

Nevada Senate Seat- Senate District 10 Interest Application

(Note: This document and accompanying materials become public record once it is received by Clark County.)

Residency Requirement:

NRS 218A.260 (2) requires that any applicant must have actually, as opposed to constructively, resided in the district for at least 30 days immediately preceding the date in which this application closes.

You can verify that you live within the boundaries of Senate District 10 by referring to the map on the legislative website: <http://bit.ly/2XxVvRm>. Or, you may do an address/elected official search on the Clark County website: <http://maps.clarkcountynv.gov/ow/?@782884,26762114,6>.

Required Additional Information:

You are required to submit a resume and a statement of interest. At a minimum, your resume and statement of interest should contain political activities, community work, and memberships, in various organizations.

General Information:

Full Name (First, Middle, Last): Erik C Van Houten

Home Street Address: 227 Dougram Ave.

Home Address City/State/Zip Code: Las Vegas, NV 89101

Mailing Address: 227 Dougram Ave.

Mailing Address City/State/Zip Code: Las Vegas, NV

Employer: Equipo Academy

Occupation: U.S. Government & Politics Teacher

Best Daytime Contact Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Declaration of Eligibility:

For the purpose of applying to fill the vacancy in the office of a Legislator in the following legislative district, Senate District 10, I, the undersigned Erik C Van Houten, do swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I actually, as opposed to constructively, reside at 227 Dougram Ave., in the City of _____.

Las Vegas

_____, County of Clark, State of Nevada; that, as required by NRS 218A.260, my actual, as opposed to constructive, residence in that legislative district began on a date at least 30 days immediately preceding the date established pursuant to NRS 218A.262 for the close of filing of applications to fill the vacancy; that I am registered as a member of the Democratic Party; that I am a qualified elector pursuant to Section 1 of Article 2 of the Constitution of the State of Nevada; that if I have ever been convicted of treason or a felony, my civil rights have been restored; that I will otherwise qualify for the office if appointed thereto, including, but not limited to, complying with any limitation prescribed by the Constitution of this State concerning the number of years or terms for which a person may hold the office; that I understand that knowingly and willfully filing a declaration of eligibility which contains a false statement is a crime punishable as a gross misdemeanor; and that, as required by NRS 218A.200, I will have been an actual, as opposed to constructive, citizen resident of this State for 1 year immediately preceding the date of my appointment and that, during such period, I will have resided at the following residence or residences:

227 Douggram Ave.

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Street Address

Las Vegas

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City or Town

NV

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State

From 11/2019 To Present
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Dates of Residency

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Street Address

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City or Town

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State

From..... To.....
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Dates of Residency

(Attach additional sheet or sheets of residences as necessary.)

Erik Van Houten

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Name of Applicant

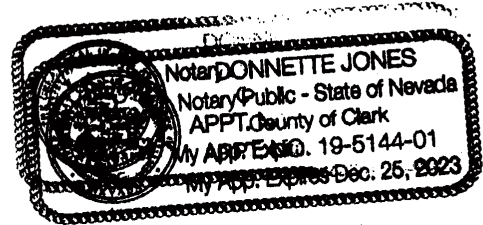
Erik Van Houten

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Signature of Applicant

Subscribed and sworn to before me

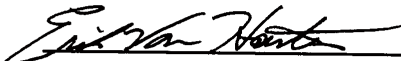
this 15 day of the month of Jan of the year 2021

Notary Public or Other Person
Authorized to Administer an Oath



Certification:

I verify by my signature below that all statements made on this application, as well as any information attached hereto, are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that an electronic signature has the same weight and effect as a handwritten signature. Furthermore, I understand that an incomplete application and any modifications to this application will not be considered.


Signature

1/15/2021
Date

Submitting Application:

Your signed application and supporting documents must be received no later than **NOON, January 19, 2021**. You may email your completed application packet to Katie Walpole, Kathleen.Walpole@ClarkCountyNV.gov, or deliver the same in-person to the County Manager's Office, 6th Floor, Clark County Government Center, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas.

ERIK VAN HOUTEN

227 Douglass Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89101 | [REDACTED]

Saturday, January 16, 2021

Clark County Commission
500 S. Grand Central Parkway
Sixth Floor
Las Vegas, Nevada 89155

Dear Clark County Commissioners:

The Nevada Senate seat left vacant after the departure of Yvanna Cancela is no easy task to fill. Yvanna Cancela is well-regarded and respected not just within District 10 but across Nevada and soon to be our Nation. I enthusiastically apply for the Nevada Senate seat to continue Ms. Cancela's legacy. I look forward to representing my neighborhood and broadening my service to the community as a state senator.

I arrived in Las Vegas in 2012 from Upstate New York with one suitcase and one simple hope: to make an impact in my new home. Quickly, I learned to love all of what Las Vegas had to offer as it is a populous city of entertainment, history, and opportunity. Like the esteemed Representative Dina Titus, I too, am rooted in the lives of my students and reminded of their everyday experiences. As a United States Government and Politics teacher, I have the unique privilege to influence Nevada's future generation of civic leaders. The opportunity to serve beyond the walls of my classroom would allow me to extend my sphere of civic influence and engagement.

