



# TOWN OF LA CONNER

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## NOTICE OF AND CALL FOR A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LA CONNER TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: Tuesday, October 26, 2021  
TIME: 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Lower Maple Center (104 Commercial) &  
Zoom Meeting – Information below

The undersigned Mayor of the Town of La Conner is hereby calling for and providing notice of a special meeting in accordance with RCW 42.30.080.

### AGENDA

1. Council Position 1: Candidate Interviews

Ramon Hayes, Mayor

This notice will be posted at Town Hall on October 22, 2021

Distribution:

Councilmembers

John Leaver  
Bill Stokes  
Marylee Chamberlain  
Mary Wohleb

LC Weekly News E-mail  
Town Website

**Topic: Town Council Special Meeting**

**Join Zoom Meeting – This Meeting will be recorded**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88066983940?pwd=MldmK2V5RkJyS2w0eWFtaXN5UmNWUT09>

Meeting ID: 880 6698 3940

Passcode: Z22q0H

One tap mobile – 1-253-215-8782

Meeting ID: 880 6698 3940

Passcode: 416432

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88066983940>

La Conner, WA  
September 25, 2021



To Whom It May Concern.

I am writing this letter to express my interest in finishing the uncompleted term of Position #1 on the La Conner Town Council.

I have spent the majority of my professional life as a public servant, as well as taken part in volunteer community activities.

My community is my home and I have every desire to be a part of why it continues to be an excellent example of local government at its best. As a citizen, I believe that my primary responsibility is toward my neighbors and fellow citizens. Our franchise and how we make use of it is, I believe a defining factor in in describing how we appreciate the Nation in which we are privileged to reside.

Thank you for this opportunity to reach out.

Sincerely,

Richard L. De Shon  
614 Tillinghast Dr.  
La Conner, WA 98257  
(541) 287-1128



TOWN OF LA CONNER  
TOWN COUNCIL VACANCY APPLICATION

Name: RICHARD C. DE SHON

Address: 614 TILLINGHAST DR. LA CONNER, WA 98257

Telephone: Day: (509) 287-1128 Evening: (541) 287-1128

Occupation: (If retired, state former occupation) CORRECTIONAL OFFICER

Education: High School: PIONEER (WHITTIER, CA)

College: OVER 200 UNITS

Degree(s): CERTIFICATES

Professional/Community Activities: DOCENT - EVERGREEN AVIATION / SPACE MUSEUM  
VOLUNTEER + LIBRARY IN GEM'S PASS, OREGON. WITH YAMHILL CO SHERIFF  
AND MECHANICAL FORCE DEPT.

Organizational Affiliations: PLACER COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION  
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CORRECTION ASSOCIATION

AMERICAN JAIL ASSOCIATION

Qualifications related to position: SELF-MOTIVATED  
GOOD ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS / DECISION-MAKING

Are you a registered voter in La Conner? (RCW 29A.04.145) YES

Why are you interested in serving on Town Council? PUBLIC SAFETY,  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INCREASING REVENUE STREAM

Do you or your spouse have a financial interest in, or are you an employee or officer of, any business or agency which does business with the Town of La Conner?

No X

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain:

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Is there anything else you would like the Council members who will conduct the interview know about you?

I'M ENSURE TO GET ALONG WITH.  
I WILL TAKE THE JOB SERIOUSLY, NOT MYSELF  
I HAVE EXCELLANT RESEARCH & WRITING SKILLS  
I'M A TEAM PLAYER  
I'M NOT AFRAID OF WORK

Please provide the names and phone numbers of two professional or personal references who are not relatives:

1. SGT. BRIAN PARIS [REDACTED]
2. SGT. MARK MACKAY [REDACTED]

I hereby affirm that the above information is true and correct:

Signature: [Signature]

Date: 9/25/2021

PLEASE ATTACH YOUR MOST CURRENT RESUME along with a cover letter.

