



MIDTERM VACANCY APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT — STATEMENT OF INTEREST AND QUALIFICATIONS.

Please note that the information in this packet may be available to the public in accordance with Utah State Code 63G-2-301 and 63G-2-201.

Edward

FIRST NAME

MIDDLE NAME

Castro Bennett

LAST NAME

for the White City office of Seat D At-large Council Member for the remainder of the four (4) year term.

State of Utah
County of Salt Lake

} ss.

I, Edward Castro Bennett, being first sworn and under penalty of perjury, say that I reside at 9867 South Amber Ln, city of White City, county of Salt Lake, state of Utah, Zip Code 84094, Phone Number 385-225-5790; that I am a registered voter; and that I am an applicant for the office of Seat D At-Large Council Member. I will meet the legal qualifications required of applicants for this office. If I submit my name for consideration through a designated agent, I attest that I am unable to appear in person during the submission window established in the vacancy notice. I will file the campaign finance statement required by Utah Code § 10-3-208(6) no later than three business days before the meeting at which the Council interviews applicants for appointment, and I understand that failure to do so may result in my disqualification from consideration for appointment to this office.

edward.castrobennett@gmail.com

Email Address

(one that is closely monitored)

Signature of Applicant

(must be signed in the presence of the filing officer)

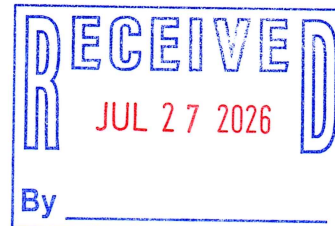
Subscribed and sworn to before

Deanne Bean
(Filing Officer/Recorder)

on this

7/27/26
(month/day/year)

White City



QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPLICANT FILING DECLARATION

Please initial:

☒ The filing officer read the constitutional and statutory qualifications as listed below to me, and I meet those qualifications.

☒ I am a United States citizen

☒ I am a registered voter of White City

☒ I have resided in White City for 12 consecutive months immediately before the date of the appointment.

☒ I understand that an individual who holds a municipal elected office may not, at the same time, hold a county elected office.

☒ I agree to file all campaign financial disclosure reports, and I understand that failure to do so may result in my disqualification as an applicant for this office, possible fines and/or criminal penalties, including removal of my name from the ballot.

☒ I have complied with the conflict of interest disclosure requirements as required in 10-3-301.5.

☒ I provided a valid email, or physical address if no email is available, and I understand this will be used for official communications and updates.

☒ I understand I will receive all financial disclosure notices by email.

☒ I understand my name will appear on any ballot as it is printed on this declaration of candidacy.

Dorian Bean

Signature of Filing Officer

7/27/26

Date

QUALIFICATIONS

MUNICIPAL APPLICANT

Utah Code §10-3-301

Utah Code §20A-9-203

- Registered voter in the municipality in which the individual is *appointed*.
- Must have resided within the municipality for which the applicant is seeking office for the 12 consecutive months immediately before the date of the *appointment*.
- Maintain a principal place of residence within the municipality, and within the district that the *appointed* officer represents, during the officer's term of office.
- If the individual resides in a territory which was annexed into the municipality: must have resided within the annexed territory or the municipality the 12 consecutive months immediately before the date of the *appointment*.
- Pay filing fee, if one is required by municipal ordinance.
- Not convicted of a felony, treason, crime, or offense relating to elections.* **
- Cannot have been declared mentally incompetent .

**Utah Code §20A-2-101.3 states: A person convicted of a misdemeanor loses the right to hold office until (1) all misdemeanor convictions have been expunged, OR (2) five years have passed since the most recent misdemeanor conviction AND the person has paid all court-ordered restitution and fines AND the person has completed probation, or completed the term of incarceration associated with the misdemeanor.*

*** Utah Code §20A-2-101.5 states: A person convicted of a felony loses the right to hold office until (1) all felony convictions have been expunged, OR (2) ten years have passed since the most recent felony conviction AND the person has paid all court-ordered restitution and fines AND the person has completed probation, been granted parole, or completed the term of incarceration associated with the felony.*

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

UNDER THE MUNICIPAL OFFICERS' AND EMPLOYEES' ETHICS ACT

(Utah Code Annotated Section 10-3-1313, 20A-11-1604(6)), and 10-3-301.5

City/Town: White City, Utah

☐ Mayor ☒ City Council

Regulated Officeholder/Candidate (Print Name) _____

☐ Applicant for Office

1. The name and address of each current employer and each employer during the preceding year including a brief description of the employment, occupation, and job title.

