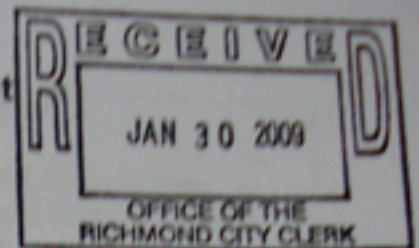


7<sup>th</sup> District City Council Appointment  
Applicant Questionnaire



Applicant Name: Betty L. Squire

1. Why do you feel you are the best candidate for the 7th District appointment? Describe your qualifications.

My record of service demonstrates a level of commitment, energy, passion, and dedication to the betterment of peoples' lives throughout our community that few people possess. My experience over the past thirty plus years has provided me an awareness and understanding of the governmental and political process. For example, I was elected the Third Congressional District Presidential Elector in 2008; worked in Lt. Governor Kaine's office during the General Assembly Session for four years; worked for the Senate of Virginia during the session for five years; worked on various campaigns at the local, state, and federal level; served on the Richmond Electoral Board and worked the polls on election day as a Chief Officer of Election. I have also served as the Research Chair for Crusade for Voters. I currently serve as a member of the Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Virginia and a member of the Personnel Board for the City of Richmond.

There are many attributes I bring to the position. I have good communication skills, am able to express myself well and concisely and work well under pressure. I know the importance of keeping abreast of changes, being responsive, and treating people equally and fairly, whether in a calm or hostile environment.

I am acutely aware of many of the needs of the community, and am willing to work hard to do all I can to help the community move forward and ensure the best opportunities for the children and citizens throughout our neighborhoods.

2. What made you decide to seek the appointment?

I decided to seek the appointment to be a voice for the people during the interim period until an election is held in November. There are many issues facing the 7<sup>th</sup> District and the city in general. I am especially concerned about our schools and other issues our children and the community face on a daily basis.

3. How long have you been a resident of the City and the 7th District?

I have been a resident of the City of Richmond for 53 years and lived in the 7<sup>th</sup> District for 46 years.

4. If appointed, what do you feel to be your greatest duty and/or role as a Councilperson? What do you consider to be your greatest strengths or

**assets that will assist you in your role as Councilperson?**

My greatest duty will be to make myself available to the people and listen to their problems and concerns with an open ear and an understanding and compassionate heart, and follow through on their issues of concern, and remain true to my word.

My greatest strengths/ assets are knowledge of the operation of government, interpersonal skills, reliability, the ability to meet people face to face with respect, and following through on assignments and commitments.

**5. Do you have any intention to run for the 7th District seat in the November 2009 election? If so, why do you intend to run?**

**If not, why would you forego running in November?**

I have no intention to run.

I believe that the "appointee" should serve for a specified period of time only. After that time, I feel that the citizens should be able to elect a person of their choice to fill the remainder of the unexpired term.

**6. To what extent have you been involved in your community such as civic associations, non-profits, etc.?**

My involvement in civic and non-profit organizations has been continuous, extensive and active for the past 20 plus years. I am a founding member of Virginia Heroes, Inc where I helped to create the Arthur Ashe Statue; a member of the board at Richmond Hill, Inc.; a volunteer (on call) for the American Red Cross; volunteer for Living the Dream, Inc.; founder of the Willie E. Lanier Scholarship, Inc.; member of Unity Civic League where I helped to create the Ronald Ealey Monument; on the board of the Squires Education Foundation, Inc., an organization founded by my son to benefit our young men through the sport of basketball.

**7. What specific needs do you see in the 7th District? How do you plan to address these issues?**

Some specific needs are the strengthening of our schools, providing better housing for low income residents, continuing and enhancing recent efforts that have made for safer communities, reducing neighborhood blight, preserving historic assets, and increasing citizen involvement at all levels. Consistent two-way communication with residents in every corner of the district may identify additional issues of concern with the added benefit that citizen input can often lead to solutions to these challenges as well.

I plan to work with the school board member in the district to address those critical issues related to our schools and the education of our youth. I also plan to set up

meetings with Mr. Walt Jackson, Property Maintenance Enforcement Inspector, to discuss what can be done about unsightly and abandoned property and will institute regular discussions with members of the police department to make sure neighborhoods public safety needs are being met.

Finally, in order to effectively address these issues, it is critical for any representative to have productive and cooperative relationships with other members of City Council as well as the Mayor and city administration. Others share many of the challenges the 7th District confronts throughout the city and these challenges are often best addressed collectively.

