AWC Board of Directors candidate statement

Name

Clifford B Peterson

City elected position

City Councilmember

City/Town

Selah

Check the Board position for which you are running

District 4

Biographical information and candidate statement:

Please limit your statement to 1,700 characters, which is approximately 250 words. Hand-written statements are not accepted.

Born and raised in Yakima, Clifford settled in Selah in 1984 after serving as a law enforcement specialist in the US Air Force and then working as a MICU Paramedic in Santa Barbara County, California. He retired from DSHS after working more than thirty years with developmentally disabled clients at Yakima Valley School.

Clifford Peterson is currently serving his fourth term on Selah City Council. After serving two terms covering most of the 1990s, last fall he was reelected to a second, second term. Although there's a thirty year gap between his second and third terms, that does not mean he wasn't involved. Most people would probably point to his 1989 involvement with the State Centennial Committee as the beginning of community involvement, and it really hasn't stopped since. Over the years he has served on the boards of a number of not-for profit organizations ranging from the Central Washington Beekeepers Association, Selah Community Days, Selah Downtown Association, and the Selah Parks Foundation as well as participating as a non-board member in a number of other organizations. He has, for example, been a voting member of Yakima Valley Council of Governments for a number of years, again not consecutive but most recently in 2023, but not as a member of the Executive Board.

Currently, in addition to serving on the City Council, he is a member of the Selah Parks and Recreation Service Area Board, the City Council liaison with the Yakima County Fire District 2 Board of Commissioners, the Graves Registration Officer for Fort Walla Walla Camp #3 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and am the Director of the Selah FamilySearch Center.