



# CITY OF ARCADIA

## CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

As authorized by California Government Code Section 54956 and Arcadia City Charter Section 408, a Special Meeting of the Arcadia City Council is hereby called to be held at the City Council Conference Room, 240 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia, California on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with a disability who require a disability related modification or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, may request such modification or accommodation from the City Clerk at (626) 574-5455. Sufficient notice will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to the meeting.

根据《美国残障人法案》，需要调整或提供便利设施才能参加会议的残障人士（包括辅助器材或服务）可与市书记官办公室联系（电话：(626) 574-5455），请求作出调整或提供便利设施。提前充足的时间发出通知将使市政府能够做出合理安排，确保顺利参加会议。

At this Special Meeting, the following matter will be discussed.

#### OPEN SESSION TO THE PUBLIC

- a. Interview candidates for appointment to fill the unexpired term of City Council Member representing District 3.  
CEQA: Not a Project  
Recommended Action: Conduct Interviews and Make Appointment

There will be time reserved for those members of the public who wish to address the City Council regarding the above item.

In accordance with the Brown Act, public comments will be limited to addressing the items listed on this special meeting agenda. Under the Brown Act, the City Council is prohibited from discussing or taking action on any item not listed on the posted agenda.

No other business than the above will be considered at this meeting.

Dated: May 28, 2026



# CITY OF ARCADIA

## STAFF REPORT

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### OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

**DATE:** June 2, 2026

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Dominic Lazzaretto, City Manager  
By: Justine Bruno, Deputy City Manager

**SUBJECT:** INTERVIEW CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPRESENTING DISTRICT 3  
**CEQA: Not a Project**  
**Recommendation: Conduct Interviews and Make Appointment**

#### **SUMMARY**

On May 11, 2026, a vacancy occurred in City Council District 3 with the resignation of Eileen Wang. At its May 19, 2026, meeting, the City Council directed the City Manager to solicit applications for appointment to fill the unexpired term, with applications due to the City Clerk's Office by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, May 29.

The City received 11 applications in total; however, only 10 applications are being referred to the City Council as meeting the application and eligibility requirements. Interviews are scheduled for June 2, beginning at 5:00 p.m. It is recommended that the City Council interview prospective candidates to fill the District 3 vacancy and make an appointment to fill the unexpired term.

#### **BACKGROUND**

In November 2022, Eileen Wang was elected to the Arcadia City Council by District 3 voters and held office until her resignation on May 11, 2026. Ms. Wang's resignation from the Arcadia City Council creates a vacancy in District 3 for the balance of the term, which is set to expire upon the certification of the November General Municipal Election results.

## District 3 Vacancy Appointment

June 2, 2026

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On May 19, 2026, the City Council considered available options to fill the District 3 vacancy, which included an appointment, holding a special election, or leaving the seat vacant for the remainder of the unexpired term. The City Council determined that an appointment process is the most option to fill the vacant City Council seat.

Also, during the May 19 meeting, the City Council established the process for filling the vacancy in District 3. The process includes an application period concluding on May 29, 2026, at 11:59 p.m., with televised interviews to occur during a Special Meeting at 5:00 p.m. on June 2, 2026. The Council directed the City Manager to issue a short application form consisting of two questions, required applicants to meet the same eligibility requirements applicable to all City Council Members, including residency within District 3, and provided that each applicant will have the opportunity to deliver an approximately two-minute statement during the interview process. Each Council Member will be permitted to ask two questions of each candidate and selections would be made using a 3-2-1 point ranking system for each Member's top three candidates.

### **DISCUSSION**

At the time of publication, the City has received 11 applications in total; however, only 10 applications are being referred to the City Council as meeting the application and eligibility requirements. One application was received by the deadline but was determined to be ineligible due to voter registration status.

The qualifying applications received (Attachment No. 1) are as follows:

- Walter Besocke
- Ruby Chang
- John Han
- Gail Littlejohn
- Eduardo Magallanes
- Cynthia Ng Monje
- Beth Szymkowski
- Paul Van Fleet
- Lisa Walton
- Peter Yoo

If additional applications are received before the 11:59 p.m. deadline on May 29, but after the initial publication of the June 2 City Council Agenda, an addendum will be published with the updated staff report and additional applications in the agenda packet.

It is recommended that the City Council interview prospective City Council candidates to fill the District 3 vacancy and make an appointment to fill the unexpired term, concluding upon the certification of the November 3 General Municipal Election results.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

The proposed appointment does not constitute a project under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), as it can be seen with certainty that it will have no impact on the environment.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The fiscal impacts of selecting a new member of the City Council through an appointment process are negligible. Associated costs include staff time to update records and publications, provide training and onboarding, and purchase the necessary name plates and badges, business cards, and stationery. None of the expenses generated through an appointment process will require a supplemental budget appropriation and can be absorbed within existing budgets.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council determine that this action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"); and interview prospective City Council candidates to fill the District 3 vacancy and make an appointment.

Attachment No. 1: District 3 Vacancy - City Council Applications

**District 3 City Council Interviews**  
**Tuesday, June 2, 2026, 5:00 p.m.**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Comments</b>
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Ruby Chang	
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NAME Besocke Walter DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]  
LAST FIRST

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(Note: Cannot be a mailing address or PO Box)

I CERTIFY THAT I AM A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT THREE (3)  YES  NO

PHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] EMAIL ADDRESS [REDACTED]

EMPLOYER Ford Motor Co. OCCUPATION Manager

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT? 49 years ARE YOU AN ARCADIA REGISTERED VOTER?  YES  NO

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PLEASE ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW. YOU MAY USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS OF PAPER AS NECESSARY.

**WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE ARCADIA CITY COUNCIL?**

I am interested in serving on the Arcadia City Council because Arcadia is more than just the city where I live — it is the community that shaped my life and the place my family proudly calls home. I was born at Huntington Memorial Hospital and, except for three years away, I have spent the last 49 years living in Arcadia. I attended Hugo Reid Elementary School, Foothills Junior High, and Arcadia High School, experiences that gave me a deep appreciation for this community and the strong values that make Arcadia such a special place to live and raise a family. Over the years, I have seen our city grow and evolve, and I believe this is an important time for thoughtful, community-focused leadership.

Like many residents, I care deeply about maintaining the quality of life that makes Arcadia special. Residents are increasingly concerned about issues such as traffic congestion, public safety, infrastructure maintenance, water and utility costs, responsible development, and preserving the character of our neighborhoods. I want to help ensure that Arcadia continues to be a safe, financially stable, and welcoming community for families, seniors, and future generations.

Service has always been an important part of my life. I currently serve in leadership with the Tournament of Roses as Vice Chair of the Parade Operations Committee, where I work with large teams, coordinate complex operations, and solve problems in high-pressure situations. I am also a proud 19-year member of the Arcadia Elks Lodge, where community service and supporting local residents are central to our mission.

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**WHAT MOST QUALIFIES YOU FOR CITY COUNCIL SERVICE?**

What most qualifies me for service on the Arcadia City Council is my combination of professional management experience, proven leadership in community organizations, and lifelong understanding of the needs and priorities of Arcadia residents.

Professionally, I serve as a manager with Ford Motor Company, where I have developed extensive experience leading teams, managing operations, working within budgets, and making practical decisions in fast-paced environments. My career has taught me how to solve problems, communicate effectively, and balance competing priorities while remaining accountable and results-oriented – skills that are directly relevant to effective local government.

Beyond my professional background, I have spent many years actively involved in volunteer and community leadership. As Vice Chair of the Parade Operations Committee for the Tournament of Roses, I help oversee large-scale logistical planning and coordinate volunteers for one of the nation’s most recognized events. That role requires organization, teamwork, and the ability to make sound decisions under pressure.

I also previously served as President of my homeowners association, where I gained firsthand experience working through neighborhood concerns, addressing infrastructure and maintenance issues, balancing budgets, and listening carefully to residents with differing perspectives. That experience gave me a deeper appreciation for how important transparency, responsiveness, and fiscal responsibility are in serving a community effectively.

Having lived in Arcadia for nearly five decades, I understand both the strengths of our city and the challenges we currently face. Residents want leadership that will prioritize public safety, address increasing traffic and development concerns, maintain city infrastructure, support local businesses, and protect the residential character that makes Arcadia unique. I believe my experience in management, operations, community leadership, and consensus-building has prepared me to approach those issues thoughtfully and responsibly.

