator
- Junior Varsity Co-Head Coach

EDUCATION

2000 University of Maryland, College Park, MD, B.S., Political Science

1990-1992 Montgomery College, Rockville, MD

1988-1989 Lees McRae College, Banner Elk, NC

1988 Colonel Zadok Magruder High School, diploma

SPECIAL TRAINING

2007-2011 Notary Public, Maryland State

2001-2006 Annual CPR re-certification and tri-annual first aid

2000 Praxis I and Praxis II toward teaching certification in Maryland

1993 Dale Carnegie, Vienna, VA, Effective Communications and Human Relations courses

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2012 Gaithersburg City Manager Search Committee member

2012 Montgomery County Agricultural Fair, Dairy Bar Superintendent

2011 Candidate for Gaithersburg City Council member

2010 Gaithersburg Police Chief Search Committee member

2010-2011 Gaithersburg Economic and Business Development Committee member

2009-2011 Olde Towne Business Watch member

2009 Candidate for Gaithersburg City Council

2005-Olde Towne Day Advisory Committee Member

2002-2011 Olde Towne Gaithersburg Advisory Committee Member (Chairman 2008-2011)

2000-Present Montgomery Central Derwood Lions

- President 2004-2005
- Vice President 2002-2004 2012-2014
- Bulletin Editor 2001-2008

1996-1997 Up-county Citizen's Police Advisory Board

1994 Gaithersburg Team 2000 Steering Committee (Honorary Member)

1992-2002 Greater Gaithersburg Chamber of Commerce

- Board of Directors Member 1996-1997

Tom Rowse

My main goal for Gaithersburg is to improve the economic well-being of the city. By increasing the flow of money into the city, we can maintain and create new jobs, while increasing property values.

Building awareness among businesses of the toolbox and resources available via targeted marketing efforts is needed. We should partner with local business organizations to ensure we are meeting the needs of our economic base and developing a city culture that supports all businesses. This outreach will help stimulate development/redevelopment.

Other issues that I see as priorities for Gaithersburg, include:

- Maintain a Balanced Budget
- Public Safety
- Olde Towne Revitalization
- Build a Senior Center



APPLICATION FOR COUNCIL MEMBER

To: Gaithersburg City Council
c/o The City Attorney

I hereby request that you include my name for consideration for the office of Council Member

Please Print: THOMAS S. ROWSE
(Legal First, Middle Initial and Last Name. No nicknames or titles.)

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOLLOWING:

1. My name is: TOM ROWSE
 2. I am a registered voter in the City of Gaithersburg.
 3. I now reside at: 101 DOGWOOD DR. GAITHERSBURG, MD 20877
(Address, City & Zip Code)
- Home Telephone: 301.908.0941 Business Telephone: _____
4. I have attached a Financial Disclosure Statement and a letter of interest detailing why I am interested in the position and my priorities for the City of Gaithersburg.
 5. I consent to the public release of my name, this Application, Financial Disclosure Statement and letter of interest.

I DO FURTHER CERTIFY:

1. I meet the qualifications for the above stated office, as set forth in Sections 4 of the City Charter.
2. I am not a candidate for any other elected office in the City of Gaithersburg.



Signature of Applicant

10/6/2014

Date of this Application

THIS APPLICATION FOR COUNCIL MEMBER SHALL BE FILED AT THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY ON OR BEFORE 5:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014.



**CITY OF GAITHERSBURG, MARYLAND
INTEREST OR EMPLOYMENT DISCLOSURE
APPLICANTS FOR COUNCIL MEMBER**

NAME: THOMAS S. ROWSE

ELECTED OFFICE SEEKING: COUNCIL MEMBER

This Interest or Employment Disclosure Statement must be filed by October 6, 2014.

I have the following interests that may create a conflict of interest under Chapter 7A of the City Code ("Ethics Code") Section 7A-4.

N/A

I am employed by:

WEGMANS FOOD MARKETS, INC.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above information which is provided in compliance with Chapter 7A of the City Code ("Ethics Code") is true and correct.

SIGNATURE:  **DATE:** 10/6/14



**CITY OF GAITHERSBURG, MARYLAND
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
APPLICANTS FOR COUNCIL MEMBER**

NAME: THOMAS S. ROWSE

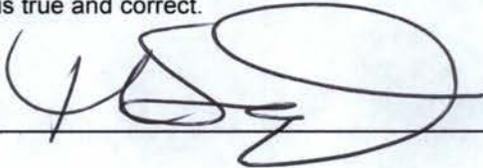
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This Financial Disclosure Statement covers the period of time from January 1, 2014 through October 6, 2014.

Please list the gifts* exceeding Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) in value or a combination of transfers from any person or entity exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) in value which you received. If you have **NOT** received any gifts, please print **NONE RECEIVED**.

Date Received	Name & Address Of Donor	Description of Gift	Approximate Retail Value (at time of receipt)
NONE			
RECEIVED			

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above information which is provided in compliance with Chapter 7A of the City Code ("Ethics Code") is true and correct.

SIGNATURE:  DATE: 10/6/2014

*The term "gift" is defined in Chapter 7A of the City Code ("Ethics Code"), Sections 7A-1.3(c) and 7A-4(h) and does not include campaign contributions.