NOTE: As a candidate for the La Conner Town Council, this information is subject to the Public Records Act and will be available to the Town Council, Mayor, Town Administrator, and the public.

**RICHARD L. DE SHON**  
614 Tillinghast Dr.  
La Conner, WA 98257  
Cell: (541) 287-1128  
E-Mail: 10thgeneration1950@gmail.com

Experienced professional, with supervisory experience in technical support and documentation, with a strong emphasis on total quality management. Energetic problem solver, with experience in the creating of organizational tables, and the ability, through the utilization of superior verbal and written communication skills, to maximize the effective use of an existing workforce.

**EXPERIENCE:**

**DPSST (2017 - 2019)**

**Part-time Instructor**

**Responsibilities:** Instruct students in basics of modern correctional theory and application.

**Placer County Sheriff's Department, Auburn, CA 95603 1997- 2013**

**Correctional Officer: County Jail**

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Supervision of inmates in a County Correctional Facility.

**RESULTS:** Maintained order in Housing units, ensuring security of facility and surrounding area.

- Supervised inmate workers, ensuring properly maintained facility.
- Maintained population records, resulting in accurate and efficient operation of facility.
- Investigated crimes taking place in the facility, writing incident/discipline reports.
- Served as Jail Training Officer (1998 - 2007).
- Designed and taught safety consciousness training class for civilian personnel.
- Assigned as Classification Officer (2007 - 2011).
- Responsible for writing policies and procedures (2000 - 2005).
- Monitored U.S. Supremes Court, 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals, California Legislature, U.S. Senate and House of Representatives to stay current on applicable case law and pertinent legislation.
- Continued to participate in all state-mandated STC updated training.
- Filled crucial roll in modifying California State Penal Code, to simplify housing of Violent Sexual Predators (2001).

**Azusa Police Department, Azusa, CA 91702 1993-1997**

**Correctional Officer: City Jail**

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Supervision of inmates in Type I Correctional Facility.

**RESULTS:**

- Analyzed and revised schedule of work shifts, enabling coverage, with small work force.
- Organized liaison with County Court System, ensuring constant flow of inmate workers from Los Angeles County Jail, thereby maintaining continuity of Trustee program.
- Assisted in the investigation of criminal backgrounds (warrants, AKA's etc.) of newly arrested persons.
- Acted as Jail Training Officer, training new correctional officers.
- Performed classification functions, ensuring security of facility.

**McDonnell-Douglas Corporation, Torrance, CA 90509 1988-1991**

**Manufacturing Coordinator: Machine Tooling - Perishable/Portable Tooling.**

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Usage, Cost, and Excess Analysis. Materiel re-order and replenishment. Department Project Coordinator on MD-80, C-17, and then MD-11 projects. Staff analyst.

**RESULTS:**

- Analyzed actual tooling needs of production groups, balancing them against existing replenishment procedures, resulting in a savings of \$104,000 over a two-month period.
- Re-designed organizational infrastructure of Machine Tooling Department, resulting in increased on-time production and a greater degree of accountability.

**PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

- Hard-working, detail-oriented team player.
- Excellent communicator, with proven leadership skills.

**EDUCATION:**

**Control Data Institute, Montclair, CA (Computer Technology)**

**Orange County Sheriff's Academy, Orange, CA (Correctional Officer Core Course)**

**Western Oregon University, Monmouth, Oregon Traffic Safety Education, Instructor Certification Course**

**MEMBER:**

Placer County Commission for Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention (Past)

American Jail Association (Past)

Northern California Corrections Association (Past)

Native Sons of the Golden West (Past)

North Valley Community Watch

DPSST Certified as Armed/Unarmed Security



October 14, 2021

RE: La Conner Town Council Open Seat (Pos #1)

When I first learned La Conner Councilmember Jacques Brunisholz resigned, I contacted Ramon Hayes to let him know I was very much interested in filling the open seat to finish Jacques's term. I believe that I am the best candidate qualified for the job as I am a longtime business owner, a 17-year resident of La Conner and was previously elected and served on the La Conner Town Council from 2016 - 2017. Prior to those years I served on the La Conner Lodging Tax Advisory Committee and was a frequent attendee of the Planning Commission meetings.