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YES  NO

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[Redacted Signature]

SIGNATURE

5/26/2026

DATE

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**Continued from Question 1:**

In addition, I previously served as President of my homeowners association, where I worked directly with residents to address concerns, build consensus, and make decisions that balanced differing viewpoints while protecting the interests of the community. Those experiences reinforced the importance of listening, transparency, accountability, and respectful leadership.

I want to serve on the City Council because I believe local government works best when leaders are approachable, engaged, and willing to listen to the people they represent. I would be honored to give back to the city that has given so much to me by working collaboratively to address today's challenges while preserving the values and sense of community that make Arcadia such a wonderful place to live.

**Continued from Question 2:**

Most importantly, I believe City Council members should be accessible, level-headed, and committed to serving the entire community. I would bring a practical, collaborative approach focused on protecting Arcadia's quality of life while planning responsibly for the future.



**Council District 3**  
 City of Arcadia, California





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PHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] EMAIL ADDRESS [REDACTED]

EMPLOYER Freelance OCCUPATION Apparel Technical Designer

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT? 8 years ARE YOU AN ARCADIA REGISTERED VOTER?  YES  NO

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PLEASE ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW. YOU MAY USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS OF PAPER AS NECESSARY.

### WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE ARCADIA CITY COUNCIL?

I've lived in quite a few places over the last 20 years, but Arcadia is where my husband and I are truly putting down roots and raising our daughter. She attends wonderful local schools, and we absolutely love living here.

One of the things I appreciate most about Arcadia is its cultural diversity and the availability of bilingual and accessible services. It makes our family feel welcomed, accepted, and truly at home.

There are many great community amenities that enrich daily life. My family enjoys spending time at the spacious Arcadia County Park, where we can exercise and relax together. The public library offers an incredible variety of educational materials and resources. The beautiful neighborhoods, greenery, and sense of community make this city something to be proud of.

I also deeply appreciate the responsiveness of the Arcadia Police and Fire Departments. I was especially touched seeing the fire department paramedics take such compassionate care of my elderly neighbor during an emergency.

We are fortunate to have such a diverse selection of restaurants, academic enrichment programs, and community services. The Arcadia Recreation Center consistently hosts thoughtful, organized events with friendly and welcoming staff.

Above all, I appreciate how safe Arcadia feels for my family. As a parent, there is a great sense of comfort in being able to take walks through our neighborhood, visit local parks, and participate in community events while feeling secure and at ease. The city is clean, well cared for, and supported by responsive public services that help create a strong sense of trust within the community. We have also been fortunate to have kind and thoughtful neighbors who genuinely look out for one another, which adds to the strong sense of community here. Knowing that my daughter is growing up in an environment where families feel protected, supported, and connected is something I am deeply grateful for.

**WHAT MOST QUALIFIES YOU FOR CITY COUNCIL SERVICE?**

I believe I am qualified to serve because, as a mother, I already spend every day caring for the many details that keep a home safe, stable, and running well. I would approach serving the city with that same sense of responsibility, care, and protectiveness that a parent has for their child.

Having lived and worked in many different places around the world, I've learned how to quickly understand difficult situations, work with different kinds of people, and stay calm and solution-oriented when challenges arise. My work in the apparel supply chain has also taught me the importance of planning ahead, staying organized, being diligent, and understanding how one decision can affect many other people downstream. It has given me a strong sense of accountability and the importance of doing things correctly and thoughtfully.

I am bilingual and able to communicate with many District 3 residents in a direct and accessible way.

I also believe in citizen representatives — ordinary residents who genuinely care about their community and want to contribute. If appointed, I would serve out the remainder of this term through November 2026 and would not run for a full four-year term.

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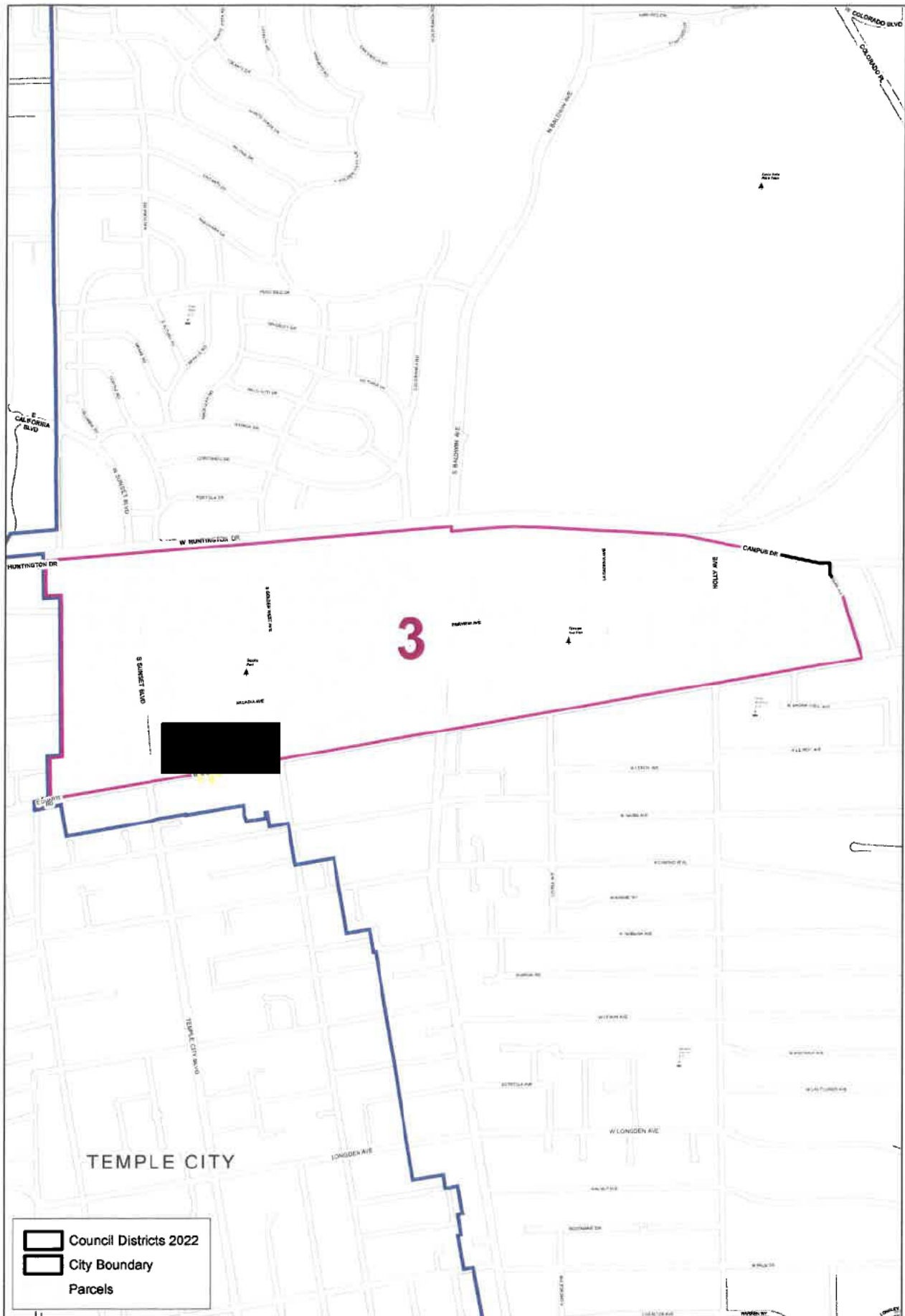


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City of Arcadia, California



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PHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] EMAIL ADDRESS [REDACTED]

EMPLOYER Self-Employed OCCUPATION Investment Management

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT? 10 ARE YOU AN ARCADIA REGISTERED VOTER?  YES  NO

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WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE ARCADIA CITY COUNCIL?

Please see attached sheets.

**WHAT MOST QUALIFIES YOU FOR CITY COUNCIL SERVICE?**

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# John Han - District 3 City Council Vacancy Appointment Application

## WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE ARCADIA CITY COUNCIL?

Mayor Cheng, Mayor Pro Tem Fu, Council Member Kwan, and Council Member Cao. My name is John Han and I appreciate this opportunity to present my case to fill the vacancy in District 3 of Arcadia.

