

Town of Concrete Town Council Agenda

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- Council Application, Michael Bartel

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APPLICATION FOR COUNCILMEMBER

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How long at this address? 11 Years

Are you a registered voter? Yes

Explain briefly why you wish to serve on the council: I served as a Concrete councilman from 2011 to 2021 and can speak with a voice of authority in saying that giving back to the community enriches one's life far beyond the time spent doing the work. After taking a health break, I am eager to jump back in and tackle new challenges.

Date: 9/8/1922

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May 9, 2022

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Dear Concrete Council,

I am delighted to have a second opportunity to be a Concrete council member.


After serving from 2011 to 2021, I realize that I have much more I would like to give for the betterment of our community. I also miss being part of the team.

One aspect I love most, is the comradery of council members working together to improve, enhance, and strengthen our community. Being involved in idea generation, planning, and execution instills a greater pride in our town and inspires ideas for future growth. Being at the core of that—simply put—is fuel for the soul!

As a father of two boys attending Concrete High School, I am particularly interested in economic development—specifically exploring cottage industries and light manufacturing that might move into our area. It could open part-time work opportunities for students and provide new income sources for families, who prefer local work versus long commutes. By adding jobs, we will also be expanding current businesses and increasing tax revenues for further enhancement projects.

I have a vested interest in helping this community thrive and would be honored to become a Concrete council member once again.

See the attached resumé for my work history.

Sincerely,


Mike Bartel



PROFILE:

My education has primarily been through work experiences, industry training, and self-taught endeavors.

I have often held multiple positions while helping my aging parents operate a dairy farm in Snohomish and as supplemental income for my own dairy and organic farming businesses.

As a business owner, I came to appreciate the value of a vibrant community and the nurturing of good relationships with community leaders and my seasonal workers.

As a citizen of Concrete, I have a vested interest in helping this community thrive and grow, while preserving our small-town feel.

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MICHAEL PAUL BARTEL

EDUCATION

Shohomish High School

WORK EXPERIENCE

Dairy and Organic Produce Farming

In addition to scheduled feeding and milking, farming requires mastering multiple disciplines like: performing veterinarian-assisted medical treatments, pest control, planting and harvesting, equipment operation and maintenance, roofing and carpentry, supervising seasonal workers, bookkeeping, budgeting, and time management.

I also created a business cultivating organic produce in fields and in greenhouses. That included designing produce stands on two farms, and at six area farmers' markets. In addition to the skills learned through dairy farming, organic farming required nurturing relationships with state certification boards, community organizations, and the general public. My history of farm work includes:

1977-2006

Bartel family dairy farm and beef operation in Snohomish.

1981-1984

Andersen Dairy in Ellensburg.

Milker for 300-cow milking operation, performed 3 times per day, per cow.

Worked rotation of 16-hour days for 3 days, then 3 days off.

On days off, returned to Snohomish to help on the family farm.

2007-2010

Certified Organic Farmer in Snohomish.

Owner-operator of a 60-acre leased farm.

Second Jobs (night-time, part-time, seasonal, or standard weekdays) while continuing to work at dairy and organic-produce farming.

1997 to 1997

Laz Tool in Snohomish.

Apprentice Machinist on nightshift.

Operated Bridgeport Vertical Milling Machine plus other tooling machines to build metal components for Boeing aircraft assemblies.

1979-1981

Allied Spraying and Landscaping in Snohomish

Equipment operator: dump truck, backhoe, sprayers.

Serviced clients on multiple projects, including: landscape design and maintenance, drainage field installations, herbicide spraying, dump trucking hauling for dirt, rock, and debris removal.

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1984-1989

Shinoda Floral in Snohomish
Delivery truck driver for 4-state territory for wholesale floral company, providing year-round deliveries. Assisted in greenhouse operations as needed.

1996-2012

French Creek Drainage District
Dike mowing and dike repair using my own equipment, including: tractor, mower, and truck.

2007-2015

Washington State Department of Transportation
Lead Tech for wetland mitigation and restoration.

- After new road construction or road expansions, WSDOT had to perform mitigation work, creating new wetlands for areas that were impacted by the new or altered roadways.
- Supervised crew of eight state employees.
- Managed native plant installation and weed control.
- Prepared herbicide application spray reports, and managed crew time cards.
- During winter months, plowed snow to clear major roadways.
- Incident response team member, providing assistance for traffic accidents as needed.

2010-2012

Sno Valley Farms in Snohomish
Equipment Operator
Provided discing services with my own equipment.
Operated Sno Valley equipment: Trackhoe for ditch digging, bulldozer, and dump truck for clearing land and creating drainage systems in preparation for developers' new-home construction.

2011-2021

Councilman, City of Concrete

- Volunteer work on the Concrete Planning Commission.
- Council position, focusing on utilities for clean water and effective sewer systems, including major projects like:
 - Chip sealing and repaving of selected streets.
 - Planning and construction of Concrete's water park.
- Liaison between Concrete Council Members and community organizations:
 - Concrete Airport, including past and future (post-pandemic) annual Fly-ins.
 - Sea-Mar, communicating health services and events through the Council.
 - Economic Development, bringing in new business and strengthening our economy.

SKILLS

Environmental

- Landscape Design
- Horticulture
- Herbicide Management
- Equipment and Resource Management

Managerial

- Hiring seasonal workers
- Supervising work teams
- Time management, planning, and budgeting
- Recordkeeping