**8. What method of constituent outreach will you employ? How do you plan to inform your constituents of major citywide issues and how will you proceed with their feedback?**

I want to be the voice of the people and I plan to be visible throughout the 7<sup>th</sup> District. I will pro-actively seek out organization and civic group calendars and will be a regular attendee at community, church, and civic meetings.

I also intend to hold monthly district wide town hall meetings and will investigate holding regular citizen input meetings in specific neighborhoods such as Fulton, St. John's Historic District, and the Fairmont area. At such meetings as well as other opportunities, I would hope to obtain constituents email addresses so that community information could be sent to them when it is needed.

Finally, I intend to take full advantage of other methods of communication including newsletters issued by various civic associations, neighborhood association websites such as the one for the Church Hill Association, and blogs including the Greater Fulton News, River District, and Church Hill Peoples News.

**9. What are your expectations of the time demands of service on City Council and how will you meet them?**

I expect the time demands to be extensive and I am prepared to take all necessary steps to meet these time requirements. I have a history of being involved in many activities at the same time. I have a high energy level and plan to use that energy to meet the demands of the 7<sup>th</sup> District and the city.

**10. What is your understanding of the role of the Mayor, the City Administration, and City Council under this form of government? How will you work with the Administration to see that the needs of your constituents and the needs of the City are met?**

The Mayor functions as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and, as such, is the head of the executive branch of the city government. The Mayor hires, with the advice and consent of City Council, the Chief Administrative officer, who is in charge of the day to day management of the city administration. The Mayor also creates the City budget which must be approved, and can be amended, by City Council.

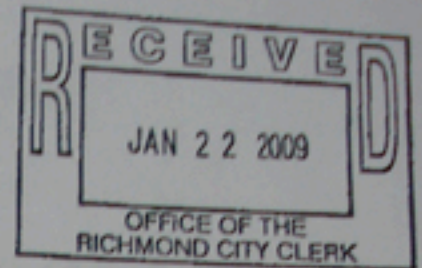
City Council is the legislative branch of the city government with responsibilities encompassing both the creation and amendment of local laws. Formulation of many city policies is also a responsibility of City Council as well as government oversight responsibilities.

Others responsibilities and functions of the Mayor and City Council are spelled out in the City Charter.

If appointed to Council, I would view my role as being an advocate for the constituents I represent while maintaining a city wide perspective that balances the needs of the district in relation to the needs of the entire City. If city services are not being met in the 7th District, I would work with the administration to insure this situation is corrected.

Cooperation and honest communication between and among Council and the Mayor is important for the City to move forward. I believe that teamwork between the Mayor, City Administration, and City Council is paramount if we are to meet the needs of our citizens.

Memo



To: The Office of the City Clerk  
Fm: Betty L. Squire  
Da: January 21, 2009  
Re: Application for the 7<sup>th</sup> Council District Interim Appointment

Please find attached my resume along with a completed Certificate of Candidate Qualification form.

As my resume indicates, my service to our community has been substantial and has encompassed a 40-year time period. These diverse experiences at the City, regional, and state levels will, I believe, allow me to be an effective representative for the citizens of the 7<sup>th</sup> district on City Council.

I currently serve on the Personnel Board for the City of Richmond. I am also a member of Richmond Hill, Inc.; the NAACP; Richmond Crusade for Voters; Central Committee of the Democratic Committee of Virginia; Unity Civic League; and the Virginia Heroes, Inc., the later two being organizations where I worked to help create the Roland Ealey Monument and Arthur Ashe Statue, respectively. I also volunteer for the both Red Cross and Living the Dream and for the past 20 years have actively participated in the Squires Education Foundation, started by my son, to benefit our young men through the sport of basketball.

At my church, Mosby Memorial Baptist Church, I am a Deaconess, Chair of the Scholarship ministry and a member of the Pulpit Flower Ministry. I am often called upon to share information with the congregation that affects our community.

I have also worked to insure that our elections are held properly. My commitment to this goal is evidenced by my service on the City of Richmond Electoral Board, service as Chief Officer at the polls on election day, and work on numerous local, state, and federal campaigns.

Finally, one of the greatest thrills in my life came last year when I was elected to be the Third Congressional District Presidential Elector. That is an honor I will never forget.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my resume.

Betty L. Squire  
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Resume for Betty L. Squire  
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Work Experience

June 2008 – December 2008

**Outreach Director for Senator Creigh Deeds**

May 2003 – March 2008

**Wachovia Securities, Inc (Temp)**

**Member of the Meetings and Event Planning Group**

Helped with the arrivals and departure schedules of top executives from around the country; set up conference rooms for meetings with company's CEO, presenters and other top leaders; answered questions; made adjustments to changes in conference schedule; provided additional information when needed for the successful completion of the conference.