I have been an Arcadia resident for the past 10 years. On a daily basis, I, along with my dog, walk the avenues and streets of Arcadia. From residential neighborhoods to commercial areas, I have always admired how accessible, welcoming, and thoughtfully designed our community is. These daily walks have given me an intimate understanding of our city's strengths and the areas where we can continue to improve.

Throughout the years, I have seen changes in demographics, businesses, neighborhoods, and the overall character of our beloved city. I have witnessed small businesses open their doors with hopes and determination. I have seen families move into and grow with the city as they set roots here. These transformations remind me that Arcadia is a vibrant community that requires thoughtful stewardship and engaged leadership.

Having worked and lived in numerous cities across the US, Asia, and Europe, my perspectives are as diverse as the residents here. Arcadia is where I chose to settle. Arcadia is where I chose to call home. I recognize something special here, a unique blend of suburban tranquility, cultural richness, excellence in education, and a genuine sense of neighborly connection that only exists in Arcadia.

Recent challenges have tested Arcadia's reputation. But we are resilient and determined to restore the public's trust.

My values are aligned with yours: to move forward with integrity, transparency, accountability, fairness, and empathy. I am committed to uphold the excellence our city council and employees, past and present, have built.

## WHAT MOST QUALIFIES YOU FOR CITY COUNCIL SERVICE?

Beyond shared values, my qualifications complement yours. I have extensive experience in investment management, finance/accounting, and management consulting.

In investment management, I managed portfolios in the hundreds of millions of dollars; making strategic allocation decisions and navigating complex market conditions to deliver consistent returns.

In finance/accounting, I conducted budgeting, forecasting, and audits for multi-billion dollar corporations; ensuring fiscal discipline and providing leadership with actionable financial insights.

In management consulting, I advised organizations on operational efficiency, strategic planning, and organizational restructuring; analyzing complex problems, identifying practical solutions, and implementing changes that deliver measurable results.

My academic foundation, degrees from INSEAD and Tsinghua University, two highly respected academic institutions in the world, is complemented by highly relevant professional credentials:

## **John Han - District 3 City Council Vacancy Appointment Application**

- Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) – Underscoring my expertise in investment analysis, portfolio management, and ethical standards in finance
- Project Management Professional (PMP) – Demonstrating my proficiency in leading projects, managing resources, and delivering results on time and within budget
- Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) – Providing me with expertise in information systems governance, security, and audit controls

These credentials require hundreds of hours of study, examination, professional development, and ongoing commitment to strict ethical standards emphasizing integrity, objectivity, and accountability.

In addition to my professional qualifications, I have dedicated my time to leadership roles that mirror the responsibilities of public service:

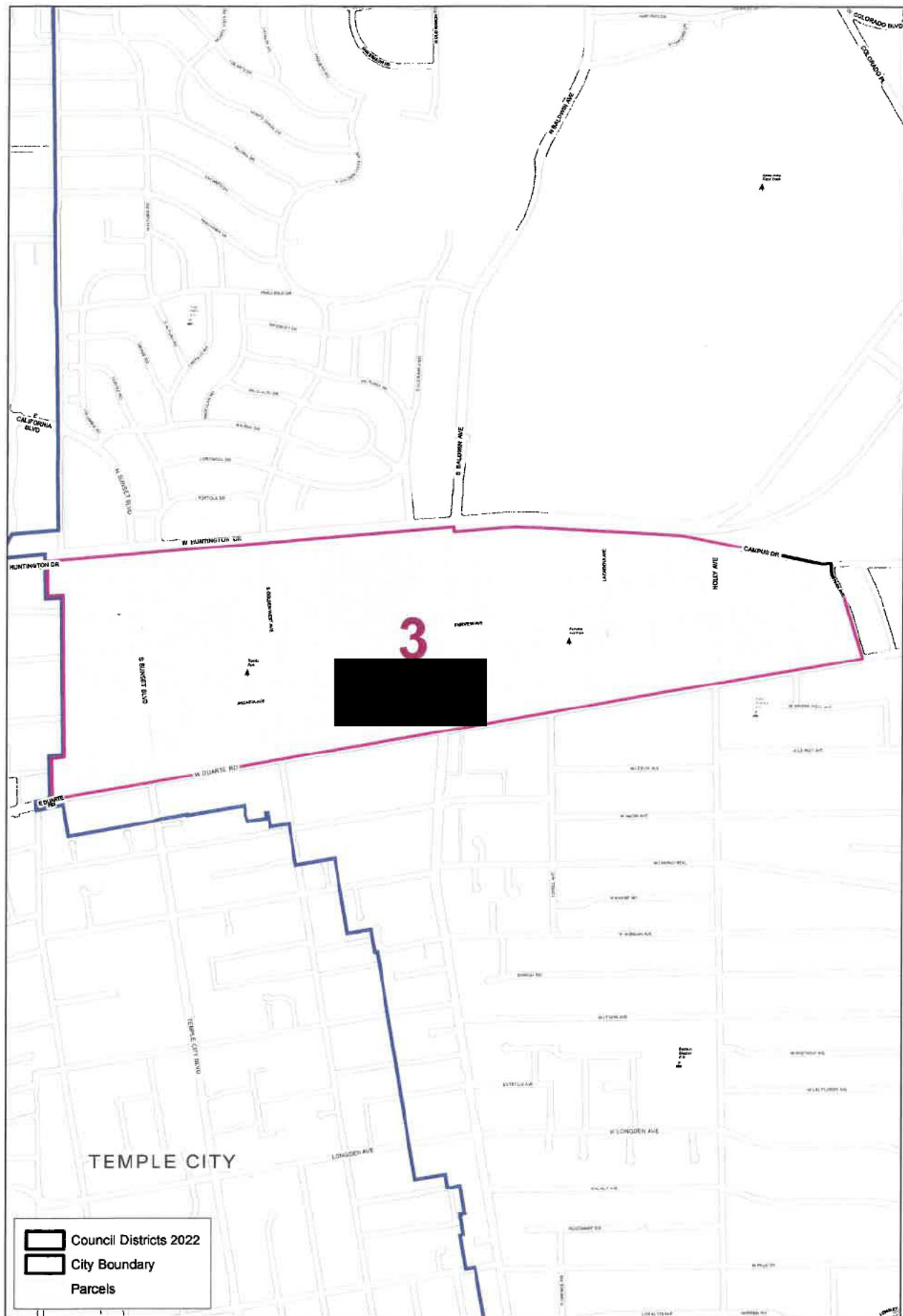
- President, Homeowners Association – Managing community affairs, mediating neighbor concerns, and overseeing budgets for shared spaces
- President, Alumni Association – Building networks, organizing events, and fostering connections among members
- Fintech Committee Member, CFA Society Los Angeles – Contributing to industry dialogue on artificial intelligence, emerging financial technologies, and quantitative strategies
- Chair, CMT Association Los Angeles – Organizing events in systematic investing, promoting ethical standards, and mentoring aspiring practitioners

These volunteer commitments have taught me the importance of listening to diverse stakeholders, building consensus, and serving others without expectation of recognition.

Similarly, I am not seeking this position for personal gain or political ambition. I am seeking it because I believe my skills, experience, and love for this community can make a meaningful difference for the residents of Arcadia. An opportunity to strengthen a place I call home.

I humbly ask for your consideration. Serving on the Arcadia City Council would be both an honor and a responsibility I take seriously. I want to keep Arcadia the kind of place where families set roots, businesses prosper, and a daily walk through our avenues and streets still feels like home.

Thank you.



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EMPLOYER \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATION Assistant Property Manager

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### WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE ARCADIA CITY COUNCIL?

I believe there is a distrust among some residents of Arcadia as a result of the recent resignation of Mayor Eileen Wang. I believe having some diversity on the City Council will be a good start to healing some of this distrust.

It saddens me that the reputation of his wonderful City has been tarnished by the actions of a few people. I would like to help bring Arcadia back to its full potential.

**WHAT MOST QUALIFIES YOU FOR CITY COUNCIL SERVICE?**

I have over 45 years experience in real estate; 27 years in title insurance; 8 years in civil engineering and 10 years as a real estate developer.