Unfortunately, in 2017, I was forced to resign from the Town Council as I had to move out of town due to a property management job change in June of 2017. This was very difficult as I really wanted to finish my 4-year term. However, I was happy to see Mary Wohleb appointed as she was the most qualified and my first choice. I thought the move was permanent, but it turned out to be a 4-month project and I moved back to La Conner to be an on-site Property Manager at 511 Morris Street in October 2017 (where I still reside).

As a La Conner Councilmember I was very active and attended many of the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) meetings. I also completed many AWC classes and earned the AWC Certificate of Municipal Leadership Achievement Award in 2017. I got to know several legislators during that time and I advocating for good causes like the waterfront park and the new library while down in Olympia.

Also, I served on the La Conner Port, Utilities and Park Committees. The Park Commission was my favorite and if appointed I again would like to rejoin that committee; and if needed, to of course serve on the committees that Councilmember Brunisholz was on, to finish his term.

I am familiar with how the government runs and have excellent relationships with our state and local elected officials, including many councilmembers, all three of our county commissioners, and even many former county commissioners. I am a big believer of doing what is best for the community, I have many Swinomish tribal friends, and if appointed I will work hard and represent the town professionally and with honor.

*Respectfully,*

Bill Bruch

# **Bill Bruch – Resume**

**511 Morris Street #B -- La Conner, WA. 98257 -- (360) 820-1700**

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2017-Present: Commercial, Residential, Rural Reserve and Agriculture Property Manager / Project Manager. Owner Bill Bruch Property Management Inc. serving greater Skagit County, WA – La Conner, Burlington, Sedro-Woolley, Mount Vernon, Alger and Fidalgo Island.

2010-17: Commercial and Residential Property Manager, La Conner, WA.

2010-2012: Owner / Photographer Salish Sea Gallery, La Conner, WA.

2008-2015: Night Shift Manager, Hotel Planter, La Conner, WA.

2006-2007: Yacht Broker, ABC Yacht Charters & Sales, Anacortes, WA.

2001-2006: Estate Planner / Manager / Attorney Liaison -- Washington Estate Planning, Inc., Shoreline, WA.

1992-2001: Estate Planner / Attorney Liaison -- Secure Benefits Group, Kirkland WA., Omley / Keenan, Woodinville, WA.

1985-91: Realtor, Better Homes & Gardens Real Estate, Prudential Real Estate, Bellevue, WA.

## **EDUCATION**

1988: Monarch Life, WA State Insurance License, Series 6 License, Kirkland, WA.

1985: Mykut Real Estate School, Bellevue, WA.

1985: University of Washington, Seattle, WA (Business).

1983-85: Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA (Liberal Arts, Business).

1983: Graduate of Newport High School, Bellevue, WA (4.0 GPA Senior Year).

## **PERSONAL INTERESTS**

I enjoy being involved in community and working for good governance. I also enjoy being a Christian, family, hiking, golf, sports, boating and the outdoors. I love calling Skagit County home and living here in the beautiful northwest, with all it has to offer.

## **OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

2003-04: Support Team Tribal Canoe Journeys Paddle to Tulalip, WA and Chemainus BC.

1989: Bronze Medalist at the Washington State Centennial Games in the Laser sailing class.

1988-89: Member of the United States Sailing Team (Finn Class).

1984: Member of the Western Washington University Sailing Team.

1983: Iccle Seafoods, worked on a seafood processing boat in the Alaska Bering Sea.

1981: Member of the Newport High School Golf Team.



