


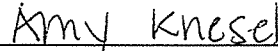
**REGULAR COUNCIL ELECTION
CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND
2023**

ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION

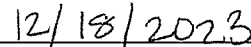
I HEREBY ACCEPT NOMINATION FOR THE POSITION OF MEMBER
OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND, AND
AGREE TO SERVE IF ELECTED.

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Signature of Candidate

The name 'Amy Knesel' handwritten in black ink, positioned above a horizontal line.

Name of Candidate (please print)

The date '12/18/2023' handwritten in black ink, positioned above a horizontal line.

Date of Acceptance

STATE OF MARYLAND

COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S

**AFFIDAVIT OF CANDIDATE
CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND
2023 ELECTION**

The undersigned candidate hereby swears under the penalties of perjury that the following information is true and correct. The undersigned further authorizes the City of Greenbelt and/or the Board of Elections for the City of Greenbelt to take all steps necessary to validate such information.

FULL LEGAL NAME

Amy Elizabeth Knesel

DATE OF BIRTH

[REDACTED]

SOCIAL SECURITY NO.

[REDACTED]

RESIDENCE ADDRESS


12-H Hillside Rd

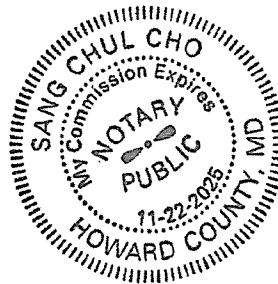
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770



Candidate's Signature

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 19 day of December, 2023.


Signature of Notary Public



December 20, 2023

Dear Greenbelt City Council Members,

I am honored to express my interest in joining you on Greenbelt City Council during this difficult period of transition following the tragic loss of Councilmember Ric Gordon. The responsibility that comes with potentially filling his seat is truly humbling.

My husband and I first “discovered” Greenbelt in 2013 when our son enrolled in Greenbelt Nursery School. We quickly embraced the vibrant community, and within six months had relocated from a single family home in Hyattsville to a GHI with no central AC. The decision felt difficult at the time, but we now know it was one of our best!

Even before relocating, I enthusiastically embraced volunteer opportunities, beginning as an instructor for Greenbelt Mamas & Papas’ weekly Rhythm & Rhyme class, and later taking on the role of Hospitality Chair for the Nursery School. As my children explored new activities, I grew with them—as Cub Scout treasurer, Greenbelt Elementary School PTA Board VP, Greenbelt Soccer Alliance coach, and Girl Scout leader.

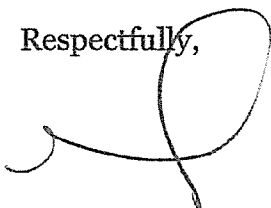
In 2017, I began coordinating the Greenbelt Pumpkin Festival. Recognizing an opportunity to enhance accessibility and inclusivity, I secured a 2018 grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation to expand the Festival into three hyper-local events, ensuring broader community benefits through stewardship and relationship building.

Simultaneously in 2017, after seven years of focusing on raising my children, I re-entered the workforce as a part-time office staffer for Greenbelt Cinema. Over the years, my role evolved and expanded, presenting exciting opportunities: programming and coordinating special events, guest speakers, and free screenings; writing and facilitating grants; running marketing and fundraising campaigns; and managing our dedicated member base.

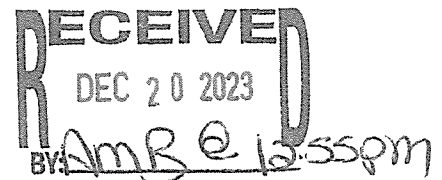
Building on my experiences within Greenbelt, I approach community service with a dynamic mindset, viewing “community” as an action word—ever-changing, and always with room for improvement. Teamwork is ingrained in my approach, and I am eager to bring my passion, dedication, and collaborative spirit to the Greenbelt City Council.

As I reflect on the impact that Ric had on Greenbelt, I am inspired by his dedication and service. If given the chance, I am committed to upholding the principles he stood for and continuing the work he started. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Amy Knesel



AMY KNESEL

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL
MEMBER APPLICANT

CONTACT



[REDACTED]



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Greenbelt, MD 20770

SKILLS

- Verbal & Written Communication
- Team Collaboration
- Project Development & Management
- Strategic Partnership
- Community Service
- Public Relations

EXPERIENCE

September 2023 - Present

Operations Manager

FIT Strategic Consulting, LLC, Greenbelt, Maryland

- Manage daily operations and task tracking system.
- Assist CEO during weekly nonprofit coaching call.
- Provide administrative support to nonprofit clients.
- Develop comprehensive plans for short-term initiatives as well as long-term goals.