When I previously resided in Arcadia for several years, I was a volunteer at the Arcadia Library teaching conversational English classes. Unfortunately, the class was shut down during Covid.

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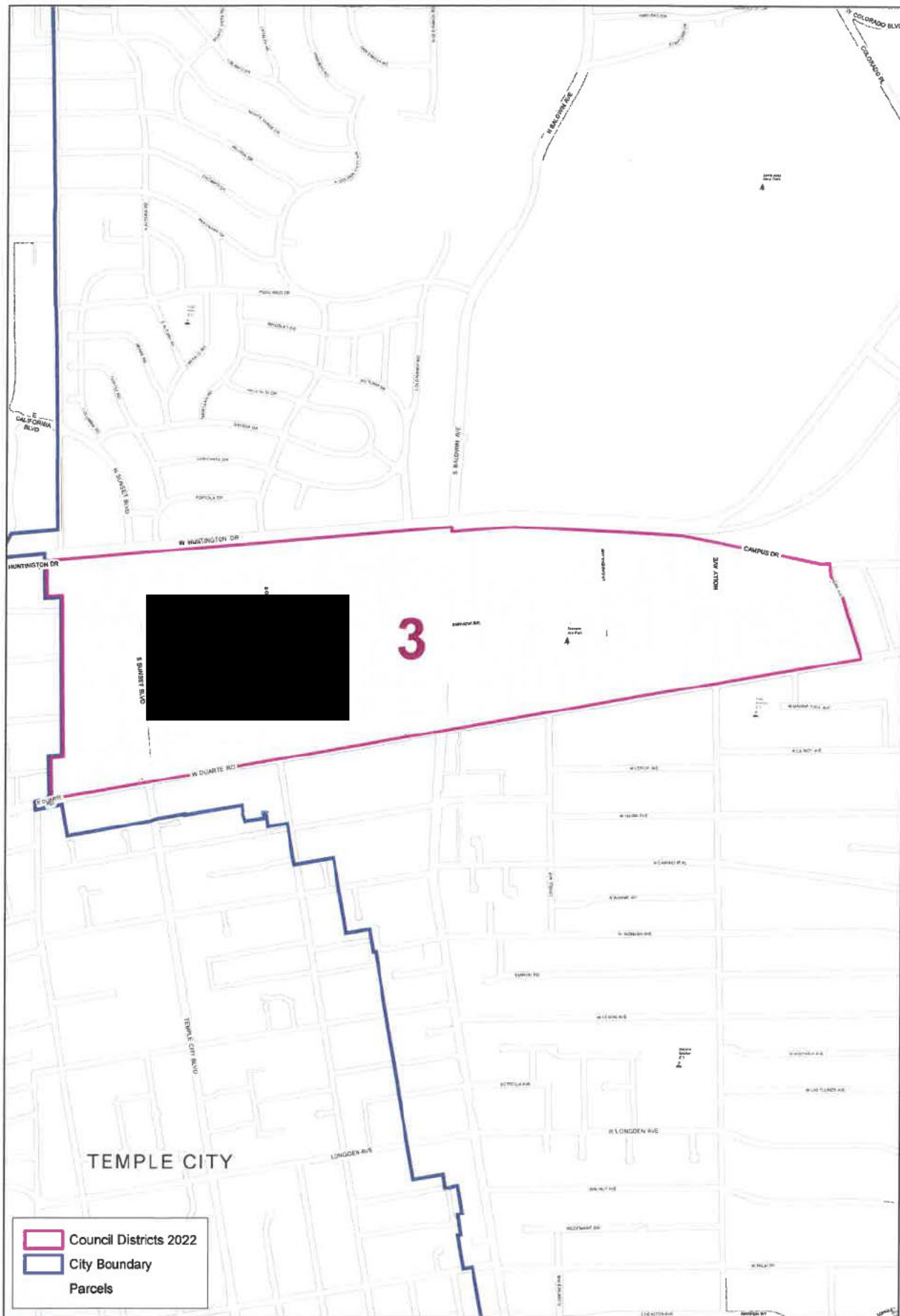
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City of Arcadia, California





# District 3 City Council Vacancy Appointment Application

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NAME Magallanes Eduardo DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]  
LAST FIRST

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS [REDACTED] Arcadia, CA 91007  
(Note: Cannot be a mailing address or PO Box)

I CERTIFY THAT I AM A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT THREE (3)  YES  NO

PHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] EMAIL ADDRESS [REDACTED]

EMPLOYER Sound Crete Contractors OCCUPATION Junior Project Engineer

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT? 4 Years ARE YOU AN ARCADIA REGISTERED VOTER?  YES  NO

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PLEASE ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW. YOU MAY USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS OF PAPER AS NECESSARY.

### WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE ARCADIA CITY COUNCIL?

I am interested in serving on the Arcadia City Council because the city council sorely lacks the diversity needed to represent district 3's diverse cultural and socio-economic needs. Given this opportunity and platform, I will give the underrepresented groups such as Hispanic and Latino communities, as well as lower income families, representation through my voice and actions. Giving underrepresented groups a platform gives them the respect that they deserve, as well as the opportunity to be heard and seen in Arcadia.

**WHAT MOST QUALIFIES YOU FOR CITY COUNCIL SERVICE?**

I believe what qualifies me for city council service is my educational and professional background. I earned my Bachelor's Degree of Arts in History with the teacher preparation option. Furthermore, I completed my student teaching at Griffith Steam Magnet Middle School, in East Los Angeles, which serves Hispanic, Latino, and low income families.

Through my student teaching program, I have learned and developed many practical skills that will translate efficiently for city council service such as socio-economic awareness. Socio-economic awareness will help the city of Arcadia's citizens by understanding how the different residents experience the city but also help create policies that serve all citizens.

All in all, I am the salt of the earth. I am an honest, kind, hardworking, and dependable person. I always go above and beyond to meet any expectation put forth on me. I have the patience and emotional understanding to understand people's needs and expectations. I can speak Spanish fluently and beginner Mandarin and Cantonese since I am married into a Chinese family.

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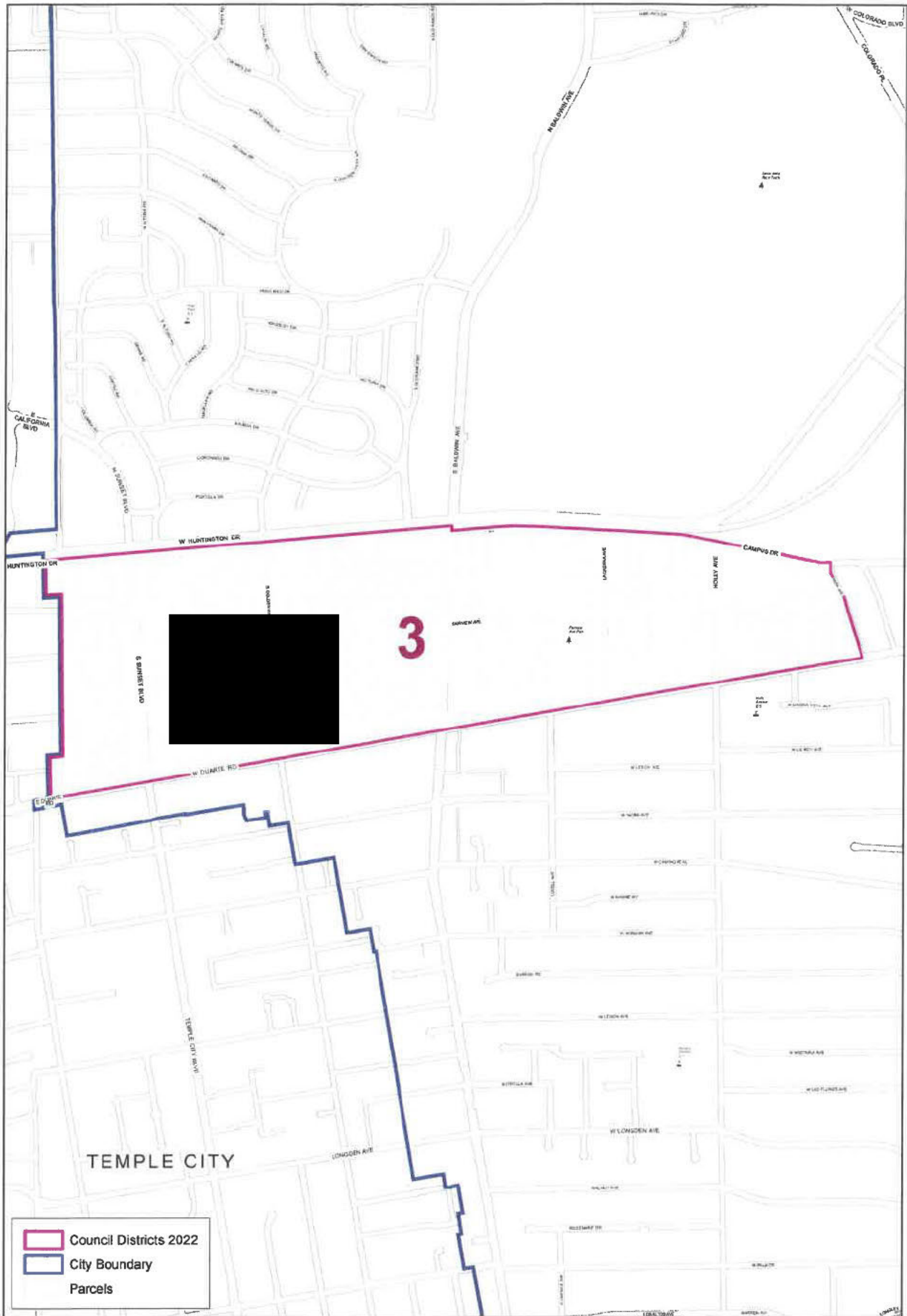