Current Employer(s):

Employer Name	Self Employed	Occupation	Consultant
Employer Address	9867 S Amber Ln, 84094	Job Title	
Brief Description	I am a self employed business / strategy consultant.		
Employer Name		Occupation	
Employer Address		Job Title	
Brief Description			

Preceding Year Employer(s):

Employer Name	City of Green River, Utah	Occupation	Administration
Employer Address	460 Main St, Green River, 84525	Job Title	City Manager
Brief Description	Chief Administrative Officer of the City		
Employer Name		Occupation	
Employer Address		Job Title	
Brief Description			

2. The name of the entity in which the regulated officeholder/candidate is or was an owner or officer during the current or preceding year including a brief description of the type of business or activity conducted by the entity and position.

☐ Check if not applicable

Entity Name (current)	Noa Murphy Enterprises	Position	Owner
Brief Description	Business / Strategy Consulting Firm		
Entity Name (preceding year)		Position	
Brief Description			

3. The name of each individual or entity, including a brief description of the type of business or activity, from which the regulated officeholder/candidate has received \$5,000 or more in income during preceding year.

☐ Check if not applicable

Individual/Entity Name	Noa Murphy Enterprises
Brief Description	Consulting
Individual/Entity Name	
Brief Description	

4. The name and brief description of each entity in which the regulated officeholder/candidate holds any stocks or bonds having a fair market value of \$5,000 or more as of the date of this disclosure statement or during the preceding year (excluding funds managed by a third party, including blind trusts, managed investment accounts, and mutual funds).

☒ Check if not applicable

Entity Name	
Brief Description	
Entity Name	
Brief Description	

5. The name of each entity or organization not listed above in which the regulated officeholder/candidate currently serves, or served in the preceding year, in a paid leadership capacity or in a paid or unpaid position on a board of directors including a brief description of the business or activity and position held.

☒ Check if not applicable

Entity Name		Position	
Brief Description			
Employer Name		Position	
Brief Description			

6. (Optional): Description of any real property in which the regulated officeholder/candidate holds an ownership or other financial interest that the regulated officeholder/candidate believes may constitute a conflict of interest including a description of the type of interest.

☒ Check if not applicable

Real Property	
Type of Interest	
Real Property	
Type of Interest	

7. The name of the regulated officeholder/candidate's spouse and the name and address of each current and preceding year employer if the regulated officeholder/candidate believes the employment may constitute a conflict of interest.

☐ Check if not applicable

Spouse	Silvia Castro Bennett
Employer (current)	Suazo Business Center
Employer (preceding year)	

8. The name of any other adult residing in the regulated officeholder/candidate's household who is **not** related by blood, including a brief description of their employment or occupation if the regulated officeholder/candidate believes the adult's presence may constitute a conflict of interest.

☒ Check if not applicable

Other Adult	
Employment description OR Occupation	
Other Adult	
Employment description OR Occupation	

9. (Optional) A description of any other matter or interest that the regulated officeholder/candidate believes may constitute a conflict of interest.

☒ Check if not applicable

Check if applicable:

- ☐ 2026 Conflict of Interest Form already on file with City Recorder/Town Clerk
- ☐ Under UCA 20A-11-1604(7)(a), I claim that I am an at-risk government employee as defined in UCA 63G-2-303(1)(a) and that my employment under Item 1 be redacted.
- ☐ Under UCA 20A-11-1604(7)(a), I claim that my spouse is an at-risk government employee as defined in UCA 63G-2-303(1)(a) and that my spouse's employment under Item 7 be redacted.

I, the regulated officeholder/candidate, believe the information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Date: July 27, 2026



Regulated Officeholder/Candidate Signature

Privacy Notice:

- The personal data collected in this form will be available to the public under 63G-2-301.
- Any personal data redacted in accordance with 20A-11-1604(7)(a) is not considered a public record under 63G-2-301. This data will be used for administrative purposes and will not be displayed to the public. This information is required under 20A-11-1604. Violation of this section may result in a class B misdemeanor and a \$100 fine. The information, unless specified, will be publicly available on the disclosures and possibly other election-related websites. Personal data collected on the website will not be sold. The personal data will be included in the record series GRS 1911.



