

**City of Reno**  
**City Council Member Applicant Acknowledgement**  
Tara C. Webster

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**For the Office Of**  
Councilmember, Ward 5

**State of Nevada**  
**County of Washoe**

For the purpose of having my name considered as a potential appointed candidate for the office of Councilmember, Ward 5, I, the undersigned Tara C. Webster do swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I, actually, as opposed to constructively, reside at 810 Stoker Ave, in the City or Town of Reno, County of Washoe, State of Nevada; that my actual, as opposed to constructive, residence in the state, district, county, township, city or other area prescribed by law to which the office pertains began on a date at least 30 days immediately preceding the date of the close of the application period for this office, that my telephone number is 775-686-0390, and the address at which I receive mail, if different than my residence, is \_\_\_\_\_; 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 if selected as a nonpartisan candidate at the ensuing Reno City Council Meeting, I will accept the nomination and not withdraw; that I will not knowingly violate any election law or any law defining and prohibiting corrupt and fraudulent practices in campaigns and elections in this State; that I will qualify for the office if appointed thereto, including, but not limited to, complying with any limitation prescribed by the Constitution and laws 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 an appointment application which contains a false statement is a crime punishable as a gross misdemeanor and also subjects me to a civil action disqualifying me from entering upon the duties of office; and that I understand my name will appear on all Reno City Council Meeting Agendas as designated in this declaration.

Tara C. Webster

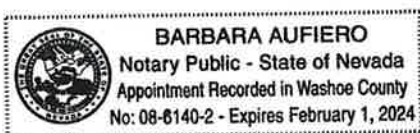
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[Signature]  
Signature of Applicant

Subscribed and sworn or affirmed to before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of the month of August of the year 2022.

Tara Chenielle Webster  
Name of Candidate

[Signature]  
Notary Public



## City of Reno

### Reno City Council Membership Application

Please be advised that all information contained in this application is part of the City of Reno's public record and is, upon request, available for public review. Contact the City Clerk's office at 334-2030 with any questions.

<i>First Name:</i> Tara	
<i>Last Name:</i> Webster	
<i>Applicable Nickname:</i>	
<i>Office Applying For:</i> Council Member	<i>Applicable Ward:</i> Ward 5

#### Contact Information:

<i>Address where applicant resides:</i> 810 Stoker Ave		
<i>City:</i> Reno	<i>State:</i> NV	<i>Zip:</i> 89503
<i>County of Residence:</i> Washoe		
<i>Mailing Address (if different):</i>		
<i>City:</i>	<i>State:</i>	<i>Zip:</i>
<i>Primary Phone:</i> 775-686-0390	<i>Primary Email:</i> tarawebster.reno@gmail.com	

**Preferred Contact Information** *If appointed, the address, phone number and e-mail address you wish to use for your contact information:*

<i>Address:</i> 810 Stoker Ave		
<i>City:</i> Reno	<i>State:</i> NV	<i>Zip:</i> 89503
<i>Phone:</i> 775-686-0390	<i>Email:</i> tarawebster.reno@gmail.com	

**Occupation/Business Information:**

<i>Business Name:</i>		
<i>Job Title:</i>		
<i>Business Address:</i>		
<i>City:</i>	<i>State:</i>	<i>Zip:</i>
<i>Business Phone:</i>	<i>Business Email:</i>	

<i>How long have you been a resident of the City of Reno?</i>	35 Years
<i>How long have you been a resident at your current address?</i>	3 Years
<i>Are you currently registered to Vote in the City of Reno?</i>	Yes <u>  X  </u> No <u>      </u>

**Education and Training:**

<i>List Education or Training you've received relevant to the position to which you are applying:</i>
Bachelors in Biology, University of Nevada, Reno
Masters in Biology w/ focus in ecological immunology, University of Nevada, Reno
Pursuing Doctorate in STEM Education (estimated graduation 12/2022) ,
University of Nevada, Reno

**Elected Official Information:**

<i>Have you previously run for an elected office?</i>	Yes <u>      </u> No <u>  X  </u>
<i>If yes, please describe:</i>	
<i>Do you plan on running for elected office in the future?</i>	Yes <u>  X  </u> No <u>      </u>
<i>Please list any known conflicts of interest you would have:</i> None	