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PHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] EMAIL ADDRESS [REDACTED]

EMPLOYER JPL retiree OCCUPATION Senior Executive Administrator

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT? 20 + years ARE YOU AN ARCADIA REGISTERED VOTER?  YES  NO

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### WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE ARCADIA CITY COUNCIL?

My late husband and I moved to Arcadia to raise our family. As soon as my sons were of the age to participate in Arcadia sports my late husband enthusiastically volunteered as a coach for Arcadia American Little League and AYSO. Throughout his coaching years (he coached til his very end) we connected with so many wonderful families and I would like to show them my gratitude for all their support during a very difficult time.

My late husband passed away in 2006 from cancer. My family as I knew it changed forever. This is a fact that my family changed in a devastating way but on the other hand, the Arcadia community showed me the true meaning of neighbors and community.

Arcadia families, teachers, coaches, school nurses and so many more did not allow us to grieve alone.

I truly believe in being part of the solution. Complaining and sitting on the sidelines would be wasted energy.

With the above being said, I am interested in serving Arcadia City council, to represent my community and be a voice for neighbors who feel unheard or underrepresented.

With the current unfortunate findings regarding the recent Ex Mayor, I feel it is important that the community has assurances that the next District 3 city council representative will be accountable, transparent, fiscally responsible and responsive. My goal would be to regain our community's trust and improve relationships by bridging the gap with residents, businesses and city staff to solve problems collaboratively.

**WHAT MOST QUALIFIES YOU FOR CITY COUNCIL SERVICE?**

I have over a decade of experience as a Senior Executive Administrator at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. In this roll, I managed complex administrative operations in an environment that demands the highest levels of integrity, discretion and accountability. We operate under strict zero tolerance policy for any security or ethical breaches and I have upheld these standards through-out my career, both on and off site.

I am a dedicated public servant who loves my country and our city of Arcadia. The skills I've developed at JPL have prepared me to serve effectively on City Council. I am confident I can bring thoughtful leadership and create meaningful, lasting improvements for our residents.

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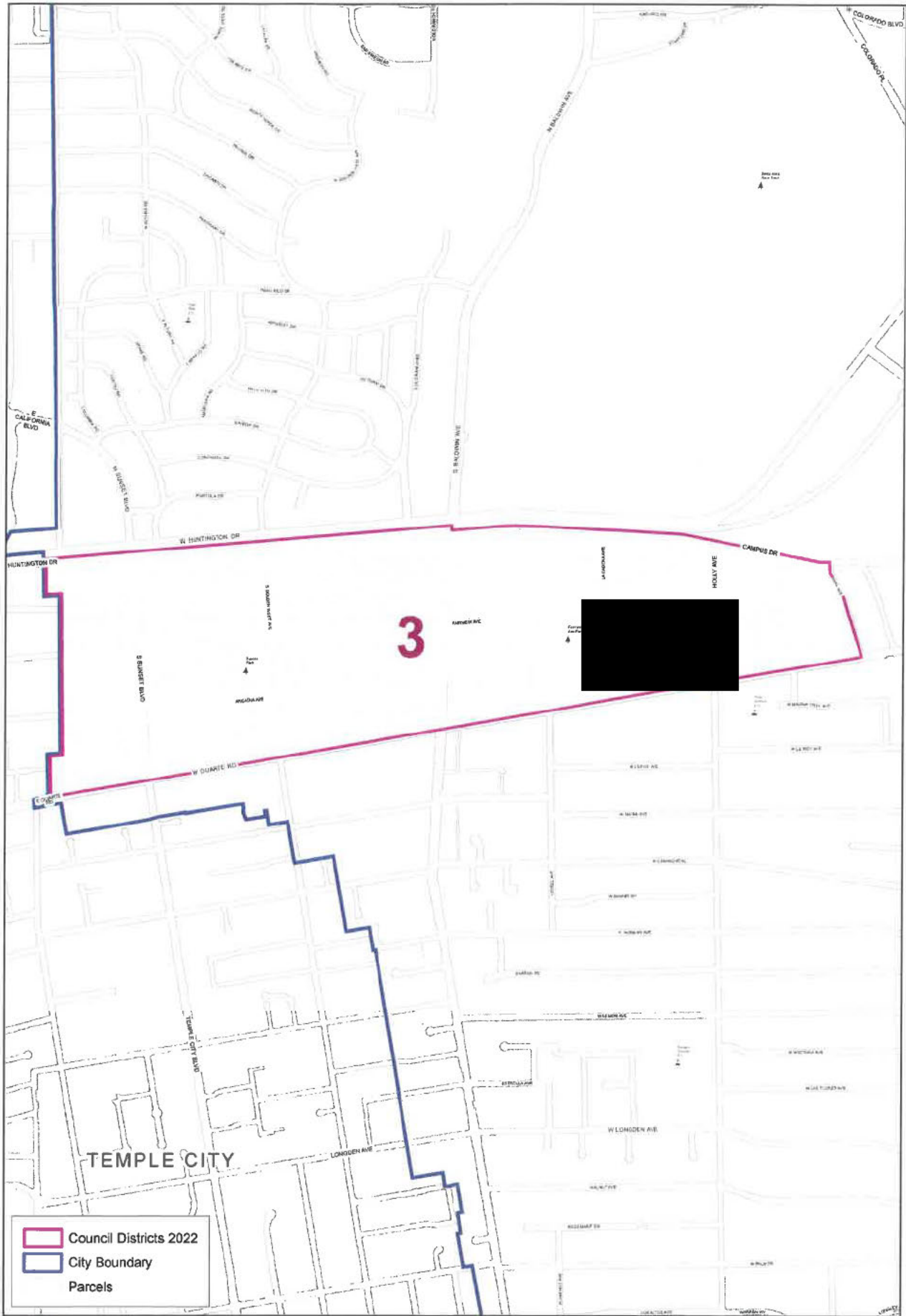
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PHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] EMAIL ADDRESS [REDACTED]

EMPLOYER Alhambra USD/Self OCCUPATION Educator, Screenwriter, Rental Property Owner

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT? 3 years ARE YOU AN ARCADIA REGISTERED VOTER?  YES  NO

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PLEASE ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW. YOU MAY USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS OF PAPER AS NECESSARY.

### WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE ARCADIA CITY COUNCIL?

I would like to serve on the Arcadia City Council because I care deeply about this community and believe my background would allow me to bring a practical, balanced perspective to the role.

I moved to Arcadia from Studio City because I wanted to give my son access to the opportunities that come with living in a community like this. He is now in college, but moving here was one of the best decisions I ever made. Over the years, I have become increasingly appreciative of how well Arcadia is run. It is a safe, beautiful city with great parks, thriving local businesses, and a strong sense of community.

