



MARICOPA CITY COUNCIL APPLICATION FORM

Thank you for your interest in volunteering for the City of Maricopa. Please fill out the following form and return it to the City Clerk by one of the following means:

<p><u>Email - Fax - Questions</u> Email: vanessa.bueras@maricopa-az.gov Fax: 520-568-9120 Questions?: 520-316-6971</p>	<p><u>In Person</u> City Clerk City of Maricopa 39700 W. Civic Center Plaza Maricopa, AZ 85138</p>
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Contact Information			
Name:	James Singleton		
Address:			
City, State, Zip:			
Email:			
Phone Number:			
General Information			
Are you a full time Maricopa Resident?*	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Do You Live Within The City's Incorporated Limits?*
			Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are You A Registered Voter?*	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	*All candidates shall be qualified electors of the city and shall have resided in the city for at least one year.
Have you ever served on any elected or appointed Boards, Committees, Commissions, Task Forces, Council, etc. (City of Maricopa or otherwise) in the past?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If yes, please list:

<p>Have you ever been involved in helping develop public policy at <u>any</u> governmental level? (This might include such activities as writing issue papers, conducting public policy research, advising policymakers, advocating for a particular change, or performing other public policy development work)</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please list a short description:</p>
<p>Please list any leadership roles you have had at your place of employment, through volunteer work, business or professional organizations, civic, church or other activities. List only the roles and affiliations most important to you in the PAST FIVE YEARS.</p>	<p>Served as project lead for an effort to improve developer experience reducing the time to create an application from two weeks to two hours.</p>
<p>Are you able to <u>fully commit</u> to the time requirement (1st & 3rd Tues eve. of each month City Council meetings, extensive pre and post reading/meeting preparation time, Strategic and Budgetary retreats, specially called meetings, numerous committee assignments, public speaking requirements, social & constituent requests for meetings, correspondence, public appearances, etc.) to be a city council member?</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>


 Signature of Applicant:

8/25/22
 Date:

Short Essay Questions (use additional sheet of paper if necessary):

1. In 300 words or less, please tell us why you are the BEST candidate to fill the vacancy on the Maricopa City Council.

See attached

2. In 300 words or less, please tell us what attributes, qualities, special skills, talents, awards, knowledge, you would offer to further enhance and diversify this city council.

See attached

3. In 300 words or less, please discuss the three (3) most important issues you see facing the City of Maricopa today.

See attached

4. In 300 words or less, please discuss what it means to you to be good policy maker and serve for the common good.

See attached

Please Attach:

1. Current Resume (Required)
2. Letters of Recommendation or Endorsement (Optional)
 - Should include:
 - How long the endorsers has known the applicant
 - Why the applicant meets the ideal candidate profile
 - Any other pertinent information the Council might need to consider the applicant

In 300 words or less, please tell us why you are the BEST candidate to fill the vacancy on the Maricopa City Council.

Since moving to Maricopa, I have hit the ground running in trying to get involved with the city. Whether it is attending P&Z meetings to help educate residents via social media or reaching out to companies to tell them how great of a city Maricopa is, I try my best to be involved. I think I would be able to represent the new generation that is helping this city grow as well as bring a new perspective to challenges that our city currently faces. Having gone to Virginia Military Institute, I am prepared for long nights of discussing policies and making the right decision for the city even if it might be an unpopular one. Furthermore, VMI instilled their core values of honor, character, and service in me, and I believe those values transfer right into being a City Councilmember.

In 300 words or less, please tell us what attributes, qualities, special skills, talents, awards, knowledge, you would offer to further enhance and diversify this city council.

I would be one of the youngest members to ever sit on City Council which would greatly diversify it and I would be able to give an ear to the new generation that is helping grow Maricopa. I would also bring a technical background to the City Council. Right now most of the complaints about the city are voiced on social media and addressed by a few members of city staff. I am already active on social media in quick defense of the city and sometimes calling it out for things that could be improved. In today's world I think being tech savvy and being on the platforms where your constituents are is super important. Above all else, I feel like I am one of the few of the younger generation that has a fiery passion for the City of Maricopa.