White City
Mid-Term Vacancy
Campaign Finance Statement
Report of Contributions and Expenditures
(Utah Code Section 10-3-208)

Type of Report

X **Seat D (At-Large) Mid-Term Vacancy - DUE July 31, 2026 by 4:30 p.m.**

Report Verification

I, Edward Castro Bennett,
Print Name of Candidate

affirm that this Report of Contributions and Expenditures is true, accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ Date July 27, 2027

Address 9867 South Amber Lane, White City, UT 84094

Email edward.castrobennett@gmail.com Phone Number 385-225-5790

Office Seeking: Seat D (At-Large) Mid-Term Vacancy 2026

To File this Form

Mail, email or deliver to:
Diana Baun
Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District
Municipal Clerk/Recorder
860 W. Levoy Dr., Ste. 300
Taylorsville, UT 84123
dbaun@msd.utah.gov
For More Information
Contact the Recorder's Office
(385) 377-9466

For Office Use Only

Time Received _____

Summary Page

(Complete this page after filling out Schedules A, B & C)

	Total for Mid-Term Vacancy
Balance at Beginning of Reporting Period:	\$ 0.00 569.10
+	
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 0.00
=	TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS \$ <u> </u>
-	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ <u> </u>
Balance at Close of Reporting Period:	\$ <u> </u> 569.10

If you have EVER run for elected office in the State of Utah, please check your last Campaign Finance Report to see if you had a balance (extra money you didn't spend) to carry over and declare here.

Attach Schedule C

In the event a candidate has no remaining funds (\$0 balance) from previous campaigns, or has never run for an elected office in the State of Utah, a financial statement which states that must still be filed.

Please attach additional pages with itemized contributions/expenditures.

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385-225-5790

Professional Summary

Municipal executive, economic development leader, and public administrator with more than twenty-five years of experience helping organizations and communities make sound decisions, manage public resources, build partnerships, and move complex work into practice. Experienced in advising elected officials, preparing policy analysis, managing budgets and operations, coordinating public engagement, supervising staff, and aligning council direction with administrative implementation.

Core Competencies

Legislative Support and Governance | Policy Development and Legislative Research | Public Administration | Municipal Finance and Budgeting | Open Meetings and Public Transparency | GRAMA Awareness | Public Engagement | Agenda and Meeting Preparation | Land Use, Housing, Transportation, and Infrastructure | Strategic Planning | Intergovernmental Relations | Staff Supervision and Performance Management | Clear Public Communication

Professional Experience

Noa Murphy Enterprises | Social Entrepreneur and Organizational Consultant | 2010–Present

- Advise nonprofit organizations, small businesses, public agencies, and community-based partners on strategy, organizational development, partnership building, public communication, and practical implementation.
- Help leaders clarify organizational priorities, identify operational barriers, and turn broad goals into workable plans, timelines, responsibilities, and public-facing deliverables.
- Support cross-sector collaboration among government, nonprofit, education, business, and community stakeholders, with an emphasis on trust-building, clear communication, and shared problem solving.
- Prepare written materials including strategic narratives, public communications, grant-related language, organizational summaries, policy-adjacent documents, and briefing materials for decision-makers and community partners.
- Provide practical guidance on governance, board engagement, stakeholder relationships, program development, and organizational positioning.
- Assist organizations in moving from concept to execution by helping define scope, organize work, communicate priorities, and maintain momentum through completion.

City of Green River, Utah | City Manager and Economic Development Director | 2024–2026

- Serve as chief administrative officer and principal advisor to the Mayor and City Council on policy, budgeting, operations, infrastructure, land use, economic development, grants, and long-term strategic priorities.
- Prepare and present council items, staff recommendations, public updates, grant materials, policy memoranda, and administrative briefings on complex municipal issues.
- Coordinate department work, public engagement, agenda preparation, legal compliance, regional partnerships, and implementation of City Council direction.
- Lead initiatives involving downtown revitalization, Brownfields, housing, utility planning, transportation projects, airport management, code enforcement, and grant-funded infrastructure improvements.
- Helped secure the first EDCUtah-supported project in Emery County, resulting in more than \$9 million in projected private investment and approximately 15 skilled jobs.
- Represent the City with state agencies, legislators, developers, neighboring jurisdictions, regional boards, and private-sector partners
- Convene partnerships among state agencies, federal agencies, legislators, regional governments, and private industry.
- Represent the City on the Economic Development District Board of the Southeastern Utah Association of Governments.