District 10 is distinctive by its inclusion of the Strip, UNLV, the Arts District, historic Huntridge, and McCarran International Airport – areas that cultivate our community with history and possibility. In District 10, we are hardworking, dedicated, resolved professionals in entertainment, hospitals, restaurants, education, and more. We are community-focused, living in walkable areas with high public transportation and bike utilization. We are the living center of Las Vegas. When District 10 moves forward, so does all of Nevada.

As a steadfast, strategic, and community-driven leader, I will advocate for the interests of the people of District 10. Alongside my everyday duties as an educator, I continue to advocate for the well-being of our entire community. My community leadership and service has included work with Leaders in Training, the State Commission for Educational Technology, When We All Vote, Nevada Department of Education, and the Southern Nevada Health District Medical Reserve Corps. Serving in the Nevada Senate will allow me to bring people of all backgrounds and to build a stronger community filled with possibility.

Respectfully,



Erik C. Van Houten

ERIK VAN HOUTEN

227 Dougram Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89101 | [REDACTED]

WORK EXPERIENCE

Equipo Academy

AP GOVERNMENT EDUCATOR & INSTRUCTIONAL COACH

LAS VEGAS, NV

August 2018 – Present

- **Provides access for students to participate in political campaign work**, events, and ways to build social capital and advocate for their communities in Las Vegas.
- **Encourages and provides resources for students and families to vote.** This led to 100% of eligible students in the Class of 2020 registering to vote and student turnout to be over double the state average in the Democratic Caucus and the Nevada Primary.
- **Coaches twelve teachers** on strategies and ideas to build up their teaching and coaching repertoire.
- **Fundraised and campaigned up to \$15,000 in classroom resources** to continually expand informational access and opportunity for students.

Education Advisory Board (EAB)

SENIOR RESEARCH ANALYST

WASHINGTON, DC

October 2017 – June 2018

- **Piloted studies and syndicated research** for higher education to drive best practices in serving non-traditional students, adult degree completers, and ways to prevent dropouts.
- **Spearheaded interviews** of university administrators to determine future pathways for colleges.

Equipo Academy

FOUNDING DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS & EDUCATOR

LAS VEGAS, NV

August 2015 – June 2017

- **Won the American History Teacher of the Year in the State of Nevada** from the Daughters of the American Revolution for approaching social studies teaching with a unique and fresh perspective.
- **Shaped and developed curriculum** in History, Basketball Training, and Team Sports.
- **Oversaw program management of 20 coaches** in a variety of school-sponsored sports teams, which increased overall athletic participation by 500 percent.

Teach For America; Keller Middle School

EDUCATOR IN ENGLISH & READING

LAS VEGAS, NV

August 2012 – June 2015

- **Differentiated a Pre-AP Common Core English curriculum** to 100 6th graders in a Title I school.
- **Awarded National Recognition from Achieve3000** for instructing students to significant reading growth.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Leaders in Training

COLLEGE MENTOR

LAS VEGAS, NV

June 2014 – Present

- **Mentors high school students through all stages of the college application process**, including identifying good fit institutions, creating personal statements, completing letters of recommendation, filling out FAFSA and Common Applications, navigating financial aid, and applying for scholarships.
- **Chaperoned students on volunteer activities throughout Las Vegas** including at the Las Vegas Sevens Ruby, park cleanups, nursing homes, and Three Square.

When We All Vote

SCHOOL LAISON

LAS VEGAS, NV

November 2019 – Present

- **Led voter registration and trainings for students** resulting over ten community members and close to one hundred students registering to vote.

STATE COMMISSION ON EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

Contributing Member

NEVADA

January 2020 – Present

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Southern Nevada Health District
MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS VOLUNTEER

LAS VEGAS, NV
March 2020 – Present

- **Guided people with COVID-19 symptoms** through registration and check-in at COVID-19 testing sites.

FREMONT STREET LOFTS HOA
Vice President

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
July 2020 – Present

EDUCATION

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICE
Master in International Relations, Concentration in International Development

WASHINGTON, D.C.
August 2017

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA LAS VEGAS
Master in Curriculum and Instruction

LAS VEGAS, NV
May 2014

UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science

ROCHESTER, NY
May 2012

CERTIFICATIONS

- Nevada
 - Professional Teacher License – Elementary (K-8), All Elementary Subjects, through 2027
 - Professional Teacher License – Secondary (7-12), Political Science, through 2027
 - Professional Teacher License – Secondary (7-12), Social Studies, through 2027
- Maryland
 - Advanced Professional License – Elementary (1-6), All Elementary Subjects, through 2022
 - Advanced Professional License – Secondary (7-12), Social Studies, through 2022
 - Advanced Professional License – Secondary (7-12), Political Science, through 2022