January 2002 – February 2005

**Legislative Assistant to Lt. Governor Timothy M. Kaine (during the General Assembly session)**

Responded to telephone inquiries; sorted mail; filed; made telephone calls concerning Lt. Governor's schedule; entered data using Excel; communicated with other personnel using Outlook; communicated with and greeted elected officials and constituents; represented Lt. Governor Kaine at community events.

September 2000 – November 2006 **Political Campaigns**

**Outreach Coordinator for Councilwomen Ellen Robertson** during her successful bid for City Council in 2006.

**Coordinator for GOTV for the Virginia State Democratic Party** on election day in November '04

**Outreach Coordinator for Lt. Governor Kaine's** during his 2005 campaign; scheduled surrogates for church visits; worked on his transition team as an Administrative Assistant.

**Office Manager for Presidential candidate Senator John Kerry** in 2003; traveled in the Richmond Metro area speaking on behalf of Senator Kerry at community events, forums etc.

**Office Manager in 2004 for Congressman Bobby Scott**

Maintained the volunteer's database; distributed mail; arranged campaign literature pick ups and distribution; answered telephones; coordinated phone banks; supervised mail outs.

March 1998 - September 2000

**Secretary, Richmond Electoral Board**

Appointed by the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond; helped train Elections Officials and ensured that all elections were held according to law.

Commonwealth of Virginia  
**CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDATE QUALIFICATION  
 LOCAL OFFICES**

**NOTICE:** YOU MUST FILE THIS FORM WITH THE GENERAL REGISTRAR BY THE FILING DEADLINE. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN YOUR DISQUALIFICATION. SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR DETAILS.

Pursuant to § 24.2-501 of the Code of Virginia, I hereby certify that:

1. I am a citizen of the United States.  YES  NO
2. I am at least eighteen years of age or will be on or before the date of the election for the office I am seeking.  YES  NO
3. I have been a resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia for the year immediately preceding the election for the office I am seeking.  YES  NO
4. I now reside at the address shown below in the county or city and, if applicable, district in which I seek office (residence address must be given; post office box or general delivery is not acceptable):  
1600 N. 27th Street  
STREET AND NUMBER, RURAL ROUTE AND BOX NUMBER, OR HIGHWAY ROUTE NUMBER  
Richmond VA ZIP 23223  
CITY/TOWN
5. I am registered to vote at the above address in the precinct in which I reside.  YES  NO  
[or if not and registration books are closed, my application for registration, transfer, or change of address is on file in the general registrar's office for processing when books re-open]
6. Have you ever been convicted of a felony?  YES  NO
7. Have you ever been adjudicated mentally incompetent and lost your right to vote?  YES  NO
8. If you answered YES to 6, give date of certificate restoring voting rights.  
 If YES to 7, give date of court order restoring competency. DATE OF RESTORATION
9. I am an attorney admitted to the bar of the Commonwealth.  YES  NO  
[answer only if seeking office of Commonwealth's Attorney]

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY ALL THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

Betty L. Squire Interim Appointment 7<sup>th</sup>  
YOUR NAME AS IT IS TO APPEAR ON BALLOT [SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR REQUIREMENTS] OFFICE SOUGHT DISTRICT, IF APPLICABLE

1600 N. 27th Street Richmond  Primary  General  Special  
YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [SEE STATEMENT ON REVERSE SIDE] CITY OR COUNTY OR TOWN [CHECK ONE SQUARE]

Richmond, VA 23223 804-225-8331 N/A  
MAILING ADDRESS DATE OF ELECTION [CHECK ONE SQUARE]

betty1705@aol.com N/A  
E-MAIL ADDRESS WEB ADDRESS

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) subject to penalty provisions for making false statements that the information given above is true and correct and that I am qualified to vote for and hold the office for which I am a candidate.



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of January, 2009.  
 Signature of Candidate: Betty L. Squire  
 Signature of Notary or Clerk of Circuit Court: O.P. Chiles Jr. Notary ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY COMMISSION EXPIRES

**KNOWINGLY MAKING A FALSE STATEMENT OR ENTRY IN THIS DOCUMENT IS A FELONY UNDER VIRGINIA LAW. THE PUNISHMENT IS A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$2,500 AND/OR CONFINEMENT FOR UP TO TEN YEARS. ALSO, YOU LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE.**

\*See §15.2-1525 of the Code of Virginia for certain exceptions to residence requirements for Commonwealth's Attorneys.  
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