Suazo Business Center | Director of Business Development | 2018–2024

- Built statewide partnerships with educational institutions, corporations, foundations, state agencies, elected officials, and Utah's congressional delegation.
- Helped grow the organization from a \$400,000 budget operating in the red to a \$1.5 million budget operating in the black.
- Expanded services into Ogden and St. George and strengthened northern Utah partnerships.
- Worked closely with Weber State University and Ogden-Weber Technical College.
- Organized one of the Utah Inland Port Authority's earliest community engagement roundtables.
- Led fundraising, partnership development, public communication, and strategic growth efforts serving entrepreneurs and communities across the state.

QC Global | Vice President of Business Development | 2009–2012

- Directed business development and compliance operations for a national mortgage compliance company.

Education and Student Development Roles | Academic Advisor, Teacher, Behavioral Specialist, and Instructor | 1995–2008

- Served students and families in higher education, public schools, and treatment settings in Utah and Idaho.
- Held roles with Westminster College, Granite School District, Oakley School, Idaho Youth Ranch, Woodland Hills School, and ITT Technical Institute.

Education

Master of Business Administration (MBA)

Western Governors University

Bachelor of Science in Economics; Minors in Political Science and Psychology

Westminster College of Salt Lake City

Credentials and Leadership

Certificate Holder

Certified Workforce Development Professional (CWDP)

Board Member

Friends of the John Wesley Powell River History Museum Board

October 2025 to Present

Member, Utah Advisory Committee

U.S. Global Leadership Coalition (USGLC)

July 2025 to Present

Board Member, Southeastern Utah Economic Development District

South Eastern Regional Development Agency (SERDA)

March 2025 to Present

Member, Carbon/Emery Regional Opportunity Council

Utah Governor's Office of Planning and Budget

2025 to Present

Member, Advisory Committee

Utah Local Governments Trust

October 2024 to Present

Selected Partnerships

- **Weber State University**
- **Ogden-Weber Technical College**
- **Utah State University**
- **Governor's Office of Economic Development**
- **Utah Inland Port Authority**
- **EDCUtah**
- **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**
- **U.S. Department of Agriculture**
- **Southeastern Regional Development Agency AOG**
- **Wasatch Front Regional Council AOG**

July 27, 2026

White City Council
999 E. Galena Drive
White City, UT 84094

Dear Members of the White City Council,

Please accept this letter as my expression of interest in being appointed to the vacant White City Council Seat D.

I am seeking this appointment because I believe public service is one of the highest responsibilities a person can accept. Local government has the greatest opportunity to improve people's daily lives, and those entrusted with that responsibility should lead with humility, transparency, and a genuine commitment to serving their neighbors. Public trust is difficult to earn and easy to lose. Every decision, whether large or small, should strengthen that trust through honesty, consistency, and accountability.

Serving as a city manager has reinforced something I have long believed: good government is built on trust. That trust is earned through honest communication, openness in decision making, fiscal responsibility, and treating every resident with dignity and respect. It also requires elected officials who are willing to ask thoughtful questions, consider differing viewpoints, and make decisions based on facts, the law, and what is in the community's long-term best interest. Over the course of my career, I have worked alongside many city councils, county commissions, regional organizations, state agencies, members of the Utah Legislature, and federal partners. Those experiences have given me an appreciation for the importance of collaboration and have reinforced my belief that effective government depends on trust.

I believe healthy councils build healthy communities. Effective governing bodies respect one another, value the expertise of their staff, welcome civil disagreement, and recognize that different perspectives often lead to better decisions. Transparency is not simply about complying with Utah's open meeting laws. It is about creating confidence that decisions are made fairly, thoughtfully, and as openly as possible. Residents deserve leaders who are willing to explain their reasoning, own their decisions, and remain accessible to the people they serve.

White City has been my home, and I care deeply about its future. If appointed, I will approach this role with preparation, humility, and a willingness to listen. I will work collaboratively with my fellow council members, support city staff in carrying out the Council's direction, and always strive to place the long-term interests of the community above my own.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would be honored to serve the residents of White City and would welcome the opportunity to discuss my qualifications with you.

Respectfully,

Edward Castro Bennett, MBA

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'E. Castro Bennett', written over the printed name.