



Stephen Malek

Candidate for Cle Elum City Council Position 1

Biography

After growing up in Texas, Stephen spent much of his career in the hospitality industry in resort communities around the west. He and his wife Audrey moved to Cle Elum in 2013 when he was hired to manage Swiftwater Cellars. Since then, they have taken ownership of Basecamp Books and Bites in Roslyn. More recently, they opened Basecamp Outfitters in downtown Cle Elum. Stephen served as a Cle Elum Planning Commissioner and is on the local advisory board for the Forterra project in Roslyn. Stephen and Audrey have two children, Harper (5) and Raymond (2).

Campaign statement

Cle Elum needs new, bold leadership. As your council member, Stephen will roll up his sleeves and get to work solving our challenges. A small business owner, he understands the importance of innovative planning and fiscal responsibility and will bring those ideals with him to the city council. He will fight against burdensome regulations so that small businesses can thrive.

Employing dozens of people in our community, Stephen sees the real impacts of our housing affordability crisis. During his time on the Cle Elum Planning Commission, he worked on finding ways the City can remove barriers to building more attainable housing and will continue that work on the City council. He knows our growth plays a large part in exacerbating this problem and will champion responsible development to ensure we protect Cle Elum's culture and character.

The City must prioritize funding repairs to our aging infrastructure – especially the water and sewer system. Many parts of these systems date as far back as World War II and constantly require emergency repairs. Stephen will champion making investments in infrastructure a budget priority.

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