In 300 words or less, please discuss the three (3) most important issues you see facing the City of Maricopa today.

In 2020, \$370 million of annual retail leakage occurred. We need to focus on bringing that back into Maricopa instead of having it spent in surrounding cities. About \$35 million of that is food and drink and I think the city is doing a good job at addressing those needs with Cold Beer & Cheeseburgers, Nandos, Cocina Madrigal, and Chilis. However, there is a lot that needs to be addressed in terms of clothing, furniture, sporting goods, and home improvement.

Maricopa was once a bedroom community but it was quickly discovered that a bedroom community is not sustainable. Due to this we need to do better at having more affordable housing like condos, apartments, and bungalows to supply the staffing shortage we have here. Places like Banner Health can't keep doctors here because most of them have to drive an hour or more to get here which isn't sustainable. Furthermore, places like Starbucks and Dunkin' Donuts are forced to close their doors and only serve through drive through due to not enough people.

The item that gets talked about the most by residents of Maricopa, transportation. The 347 is currently the only way in and out of the city and can be backed up for miles on a bad day. Everyone, I would hope, knew about this one way in and out before moving here, but how do we educate? Widening 347 still isn't

going to stop people from going 100 down the emergency lane, how do we get State Troopers to police it more? Lastly, how do we work at having a better flow of traffic around the city? I know the city is working with AZ DOT to gain control of 347 and 238 within city limits, but what else can we do?

In 300 words or less, please discuss what it means to you to be a good policy maker and serve for the common good.

First and foremost, the public success based on our policies is what defines our success as a City Council. If the public isn't successful, then we have done something wrong as a Council. However, even if we are convinced that our policy is for the greater good, the reality might be something completely different. When something like that happens you have to listen to your constituents and go back to the drawing board. Even though we aim to be right on the money with every decision we make, we won't and we will have to start all over. I also think being inclusive and transparent is key to being a good policy maker and serving the common good. We need to make sure that not only are the voices of residents of Maricopa heard, but also the voices of our fellow City Councilmembers. Without them and each other, we won't achieve legitimate success.

James Singleton

EXPERIENCE

Zendesk, Remote — *Senior Software Engineer*

April 2021 - Present

- Lead a project that decreased the time to create an application from roughly 2 weeks to 2 hours
- Helped transfer roughly 40 admin related pages spread across different admin settings into a central location
- Part of a team that took over a micro-frontend framework

American Express, Tempe, AZ/Remote — *Software Engineer II*

March 2020 - April 2021

- Contributed to One App enterprise framework
- Contributed to and maintained over twenty open source libraries
- Provide support for engineering teams onboarding to our enterprise framework

American Express, Tempe, AZ — *Software Engineer III*

October 2019 - March 2020

- Onboarded new teams to our innersource framework
- Helped streamline the onboarding process
- Helped with open sourcing 12 JavaScript projects

American Express, Sunrise, FL — *Lead UI Engineer*

October 2018 - October 2019

- Lead a team of 6 engineers to migrate an Angular application to an innersource React Framework called One App
- Delivered an internal application used by over 1,200 Customer Care Professionals
- Worked closely with product managers as well as designers to implement their product vision

Internet Brands, El Segundo, CA — *Software Developer*

April 2017 - September 2018

- Implemented new site functionality using JavaScript, HTML, CSS
- Implemented new REST APIs
- Helped lead the transition of ApartmentRatings manager portal over to React.js

EDUCATION

Virginia Military Institute — *B.S. Computer Science*

August 2011 - June 2015

Lexington, VA

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- React.js
- Node.js
- CSS
- JavaScript
- UI/UX

SOFT SKILLS

- Communication
- Teamwork
- Detail Oriented
- Troubleshooting

Public Records Exemptions

Enclosed please find a copy of the response documents for your public records request. The following information is provided to explain the process employed to review and produce the response documents.

Reason	Description	Pages
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