



The City of South San Francisco
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Application for Appointment to the City Council

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Are you a registered voter in South San Francisco? Yes No

COUTTS, MICHAEL RONALD [REDACTED]

Name used on voter registration (last, first, middle) Date of Birth

[REDACTED] DISTRICT 3 - STERLING TERRACE

Address (number, street, and apartment number) District Area

SO. SAN FRANCISCO, CA [REDACTED]

City, State and Zip Code E-mail address

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Telephone number Cell phone/alternative contact number

HILLSIDE CHURCH OF GOD, PASTOR

Current Employer and Occupation

NO

Does your position require filing a Form 700 - Statement of Economic Interest? If yes, please attach a copy of the most recent filing

NONE CURRENTLY

Please list any nonprofit organizations for which you are an officer.

Questions directed by the City Council at its Regular Meeting of December 09, 2020:
 Please include additional information on a separate sheet and/or attach your resume.

What do you view as the greatest issue presently confronting the City Council of the City of South San Francisco?

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

What in your background will best prepare you to function as an elected official?

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What role do you believe local government should fulfill in people's lives?

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If appointed, do you plan to run for city council in 2022? Yes No

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all statements in this application are complete and true. I agree and understand that any mis-statement of material fact will constitute a misdemeanor under the laws of the City of South San Francisco.

[REDACTED] January 15, 2021

Signature Date

For official use only:	Voter Registration Confirmed	18 or older	City Clerk Initials	Date
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		

What do you view as the greatest issue presently confronting the City Council of the City of South San Francisco?

The COVID-19 pandemic is the greatest issue confronting all communities in our county, state, nation, and world right now. Now that the vaccine is becoming more readily available, the challenge will be to continue to provide basic services for our community, and opening schools and businesses in a safe and timely manner while keeping our community as safe as possible.

Housing and traffic are also important issues our community is facing.

What in your background will best prepare you to function as an elected official?

Growing up in SSF (actually San Bruno in the Westborough area, but I went to SSF schools) has shaped both my affection and concern for our community. My children all grew up attending SSF schools. I worked at the Boys & Girls Club on West Orange Ave. from 1987-1992, I taught high school for many years, both in So. City and outside of it, and I have served as the pastor of Hillside Church of God for the past 26 years. I have also served on boards of non-profit organizations. I've developed budgets, answered to a greater community of stake holders (students, parents, board members, congregation), and I even helped start a school.

I am not sure how much those experiences would prepare me to function as an elected official, but I believe they prepare me to work well alongside people of diverse backgrounds, beliefs, and political views. My entire adult life I've worked for non-profits, all of which involve public service of some sort. I enjoy serving whatever community I am in, and I enjoy problem-solving in a team setting.

What role do you believe local government should fulfill in people's lives?

My belief is that local government has two basic functions in serving its community:

1. to ensure the civil rights of every member of the community. By civil rights I mean the right to vote, access to public education, the and use of public facilities. This means equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, or gender. Alongside of civil rights I would include basic first amendment rights as well.
2. to provide proper safety for the members of the community. This would include public works, fire department, law enforcement, emergency services, and clean drinking water.

I have seen our community grow and develop over the decades, and I believe SSF is becoming the most important, diverse, and economically viable municipality on the entire peninsula. With growth come challenges, and I would like to help meet those challenges while making sure our community is served properly.

Michael Coutts



South San Francisco, CA, 94081

EXPERIENCE

Pastor

Hillside Church of God, South San Francisco, CA / May 1994 - Present

- Organize and lead regular religious services.
- Instruct people who seek conversion to a particular faith.
- Counsel individuals or groups concerning their spiritual, emotional, or personal needs.
- Visit people in homes, hospitals, or prisons to provide them with comfort and support.
- Train leaders of church, community, or youth groups.
- Administer religious rites or ordinances.
- Conduct special ceremonies, such as weddings, funerals, or confirmations.
- Respond to requests for assistance during emergencies or crises.
- Perform administrative duties, such as overseeing building management, ordering supplies, contracting for services or repairs, or supervising the work of staff members or volunteers.
- Organize and lead community service activities.

EDUCATION

California Baptist University
Riverside, CA

Masters of Science Educational Leadership (Dec 2014)

Simpson College
San Francisco, CA

Bachelors of Arts History (Dec 1985)

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Love for people, work well in team settings, committed to finish tasks

CERTIFICATIONS

California Teachers Credential (expired)