May 2019 - Present

Secretary

Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, Greenbelt, MD

- Attend meetings, take minutes, and distribute notes.
- Assist with marketing and fundraising.
- Identify and onboard new volunteers.
- Additionally served as Information Day Coordinator from 2019-2023, working with groups in and around Greenbelt to showcase their organizations and services in the Roosevelt Center during Labor Day weekend.

September 2017 - Present

Girl Scout Troop Leader

Troop 23010 & 23021, Greenbelt, MD

- Encourage Scouts to take initiative by forming teams to tackle projects independently.
- Utilize positive reinforcement strategies when motivating participants during challenging tasks.
- Develop lesson plans for weekly meetings that emphasized leadership development, community service, and outdoor exploration.
- Foster an inclusive atmosphere within the troop by respecting individual differences.

November 2017 - September 2023

Office Manager


Friends of Greenbelt Theatre, Greenbelt, MD

Operations:

- Compiled and filed quarterly reports.
- Ensured compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, policies and procedures.
- Oversaw a year-long rebranding campaign.
- Planned and executed events and fundraising campaigns.
- Wrote and administered grants.



Marketing:

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- Created and disseminated weekly newsletter.
 - Managed social media channels.
 - Assisted with the development of marketing and promotional materials.

Human Resources:

- Assisted in recruiting, onboarding and training new employees.
- Managed payroll and time off requests.
- Mediated staff conflicts.

Customer Service:

- Served as primary point of contact for all members and membership inquiries.
- Resolved customer inquiries and complaints with timeliness and professionalism.
- Processed and tracked membership payments and donations using a CRM.

Accounting:

- Generated invoices and handled all accounts receivable and payable.
- Monitored financials including daily cash reconciliation and weekly bank deposits.

May 2017 - December 2022

Coordinator

Greenbelt Pumpkin Festival, Greenbelt, MD

- Secured a grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation expanding the walk to three locations (Schrom Hills, Springhill Lake Recreation Center, Roosevelt Center/North Woods) in an effort to make the Pumpkin Walk an accessible event for everyone in Greenbelt.
- Collaborated with Greenbelt organizations (CHEARS, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Public Works) to ensure safe and enjoyable events.
- Coordinated volunteers for all aspects of the festival.
- Used problem solving skills and community connection to work through challenges.

March 2018 - June 2022

Youth Soccer Coach

Greenbelt Soccer Alliance, Greenbelt, MD

- Communicated effectively with parents regarding game and practice schedules, expectations, and engagement opportunities.
- Created drills to improve individual player skills such as agility, speed, strength, balance, coordination and stamina.
- Maintained a positive learning environment that encouraged fun, teamwork, and respect among players.

September 2016 - May 2018

Treasurer

Cub Scout Pack 202, Greenbelt, MD



- Maintained accurate records of financial transactions, including cash receipts, disbursements, investments, transfers.
- Reconciled monthly bank statements and investments.
- Worked with the leadership team to develop an annual budget and future expense forecasting.

September 2015 - June 2017

Board Member & Spring Fair Chair

Greenbelt Elementary PTA, Greenbelt, MD

- Organized annual Spring Fair to serve as a community engagement event showcasing GES's programs and goals.
- Participated in board meetings to discuss school policies and issues, fundraising goals, and future endeavors.

October 2014 - May 2016

Hospitality Chair

Greenbelt Nursery School, Greenbelt, MD

- Coordinated and implemented staff appreciation events, bi-annual family gatherings, and open house.
- Drove substantial improvements in school operations by actively participating in and influencing board decisions.

January 2014 - May 2015

Volunteer

Greenbelt Mamas & Papas, Greenbelt, MD

- Organized weekly Rhythm & Rhyme Time, a free community program for infants/toddlers and their caregivers.
- Developed lesson plans and enrichment events.

EDUCATION

May 2003

Associate in Arts (A.A.)

Montgomery College, Rockville, MD