



Self-Nomination Form for the Board of Directors
Vashon-Maury Community Council
November 30, 2024

The Vashon Community Council boasts many accomplishments. We've boosted quality of life on the island through steady cooperation with government and non-profit organizations. You and yours likely enjoy regular community-wide benefits in housing, transportation, safety, parks, library, garbage, fresh water and more that bear our touch. We're all-volunteer. We need help. Is it your turn to step up?

Can you keep a cool head through complex community issues? Listen fully and respectfully to varying priorities and points of view possibly different from your own? Do you love living on Vashon? Yes, yes and yes? Please consider bringing your intelligence and commitment to island wellbeing to round out our hard-working Board of Directors.

Whatever your age, 18-88+, a 2-year position on the Board of the Vashon-Maury Community Council (V-MCC) will inform and extend your reach on the island. If selected, you will learn a lot and play a key role in helping to address issues affecting this very special place.

Prerequisite: Become a voting member of the Vashon-Maury Community Council. If you are unsure whether you are a voting member, please contact past board member Debby Jackson at active.deb.vash@gmail.com

Term of Office: The term of office is 2 years, from the first of December 2024 through the end of November, 2026. Any board members joining after December 1, 2024 will be expected to complete the term through November, 2026.

Meetings: V-MCC board members participate in board meetings and the council members meetings. Board members also often lead and/or participate in committee meetings.

During the board meetings, board members discuss future meetings, special events, report on their community sectors and finalize the agenda for the next community council meeting. Board meetings are open to the public, but generally consist of board members and committee chairs. Only board members vote at board meetings.

Board Members Responsibilities:

- Attend all meetings of the board, general membership, and committees where they are the board liaison.

- Help set the agenda for upcoming community council meetings, and committees they serve on.
- Assist the board president to run the monthly community council meetings as needed using the relatively easy Democratic Rules of Order, (not Robert's Rules of Order).
- Implement the decisions of the council meetings including communicating with King County and other agencies and businesses.
- Help decide when proposed discussion items are better sent to committees.
- Interact with community groups and constituencies to identify V-MCC relevant topics and bring to board meetings. Help develop an annual budget.
- Help raise money to cover expenses.
- Help craft language for changing policies and procedures.
- Liaise with committees and at least one sector in the community.

Note: The Vashon-Maury Community Council is not a public agency. So our meetings and communications are not subject to the Freedom of Information Act, and there are no restrictions on board members meeting together outside of board meetings for informal discussions.

Officers

Board members may also serve as officers. Positions include (in alphabetical order):

- Corresponding Secretary
- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Vice President

The board works as a team, and for it to function well it requires all members to do their share of the lifting in meeting the mission of the organization. We are set up to be a volunteer-led and run organization. The following areas need board members to lead or participate. Training is available on all these topics:

1. Website Management, www.v-mcc.org a Wix website.
2. Mailing List and Membership List Management.
3. Recruiting and supervising volunteers.
4. Tabling.
5. Helping the Advisory Committees function well. We need to have a board liaison for every committee.
6. Meeting and event promotion.

The weekly time commitment would be a minimum of 3-5 hours (on average) to

1. Read and respond to emails.

2. Prepare for and attend meetings, including studying the Democratic Rules of Order, our bylaws and standing rules, so you know how meetings are to be run, and what we can and cannot do as an organization.
3. Follow up from meetings: implement actions you agreed to take
4. Do the work needed for your position as an officer or committee chair, member, or liaison.
5. Connect with your chosen sector(s)
6. Help decide how our resources (money and energy) will be used.

Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Democratic Rules of Order

Please review the following before submitting this nomination:

1. Our website: www.v-mcc.org has copies of our current Bylaws and Standing Rules: <https://www.v-mcc.org/bylaws-rules>
2. Democratic Rules of Order (how we run our meetings):
www.democraticrules.com

About You

Please complete the form below. We ask that you do not submit the form on behalf of others.

Name:

Vashon/Maury Mailing Address:

Email Address (required):

Phone Number (required):

Bio (required – less than 250 words):

How long have you lived on the island? (required)

Describe why you wish to serve (required):

What Island issues are important to you? (required):

What you would like to include on the voting ballot about yourself (less than 250 words) (required)

Anything else you want to say:

Photo – please attach a photo you wouldn't mind being on the website and on the election ballot.

Please select at least one of the following Community Sectors you agree to connect with during your term (required)

- ☐ Diversity and Inclusion (Asian, BIPOC, Indigenous, Latino/Latina, race / racial equity, mixed race families, language barriers / diverse language speakers, LGBTQIA+, disabled, immigrants)
- ☐ Quality of Existence (Affordable housing / homeless / unhoused, renters, landlords, wellness (healthy habits / food / activities), safety, Low income, Income inequality)
- ☐ Business and Workforce (Workforce training, service industry workers / laborers / employees)
- ☐ Culture, Art, History and Recreation
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Environment (clean water / air / ground, land sustainability, climate)
- ☐ Spiritual Practices
- ☐ Healthcare (Health and human services, people with mental health issues, people with substance abuse challenges)
- ☐ Children and Youth (including child care services)
- ☐ Seniors and Elderly (including isolated adults and adult care services)
- ☐ Veterans

I understand the term of office, roles and responsibilities of V-MCC Board members, and have read both the bylaws and the standing rules of the organization. I am willing to put in the time needed to serve as an effective board member.

Your electronic or written signature: _____

Today's Date: _____

Please return the form and photo to info@v-mcc.org