Have you previously run for an elected office?	Yes _____ No <u>X</u>
If yes, please describe:	
Do you plan on running for elected office in the future?	Yes <u>X</u> No _____
Explain briefly why you would like to be appointed to this board or commission. Please attach any additional information you wish:	
This position offers an excellent opportunity to leverage my experience as a community outreach advocate and longtime educator, with expertise in social & political issues. I am	
passionate about the meeting the needs & advancement of traditionally underserved communities. As a lifelong Reno resident, I have first-hand experience and knowledge of	
the needs of our most vulnerable populations. I strive for inclusive excellence through compassion, building trust, and pursuing genuine connections and meaningful	
conversations with all members of the Reno community.	

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information I provided in the application is true. If the information provided is false or incomplete, it shall be sufficient cause for disqualification or removal. I acknowledge that this document is part of the public record of the City of Reno and is available for public review.

Signature:  Date: 9.19.22

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*[Signature]*

# Tara C. Webster

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August 18, 2022

Dear Members of the City Council,

I am writing to apply for the Councilmember, Ward 5 position with the City of Reno. This position offers an excellent opportunity to leverage my experience as a community outreach advocate and longtime educator, with expertise in social & political issues. I am passionate about the meeting the needs & advancement of traditionally underserved communities. As a lifelong Reno resident, I have first-hand experience and knowledge of the needs of our most vulnerable populations. I strive for inclusive excellence through compassion, building trust, and pursuing genuine connections and meaningful conversations with all members of the Reno community.

I am uniquely suited for this position as I have nine combined years of community advocacy and outreach, teaching experience in higher education, and experience in program planning and coordination. I have conducted program evaluation and assessment, maintained educational data and IRB compliance documents, trained and supervised college student workers, and implemented and managed digital communication workspaces. I have organized university recruitment events and planned annual professional development and diversity retreats. Finally, having conducted pre-service teacher observations through the NevadaTeach program and coordinating K-12 science outreach with a variety of local non-profits, I have established and maintained positive working relationships within the Washoe County School District in Northern Nevada.

I appreciate your consideration and look forward to talking with you further about this position.

Best regards,



Tara C. Webster



# Tara C. Webster

## STEM Educator & Diversity Researcher

Community outreach advocate, activist, and higher education science & engineering educator, with expertise in justice-centered STEM learning of social & political issues. Passionate about the educational advancement of traditionally underserved communities. Strives for inclusive excellence through compassion and building trust within the greater Northern Nevada area.

## Education

2023 (in progress)

**Doctor of Philosophy, STEM Education**  
University of Nevada, Reno - Reno, Nevada

2016

**Master of Science, Biology**  
University of Nevada, Reno - Reno, Nevada

2013

**Bachelor of Science, Biology**  
University of Nevada, Reno - Reno, Nevada

## Skills

- Public Speaking
- Community Outreach
- Collaborative Problem Solving
- Data Analysis
- Mentoring
- Leadership

## Contact

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## Experience

### Education Services Coordinator

**2021 - 2022 -- Study Smart Tutors -- Westlake Village, CA**

Maintained relationships with higher education and school district clients by coordinating course and event logistics classes and events for services provided to first-generation students and families in underserved communities. Ensured clients and instructors received support before, during, after classes. Liaised between instructors and program partners. Monitored instructor post-teaching surveys and followed up with program partners as needed.

### Graduate Research Assistant

**2017 - 2021 -- College of Engineering -- University of Nevada, Reno**

Collaborator on research exploring student attitudes towards diversity in engineering teams. Products that have come from my work on this project include culturally relevant engineering curriculum development, implementing teaching practices that increase students' sense of inclusion and belonging, the impacts of depoliticization on the culture of college STEM spaces, and understanding how educators can be more sensitive to the needs of college students as they navigate traumatic life events.

### Peer Mentor Supervisor

**2019 - 2020 -- NevadaTeach -- University of Nevada, Reno**

Responsible for supervising the Nevada Teach Undergraduate Peer Mentors, maintaining teaching supply inventory, and communicating with Program Manager and Master Teachers. Maintain social media presence. Assist with introductory classes, provide lesson plan feedback to NevadaTeach learners, and assist with K-12 teaching observations in Washoe County School District.

