2022 City Council Vacancy Appointment Application : Entry # 8078

Date of Application

12/22/2021

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Length of Residence in Mukilteo. Use # years and # months format.

38 year 0 month (21 year in mid Mukilteo, 17 year in Old Town)

Are you registered to vote in Mukilteo? Voter registration will be confirmed during the application vetting process. A "No" answer will disqualify you from consideration.

Yes

1. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

I'd say the most relevant is my previous terms on the Mukilteo City Council from 2006 to 2013 (Please see uploaded document for pecific contribution)

I all o believe that everything on my refume (all o included in the uploaded document) if relevant to ferving a la council member as my background and experience will allow me to hit the ground running from day one.

2 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Mukilteo Ferry Advi ory Committee after leaving the council in 2013, I worked with WSF and Snohomi h County (appointing agency) to resurrect the Mukilteo FAC (and was appointed to the FAC) which had been dormant for the past ~20 years.

Mukilteo Waterfront Master Plan Advisory Subcommittee member.

Waterfront Wednesdays (more information in uploaded document).

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3 PAST CITY COUNCIL PARTICIPATION

I haven't physically attended any meetings in the last 12 months due to the pandemic but have viewed a handful live as well as several others in the archive.

The top issue I believe facing the City and Council remains the pandemic and the need by everyone to get back to "normal". In light of the latest Omicron variant and the impact this latest wave is having on all of us, it's clear we are still in a situation where many of us (fully vaccinated and boosted) aren't willing to go to our local restaurants, and take off our masks when there's an even higher risk of someone sitting in close proximity who could have a highly contagious variant. Three possible approaches I would take to address this scenario include:

- 1) The council could, through a council resolution, make changes to the MMC (with the assistance of the city attorney) to include a clause to grant temporary exemptions (with council approval) in order to provide additional outdoor seating for local restaurants, for example. This would prevent the situation that happened with Ivar's where they weren't allowed to provide outdoor seating on leased POE property and the resultant embarrassing signs that were posted.
- 2) City Facilities and Council Meetings the Council could require proof of vaccination for anyone coming inside city facilities (in addition to masking up). This would demonstrate that city leadership respects the science and those who wish to participate in their local government in the most safe and effective manner.
- 3) In the spirit of what we did several years ago with Waterfront Wednesdays, the City and Council could work with the Chamber and create one day a week, for example, where restaurants/businesses who wish to participate could require proof of vaccination for everyone seated inside. This would be a responsible move (similar to what exists in King County currently) and would allow fully vaccinated people to feel comfortable sitting inside restaurants.

Public safety, in many forms, is another top issue for Mukilteo residents that I believe the city and council could greatly improve upon.

- 1) In addition to additional support and funding for our police officers (I've had several residents tell me they'd be willing to consider a public safety levy), I'd recommend embracing and expanding a "citizen patrol" volunteer program in Mukilteo to help keep our communities safe by having more eyes out there to identify potential issues and report them to the commissioned officers.
- 2) Pedestrian safety, especially as the result of recent waterfront development, needs to be addressed. The clock is ticking and per the Hearing Examiners report/conclusions the city will be left with the responsibility for the deficiencies if the city/council doesn't take action soon. Again, the council could pass a council resolution and require regular updates to make sure this doesn't slip through the cracks (like the Mukilteo Lane issue did).
- 3) It's my understanding that the recent review of the traffic calming program didn't yield substantial changes to the identified deficiencies. Again, a council resolution could be one way to ensure the traffic calming program addresses the safety concerns of residents and could include regular updates to the council on the progress of the program. It shouldn't take a public records request by a former council member for the council to be informed that the traffic calming program is only 17% effective at meeting its objectives.

Operations at Paine Field continue to be a problem for many Mukilteo residents, especially those in close proximity to the ends of runway 16R-34L. PAE is currently going through the master plan update process yet I've seen almost no involvement by the city except for a couple of updates from our county council member. I can't overstate the negative impact that nighttime/early morning jet aircraft flights including the Dreamlifter, commercial air service, and now FedEx has on some Mukilteo resident's quality of life. The pandemic has created somewhat of a lull for now, but it's only temporary. Following is one of my comments submitted to the PAE master plan update process:

"The County Council should pass a Voluntary Nighttime Curfew similar to what Burbank has

(https://hollywoodburbankairport.com/noise-environment/noise-rules-summary/). This is different than what currently exists in part because it would give airport staff the direction necessary to work with commercial operators to discourage nighttime (10pm-7am) scheduled/jet operations which impact a significant number of residents around the airport. Although the 1990 ANCA allows 24x7 operation, the county should adopt a Voluntary Nighttime Curfew to demonstrate a show of good faith to be consistent with the MRD that resulted in so much development around the airport. "

The City and Council could, through a council resolution, work with Snohomish County to implement the above and other

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measures to mitigate some of the adverse impact on the surrounding communities. However, EXTREMELY important is a Plan B if negotiations don't work out with Snohomish County that would provide relief to Mukilteo residents (additional information on my vision of "Plan B" available on request).