My professional experiences have given me the opportunity to work with many different kinds of people and viewpoints. As a college professor and substitute teacher, I have learned the importance of listening, patience, and clear communication. As a screenwriter, I have built a career around understanding people, finding common ground, and solving problems creatively. As the owner of rental properties in Los Angeles, I have seen firsthand how important housing policy can be and how important it is to protect the interests of both renters and property owners.

I also think I bring a perspective that reflects many of the people who live in Arcadia. I live in a neighborhood with a mix of homeowners, condo owners and renters, and I understand that different residents often have different priorities and concerns. I would approach decisions with an open mind and a focus on what is best for the community as a whole.

One of the things I admire most about Arcadia is that it is already doing so many things right. My goal would not be to reinvent the city, but to help preserve what makes it special while looking for opportunities to make it even better. I would love to see continued investment in local businesses and thoughtful development in areas such as First Street, which I believe has tremendous potential.

Most of all, I see this as an opportunity to give back to a community that has been very good to me and my family. I would be honored to serve and to help ensure that Arcadia remains a place where people want to live, work, and raise their families.



**WHAT MOST QUALIFIES YOU FOR CITY COUNCIL SERVICE?**

I bring a combination of lived experience in Arcadia, professional experience in education and communication, and firsthand knowledge of housing and property management. I understand both the resident and property owner perspective, and I approach issues with a practical, solutions-oriented mindset.

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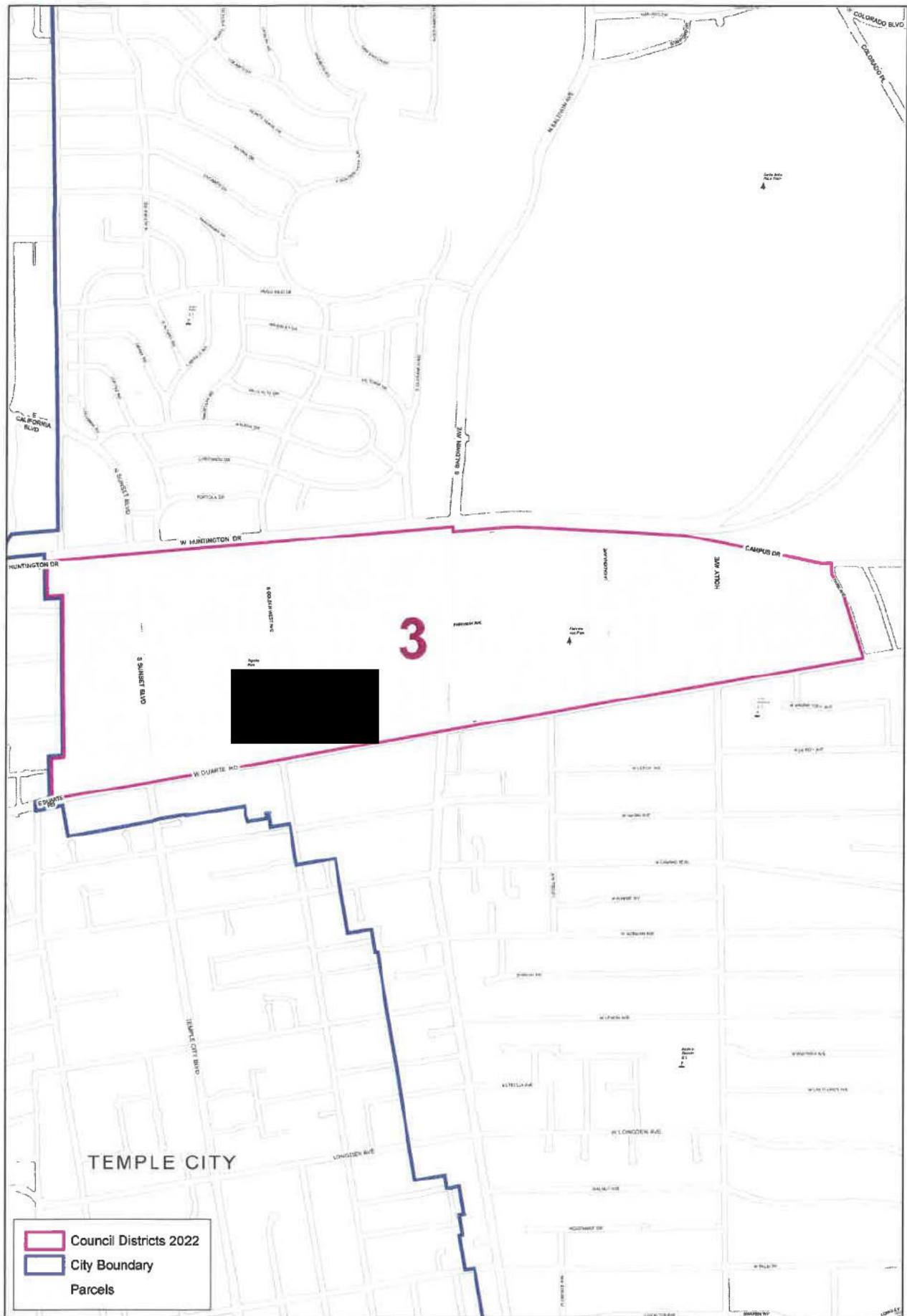


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PHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] EMAIL ADDRESS [REDACTED]

EMPLOYER State Fund OCCUPATION Senior Claims Adjuster

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT? 27+ years ARE YOU AN ARCADIA REGISTERED VOTER?  YES  NO

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**WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE ARCADIA CITY COUNCIL?**

I want to be a representative city council person for district 3.  
I am a long term resident living living at my current address for 28 years this July.  
I believe due to my long term residence in this area I can provide meaningful insight on the issues and needs of my community.  
I have previously run on 2 occasions for the position of City of Arcadia councilman as I wished to serve my community.

**WHAT MOST QUALIFIES YOU FOR CITY COUNCIL SERVICE?**

My almost 28 years of residency in Arcadia, all of which was in the current district 3.

I have been a State of California employee with State Fund as a claim adjuster for almost 24 years.

My position at State Fund is helping injured workers get the medical treatment they need to return to employment and get back to their preinjury lives.

My position requires me to deal with employers, providers, attorneys and the general public on a daily basis and ensure all legal requirements are followed to the letter.

I have no investments or personal ties with any business owner in the City of Arcadia so I would be able to act as an unbiased broker in any decision that I would be required to vote on.

In my 2 runs for the position of councilman for the city of Arcadia I did not accept one cent from any donor or assistance from any party. I did that so I would be able to represent everyone equally with no special interest owed to anyone other than the citizens of Arcadia.