### Science Outreach Instructor & Mentor

**2018 - 2020 -- Headwaters Science Institute -- Soda Springs, CA**

Assisted as an outdoor science education field instructor for K-12 students attending Title 1 schools throughout Sacramento, Truckee, and the Washoe County School District. Guided students through the scientific process of collecting and analyzing data related to earth science and human environmental impacts.

### Instructor

**2016 - 2019 -- Women in Science in Engineering -- University of Nevada, Reno**

Instructor for Women in Science & Engineering Program (WiSE) Sci 110 & 120 courses which aim to increase the representation and retention of women in STEM majors. My role in this position includes one-on-one mentorship with women of color, low-income, and first generations students. My expertise in this area includes culturally relevant pedagogy, curriculum development, academic counseling, and professional development.

## Internships & Special Appointments

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- **Desert Peach Montessori, Board of Directors Secretary**
- **College of Education, Judith Bible Award Committee**
- **College of Education, Doctoral Committee Graduate Student Representative**
- **College of Education, EdHeads Graduate Club President**
- **Carlos Luis Valverde Vega Hospital, Mariposario Intern; San Ramon, Costa Rica**
- **Parque Nacional Marino Las Baulas, Conservation Intern; Playa Langosta, Costa Rica**
- **Louisiana Bucket Brigade, Research Intern; New Orleans/Grande Isle, Louisiana**

## Community Service & Outreach

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- **Bee Friendly Reno**  
Sustainable native garden outreach advocate & educator.
- **Reno Burrito Project**  
Community activist and weekly cooking volunteer. Have personally fundraised over \$700 for health kits for the local Reno houseless community.
- **Spanish Springs High School Career Day**  
Invited guest speaker, Spanish Springs High School
- **Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows Girls STEM Club**  
Invited guest speaker, Hunter Lake Elementary School
- **Multiracial Families Panel**  
Invited guest speaker, Children and Families in A Multiethnic Society (HDFS 438)
- **Girl Scouts of America**  
Invited guest speaker, Girl Scout Troop 359
- **Museum of Natural History, University of Nevada, Reno**  
Designed STEM-based curriculum geared toward K-12 students that integrate science-based learning and art to the natural history of the Greater Sierra Nevada.
- **Sierra Nevada Journeys**  
Hosted Fall Intern Cohort and taught K-12 Educators methods in chemical-ecology and citizen science.
- **Earthwatch Institute**  
Co-facilitator assisting in field collections and rearing at La Selva and Tirimbina Field Stations in Costa Rica.

## **Nevada Open Meeting Law Waiver**

**WAIVER OF NOTICE IS REQUIRED UNDER NRS 241.033(1) TO ALLOW THE CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER THE CHARACTER, MISCONDUCT, OR COMPETENCE OF A PERSON TO BE APPOINTED TO A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR OTHER PUBLIC BODY FOR THE CITY OF RENO\***

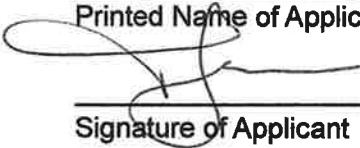
The City Council for the City of Reno will be considering your appointment to a board, commission, or other public body for the City of Reno on a future posted agenda. Pursuant to NRS 241.033(1), in order to consider the professional competence of an applicant, notice needs to be provided to that person of the time and place of the meeting in compliance with such statutory provisions. By agreeing below, it is confirmed that I have been provided notice of the meeting at which my appointment will be considered by the City Council. Further, I knowingly and voluntarily am waiving my rights to all written notice requirements under NRS 241.033(1) pertaining to my qualifications, competence, and character to hold this appointment and consent to the evaluation of my character and competence by the Reno City Council in a public meeting. Further, I acknowledge that I may, at any time, withdraw both this waiver and the related application for my appointment.

### **Acknowledgment:**

If you are considered as a candidate to fill the vacancy as the Ward 5 Council Member your application may appear on a City of Reno Council Meeting Agenda, to the extent required by NRS.

Tara C. Webster

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Printed Name of Applicant

  
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Signature of Applicant