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**TOWN COUNCIL VACANCY APPLICATION**

Name: BILL BRUCH

Address: 511 MORRIS ST #13 LA CONNER

Telephone: Day: 360-820-1700 Evening: 360-820-1700

Occupation: (If retired, state former occupation) PROPERTY MANAGER

Education: High School: NEWPORT (4.0 GPA SENIOR YR)

College: WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY / UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Degree(s): 2 YR WWU / BUSINESS, LIBERAL ARTS

Professional/Community Activities: I WAS ON THE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON CITIES SMALL CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (2017)

Organizational Affiliations: SERVED ON THE LA CONNER LODGING TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE (2014, CHAIRMAN 2015)

Qualifications related to position: FORMER LA CONNER TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER 2015-2017; PORT, UTILITIES AND PARK COMMITTEE

Are you a registered voter in La Conner? (RCW 29A.04.145) YES

Why are you interested in serving on Town Council? I AM FAMILIAR WITH

HOW GOVERNMENT RUNS AND HAVE EXCELLENT RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS, I HAVE EXPERIENCE WORKING ON THE TOWN BUDGET.

Do you or your spouse have a financial interest in, or are you an employee or officer of, any business or agency which does business with the Town of La Conner?

No

Yes

If yes, please explain:

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Is there anything else you would like the Council members who will conduct the interview know about you? PROFICIENT AT PROBLEM SOLVING.

I AM A 17 YEAR RESIDENT OF LA CONNER. IN 2017  
I WAS FORCED TO RESIGN FROM THE TOWN COUNCIL AS I  
HAD TO MOVE OUT OF TOWN DUE TO A PROPERTY MANAGEMENT  
JOB CHANGE IN JUNE OF 2017, THIS WAS VERY DIFFICULT AS  
I REALLY WANTED TO FINISH MY 4 YEAR TERM. I THOUGHT  
THE MOVE WAS PERMANENT BUT IT TURNED OUT TO BE 4  
MONTH PROJECT AND I MOVED BACK TO LA CONNER IN OCT, 2017.

Please provide the names and phone numbers of two professional or personal references who are not relatives:

1. BRIAN LEASE [REDACTED]
2. KEN DAHLSTEAD [REDACTED]

I hereby affirm that the above information is true and correct:

Signature: Bill Brud

Date: OCTOBER 14, 2021

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FROM THE DESK OF

**ANNIE TAYLOR**



October 15, 2021

Town of La Conner  
204 Douglas St  
La Conner, WA 98257

I am submitting this letter to express my interest in the La Conner Town Council seat now vacant. I believe I have the experience, personality, and motivation to work effectively the Council to advance the goals of our town.

I've been a member of La Conner's Parks Committee since 2017, been a business owner in La Conner since 2015, and a resident since 2013. As owner and operator of Crescent Moon Yoga and as a server of six years at Nell Thorn, I have learned a great deal from my customers about how they view the issues that face our town. My position on La Conner's Parks Committee has given me perspective on how the opinions and preferences of local residents align - or don't - with town's priorities and resources. The construction of the building where I reside and have my business gave me a great education in local development and permitting processes.

My skills include:

- Listening and communication
- Working with peers in a collaborative environment
- Problem solving
- Familiarity with budgets
- Setting priorities
- Resolving competing demands
- Dealing with conflict

I would work to be sure I am making intelligent decisions regarding the best possible approach to move our town forward in a fiscally responsible and appropriate manner. Communication with the citizens, department heads and other involved governmental agencies would be an important concern

My work experience has always been varied. As you will notice from my resume, I've held positions from work and selling music equipment to rock stars to managing multi-million dollar inventories, to now teaching yoga and being a server at a restaurant that features food grown in the Skagit Valley. I love a new challenge and stride to align in a positive way. I'm proud that I am doing this all in La Conner.

In closing, I hope you will select me for this position. I see challenges ahead, with work to be done that I'd like to be a part of.