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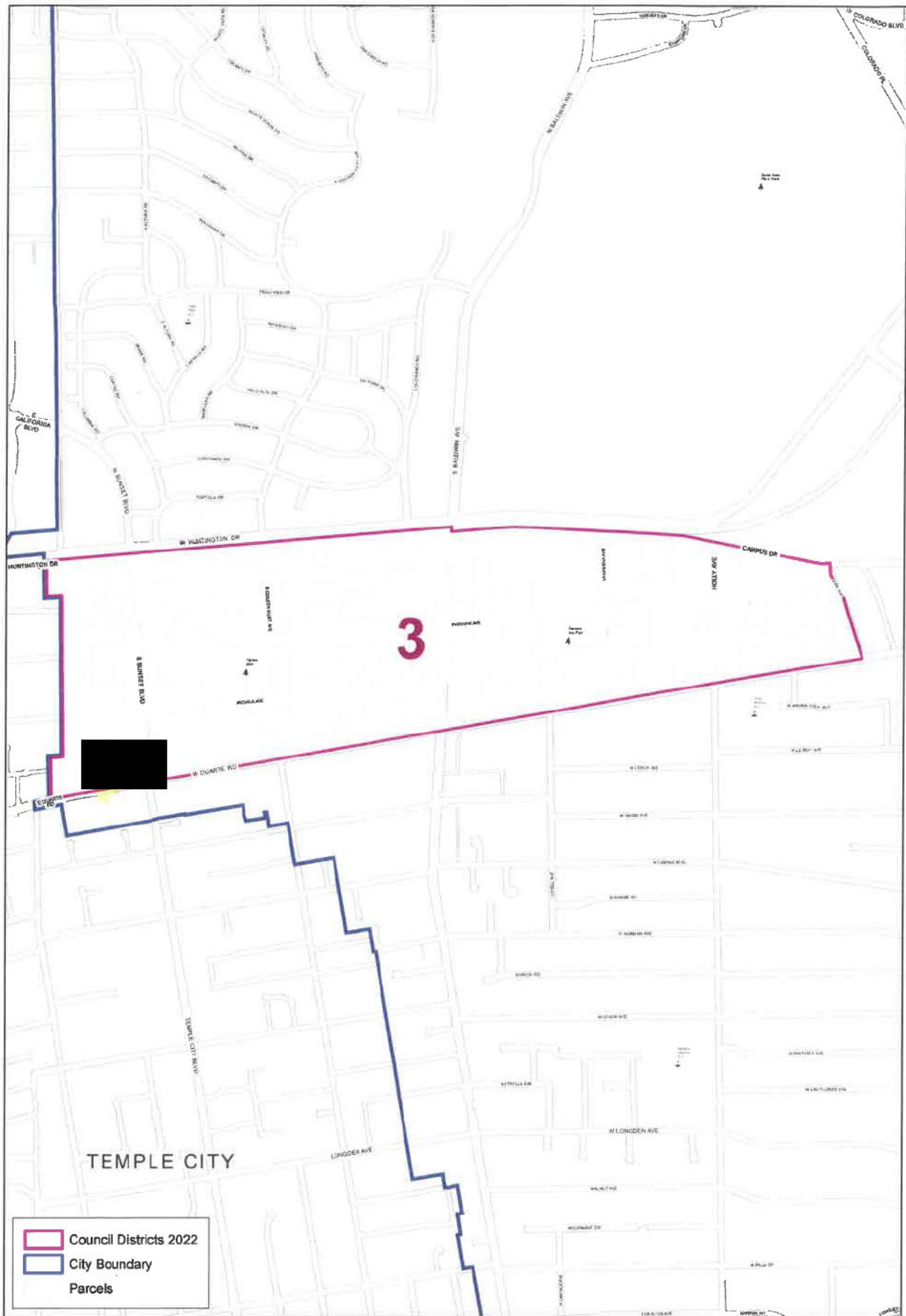
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PHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] EMAIL ADDRESS [REDACTED]

EMPLOYER BANK OF AMERICA OCCUPATION VP; SALES

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT? 47 ARE YOU AN ARCADIA REGISTERED VOTER?  YES  NO

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WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE ARCADIA CITY COUNCIL?

BORN AND RAISED IN ARCADIA, I HAVE PROUDLY CALLED THIS COMMUNITY HOME FOR 47 YEARS. ARCADIA IS WHERE I WAS RAISED, WHERE I BUILT LIFELONG RELATIONSHIPS, AND WHERE I CHOSE TO RAISE MY FAMILY. I'M RUNNING FOR CITY COUNCIL BECAUSE I CARE DEEPLY ABOUT PRESERVING THE CHARACTER, SAFETY, AND SENCE OF COMMUNITY THAT MAKE ARCADIA SPECIAL. I WANT TO SERVE WITH INTEGRITY, LISTEN TO RESIDENTS, AND HELP ENSURE OUR CITY CONTINUES TO THRIVE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS WHILE HONORING THE VALUES THAT HAVE SHAPED IT FOR DECADES.

**WHAT MOST QUALIFIES YOU FOR CITY COUNCIL SERVICE?**

WHAT QUALIFIES ME TO SERVE ON CITY COUNCIL IS MY LIFE LONG COMMITMENT TO THE ARCADIA COMMUNITY. HAVING LIVED IN ARCADIA FOR 47 YEARS, I UNDERSTAND THE NEEDS, VALUES, AND CONCERNS OF RESIDENTS BECAUSE I'VE EXPERIENCED THEM FIRST HAND. I'VE BUILT STRONG RELATIONSHIPS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY, RAISED MY FAMILY HERE, AND REMAINED DEEPLY INVESTED IN THE CITY'S FUTURE. IN ADDITION, MY SERVICE ON THE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION HAS GIVEN ME VALUABLE EXPERIENCE WORKING COLLABORATIVELY TO HELP PRESERVE AND ENHANCE THE PRIDE AND CHARACTER OF OUR CITY. MY DEEP ROOTS, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, AND PASSION FOR LISTENING TO RESIDENTS AND BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER GIVE ME THE PERSPECTIVE AND DEDICATION NEEDED TO SERVE ARCADIA THOUGHTFULLY AND EFFECTIVELY.

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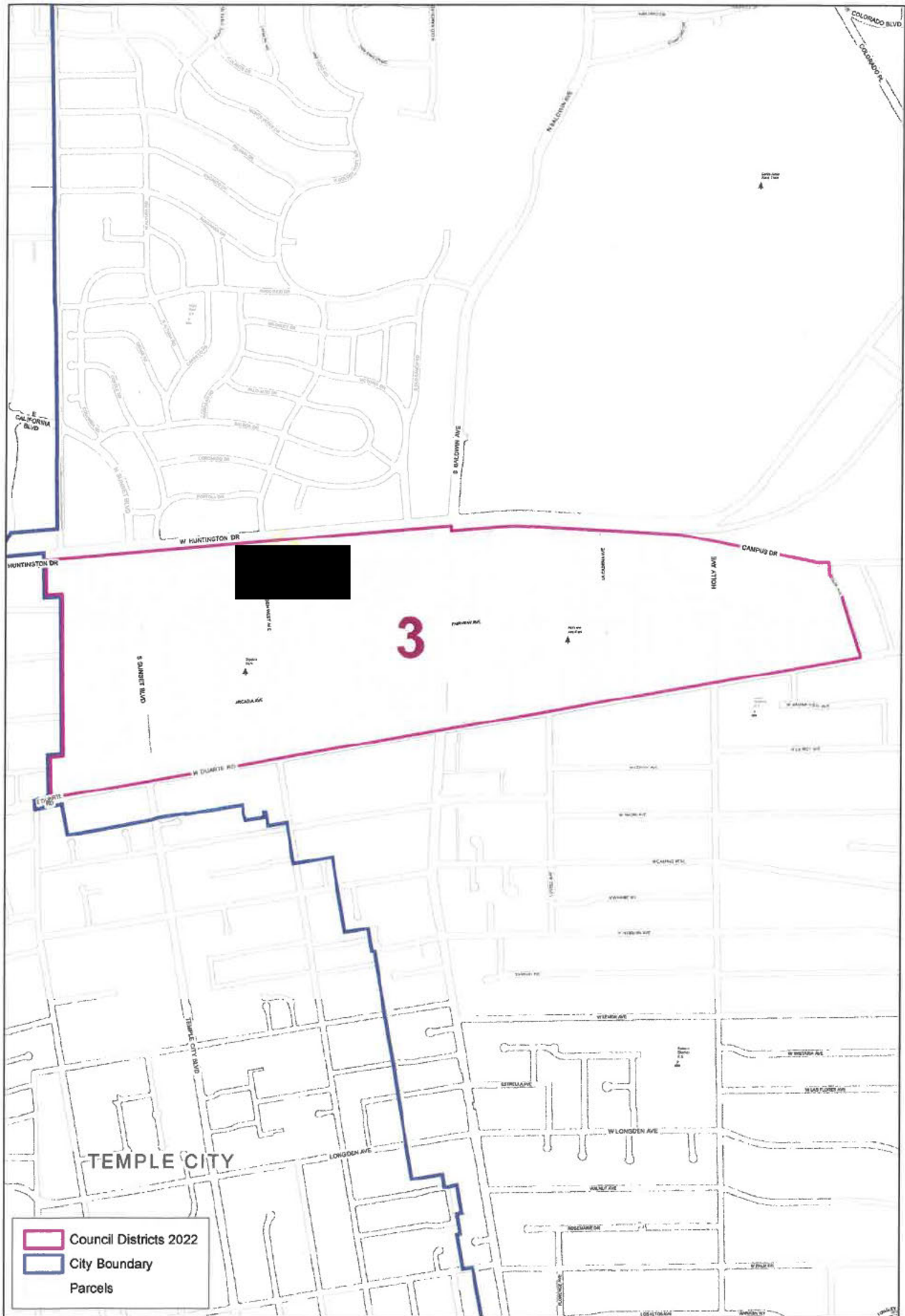
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EMPLOYER NBC Universal OCCUPATION Sr. Multimedia Manager

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT? 36 years ARE YOU AN ARCADIA REGISTERED VOTER?  YES  NO

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### WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE ARCADIA CITY COUNCIL?