4. Explain why you are seeking appointment to the Mukilteo City Council.

When we moved down to Old Town 17 years ago, it was like being on vacation. Several factors in recent years have adversely impacted our quality of life including commercial jets flying in the middle of the night, the loss of safe waterfront access and recently the speed hump debacle (which did turn out good with the installation of the originally planned permanent speed hump). This is the first council I've seen in Mukilteo where I strongly believe your individual skills and perspectives truly complement each other. We desperately need this council to be successful and I want to be part of it.

Having served two previous terms on the Mukilteo City Council (2006-2013) and more recently on the Mukilteo Ferry Advisory committee, I ran for city council again because I've seen the Council unnecessarily struggle with issues because the Council didn't have all the information necessary to make an informed decision. Following are two recent examples:

- 1) During recent efforts to address the Mukilteo Lane issue resulting from the design of the new Mukilteo Ferry Terminal and transportation infrastructure, some of the proposals brought before council were missing critical input from BNSF, WSDOT and the Tulalip Tribes. As a result, some remedies were proposed and even received a second that would have resulted in loss of a safe public access point to the waterfront (without BNSF consultation), additional pedestrian/vehicle safety conflict at the new intersection (dismissal of WSDOT input) and uncertainty about access to Tulalip Tribes property.
- 2) Another personal example was an issue with the temporary speed hump placed in front of our house. There was a complete disconnect between city staff and the council which has caused an unnecessary divide on the council. Because the speed humps were an action of the council, staff (incorrectly) believed they were unable to work with a resident (me) to address the concerns. Some on the council believed (incorrectly) that staff was working with me, or (incorrectly) that council rules prevented council from being involved, or (incorrectly) that proper protocol is to refer back to the traffic calming process. Unfortunately, it took a public records request to finally figure out what really happened but as a result of this incident and comments during a council meeting, there is a permanent stain for speed humps among several Mukilteo officials despite the overwhelming support for them by Mukilteo residents.

I've also witnessed condescending and disparaging comments made against other councilmembers and members of the public which are destructive to the council and against council rules. Based on my previous experience while was on the council, and my experience working on a professional competitive racing team, I'm concerned how these things can divide the council and create mistrust among its members. I want to help facilitate good decisions, based on factual and complete information which respects the council and it's members while providing the best service to Mukilteo residents.

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Steve Schmalz

Phone Number Reference #1



Jennifer Gregerson

Phone Number Reference #2

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Reference #3

Emory Cole

Phone Number Reference #3

GDPR Agreement

 I consent to having this website store my submitted information so that my application can be considered for appointment to the City Council.

Disclosure

✓ I agree to the disclosure statement.

I declare, under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, that the foregoing is true and correct. I understand that I may be discharged for any misrepresentation or omission in my statements.

I am 18 years old or older.

General Comments

Thanks to each councilmember for considering my application for the Mukilteo City Council Vacancy Appointment. Although I didn't win the general election, as my wife Dana pointed out, I was the winner of the losers (I think that's a compliment) and combined with my background, previous experience on the council as well as my more recent experience I believe I would be a great asset in helping the council represent Mukilteo residents in these challenging times.

- Kevin

This is the original draft of an article I wrote in December of 2013 (my last month on the council before "retiring") for the Mukilteo Beacon – Kevin Stoltz

My plan for this last column as a council member is to highlight some of the things I've accomplished or had a significant part in getting started. Everything I've been able to accomplish as a council member has been with a lot of help from others but the list that follows is going to sound like it's all about me; and this time it is all about me and specifically some of the things I've been able to accomplish on behalf of Mukilteo citizens. I won't be talking about the big projects we accomplished while I was on the council like building City Hall, renovating Lighthouse Park, building a new community center or acquiring property in Japanese Gulch but rather the smaller things that a single council member can have a positive and effective influence on.