With thanks and gratitude,  
Annie Taylor

CONTACT

606 E MORRIS ST./ LA CONNER, WA 98257 / (206) 280-4277 / SKAGITVALLEYGIRL@GMAIL.COM

**Annie Taylor**

Telephone (206) 280-4277

skagitvalleygirl@gmail.com

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## **PROFESSIONAL PROFILE**

**Server,** Nell Thorn, La Conner, WA July 2015 - Present

Serving guests at one of the highest rated Farm to Table restaurants in the Skagit Valley

**Owner/Instructor,** Crescent Moon Yoga, La Conner, WA Oct 2012 - Present

Responsibilities include instruction, marketing, social media/website communications, financial management, and maintenance of the studio building and grounds

**Distribution Manager** SeaBear/Made In Washington, Anacortes, WA Sept 2011-August 2013

Duties involved day-to-day management of operations of shipping warehouse, including: Order processing and coordination with shippers (UPS, FedEx, USPS); hiring and training of regular and seasonal workers; processing of purchase orders; overseeing of warehouse maintenance and space planning.

**Warehouse / Shipping Manager,** the connexTion, Burlington, WA Sept 2010 - Sept 2011

Management of warehouse for online distribution company whose clients were music artists, film makers, and comedians. Responsibilities included customer and client service related to tour sales, credit card issues, phone sales, merchandising, and inventory management. Handled all customer service; served as direct contact with artists and artist reps.

**Project Manager,** PlayNetwork, Redmond, WA February 2008 - October 2009

Managed remote troubleshooting of audio equipment issues for Brinker restaurants. Resolved conflicts, processed purchase orders, tracked deliveries, and coordinated installation and service contractors.

**Assistant to Equipment/Warehouse Manager,** Pearl Jam Touring Inc., Seattle, WA February 2007 - February 2008

Projects included work related to soundproofing and furnishing the band's rehearsal space; providing assistance during rehearsals; maintaining inventory of musical gear; testing, repairing, and prepping gear and road cases; packing tour trucks and carriers and checking gear for damage upon return.

**Artist Relations Department Manager** Loud Technologies Inc., Woodinville, WA January 2006-February 2007

Assisted Senior Vice President of Artist Relations and Public Relations. Responsibilities included coordination of gear purchases and replacements with tour managers, management companies, record labels and artists; management of budgets related to tradeshow swag giveaways, photographers, and consultant fees; and coordination of gear and housing issues related to artists on tour. Worked with Marketing Department to provide artist images, copy, and related material when requested by media.

**SPECIAL SKILLS:** Strong communication, negotiation, and organizational skills. Commitment to customer service

**EDUCATION:** Associate of Arts Degree - Fashion Merchandising and Design, Art Institute of Seattle, 1989 Graduate



TOWN OF LA CONNER  
TOWN COUNCIL VACANCY APPLICATION

Name: Annie Taylor

Address: 606 E Morris St La Conner 98257

Telephone: Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: 206-280-4277

Occupation: (If retired, state former occupation) yoga teacher, server

Education: High School: Roosevelt - Seattle

College: Art Institute of Seattle

Degree(s): AA

Professional/Community Activities: La Conner Parks

Commission Member, 1st on First member

Organizational Affiliations: \_\_\_\_\_

Qualifications related to position: Leadership experience, teamwork skills, evaluate situations, problem solving

Are you a registered voter in La Conner? (RCW 29A.04.145) Yes

Why are you interested in serving on Town Council? to bring my experience + qualifications which is unique, different from other Council Members

Do you or your spouse have a financial interest in, or are you an employee or officer of, any business or agency which does business with the Town of La Conner?

No \_\_\_\_\_

Yes X \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain:

Owner of Crescent Moon Yoga, owner of 606 Morris, server at Nell Thorn for 6 years

Is there anything else you would like the Council members who will conduct the interview know about you?

My work experience has been about listening to needs, working to fulfill needs while making progress for company I work for either in financial or promotional gains.

Please provide the names and phone numbers of two professional or personal references who are not relatives:

1. Linda Sullivan
2. Holly West

I hereby affirm that the above information is true and correct:

Signature: Annie Taylor

Date: Oct 15, 2021

PLEASE ATTACH YOUR MOST CURRENT RESUME along with a cover letter.

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