1. I have been a resident of Arcadia since 1990. My wife has been a resident of Arcadia since 1986. We are both proud products of the Arcadia school system and now our daughter has attended the same schools we have attended and is currently a sophomore at Arcadia High School. I understand the changes the school system has gone through over the decades of being a student and parent of a student.
2. During the last election, I considered running for this seat to represent District 3. I didn't feel confident with my lack of city council experience to effectively do the job. But, as we gathered from the previous council member's history, I realized I have nothing to fear since I am open and sincerely want to put my neighbors' needs and wants at the forefront of my agenda as their needs and wants are tightly intertwined with mine.
3. I have seen the drastic changes Arcadia has gone through. From losing long standing businesses like Coco's to gaining fantastic businesses like Din Tai Fung, I have seen demographic changes and embrace these changes with open arms. I am not one to stand in the way of progress and can envision Arcadia as a leading example of how a city can be run rather than be hindered by fearing change.
4. The house I grew up in (1600 Highland Oaks Dr.) is no longer standing. In its place is a new construction. Across the street, I have seen that house being built when I was 10 and 11 years of age. All this is to say, I have first hand experience of the intricate development projects and concerns this city and its residents have had over the decades. Having institutional knowledge of what made Arcadia an amazing city, I would like to honor our past but have eyes towards the future. There is a fine balance to doing this and there is a way to find that balance. I would like to have a voice at the table from someone who has seen all of these changes.

**WHAT MOST QUALIFIES YOU FOR CITY COUNCIL SERVICE?**

- 1. Through my 23-year career at NBC Universal, I am consistently called upon to deal with many production companies, many NDAs, and many sensitive information including high priority budgets, both instituting them and operating within them, to make my department profitable as a Senior Multimedia Manager for our online streaming businesses (bravotv.com, social media presence, and Peacock). My experience with this readily translates to city budgets, sensitive city business information, and social media presence.
- 2. Transparency is a critical part of my job. I must report any issues to HR if needed as a manager of staff. I must also answer to our Finance and Business Affairs departments if budgets and legal matters arise under my purview. Accountability and openness in communication is vital part of my job and this, I feel, is a indispensable part of being a council member.
- 3. Being a resident of District 3 for 10 years now, I have a unique understanding of what members of this district want and need. For example, being a longtime resident of District 3, I have been told by multiple independent persons, they wish Dial-a-Ride could operate longer hours so that senior residents can participate in community events past 7pm on weekends. This is only one example but I have more. This specific, intimate knowledge can only be gained by truly listening to neighbors and caring about their desires to be more involved with our community.
- 4. Arcadia has always been my home and my wife's home. Now, I am pleased and very proud to say District 3 is not only our home but our daughter's as well. I am very eager and see this district thrive since I have so much at stake as a potential council member.
- 5. I am been a continued part of the community since graduating from Arcadia High School. From volunteering to run track and field events for the Arcadia Invitational to volunteering for the Arcadia Parks Foundation and being a referee for years for Arcadia's AYSO Region 2, I have a deep personal bond with parents and community members within the city.

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**STATE LAW AND THE CITY CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS TO FILE A STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS (FORM 700) ANNUALLY AS WELL AS RELATED FORMS WHEN ASSUMING AND LEAVING OFFICE (e.g. sources of income, loans, gifts, investments, interest in real property as required by state law).**

**DO YOU AGREE TO FILE ALL REQUIRED FORMS IN A TIMELY MANNER AS REQUIRED BY THE CITY'S FILING OFFICIAL?**

YES  NO

**Email Your Completed Application To:**

[CityClerk@ArcadiaCA.gov](mailto:CityClerk@ArcadiaCA.gov)

**Questions? Please contact us at (626) 574-5455**

**REMINDER: THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION IS FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026, BY 11:59 P.M.**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.**

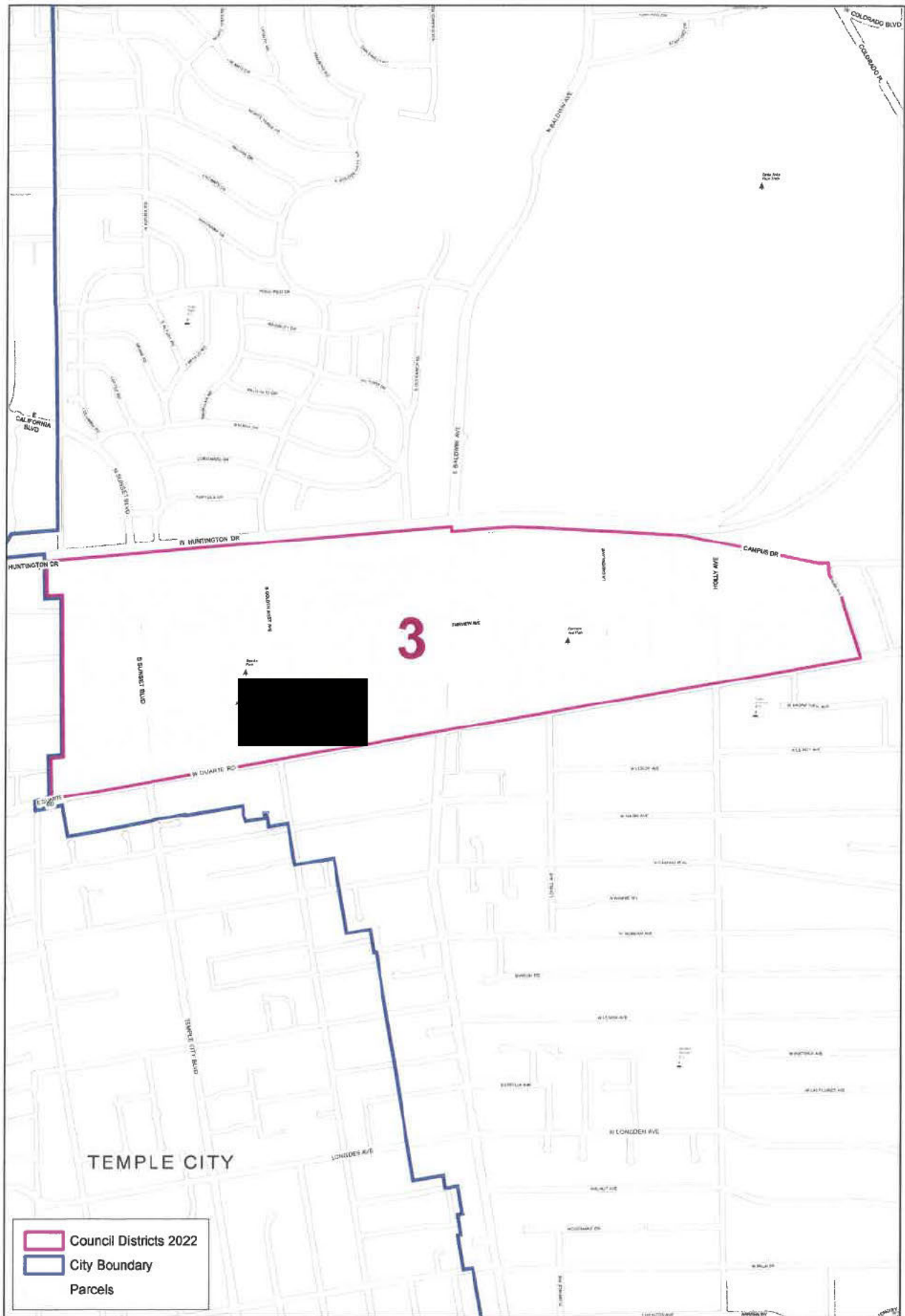


SIGNATURE

05/21/2026

DATE

**NOTE: The City of Arcadia reserves the right to use the information provided on this application to verify your residential address and voter registration status. The information provided on this application is for internal use only and confidential information will not be released to the public.**



# Council District 3

City of Arcadia, California