City Attorney at council meetings – One of the first budget proposals I made was to have the city attorney attend all council meetings. Once elected, we have access to MRSC (Municipal Research and Services Center) attorneys and can ask for their legal opinion on any variety of municipal issues. However, we were making decisions based on legal opinions from staff (and sometimes even other council members) who weren't qualified to be giving the advice. Having the city attorney attend all council meetings added the necessary professionalism to the meeting and resulted in better council decisions.

Council Use of Rosehill rooms - When I was first elected, we had informal "Chime-In" meetings where up to three council members (so we didn't have a quorum) would be available to meet with our residents. These later evolved into council "office hours" and then most recently into the "Council Chat" sessions that Councilmember Steve Schmalz and I hosted. Using an available room in the Rosehill community center was off-limits for some reason to council members. Back in 2006 I initiated the effort to allow council members to have meetings in available rooms at the community center. A couple of years ago the administration asked the Park and Arts commission for their (administration influenced) opinion and that permission was later repealed by the council.

Council Rules – I proposed establishing council rules for Mukilteo that would describe how the council handled the people's business. A council committee was formed and the council adopted its rules. Although we've recently not done a very good job of following or enforcing the council rules we adopted, it's still important to work towards that goal.

Volunteer Built Trail – After the council approved money in the budget for a trail between 5th Street and Mukilteo Lane on city owned property in Japanese Gulch, and after the realization that it probably wasn't going to happen unless someone spearheaded the effort, I decided this would be a great project for a city sponsored volunteer group to take on. So, after taking a class in Washington, DC on "building a municipal volunteer program" and talking with the city attorney, I led a wonderful group of volunteers who built the trail which included 6 bridges and a wetland mitigation native plant restoration effort. Our initial planning efforts were made possible by the ability to use a room in the Rosehill Community Center thanks to the council decision made in 2006 (and later repealed by the current council).

Waterfront Wednesdays – Working with two other council members and several community organizations, I initiated the Waterfront Wednesdays concept which (officially) ran over two summers on Wednesdays and included an organized effort to promote Mukilteo's waterfront activities and businesses. We helped promote the Farmer's Market and Open Mic at the Red Cup. We initiated the movies at Lighthouse Park and the Pet Parades as well as many other attractions including glass blowing demonstrations and studio tours at the Art Building and guest brewers at the Diamond Knot. We initiated the shuttle between Rosehill, the Farmer's Market at Lighthouse Park and the Art Building with the help of our good friend James Brice of the Mukilteo Seniors who drove the shuttle. (With much sadness I learned while writing this that Jim passed away this morning.)

Public Safety Mitigation when ferry holding area was expanded – When the plans to demolish the Buzz Inn, apartments in the back and paid parking area was presented to council without any public safety mitigation whatsoever, I made a stink and the council agreed. At the time we decided to reinstate the marked walking area in front of the holding area and provide pedestrian access around the holding area and towards the Sounder Station (which was later changed to be the construction of a RH turn). This is also around the time when I initially proposed the pedestrian underpass to allow pedestrians to get to Lighthouse Park without passing through the ferry dock intersection. The pedestrian underpass project was initially approved by the council but due to a series of unfortunate ignorance, didn't move forward. Now, several years later, WSF has the project in their plans for when the ferry is moved.

Ferry Dock Intersection safety - I initiated several items to improve pedestrian safety at the ferry dock intersection. In the Waterfront Wednesday days, if the pedestrian underpass didn't work out, the backup plan was to fund a police officer at the intersection at times of high vehicle/pedestrian traffic (like the Farmer's Market). That was implemented and continues although I'm not sure it's entirely clear of the intended purpose based on my latest observations this

past summer. I was also a stickler about the use of the off-loading stop light for ferry traffic and opening up the safer crosswalk area on the water side of the intersection. WSF and their WSDOT counterparts created a crosswalk/ferry stoplight solution that was nearly perfect and actually exceeded my expectations (I'm sure there are a number of Mukilteo officials who can attest to how rarely this occurs). Finally, after one of my waterfront field trips where the WSDOT Engineering Manager witnessed a pedestrian trip and almost fall into the street as the result of the newly installed ADA crosswalk/curb combination, WSDOT and WSF fixed the problem that local officials said couldn't be done.

Save Goat Trail Park – After learning of a plan the administration slipped into the budget which included selling off parcels for development including Goat Trail Park, I made a stink that resulted in saving Goat Trail Park, again.

Red Light Cameras – While attending my son's graduation in Southern California, the council took a vote on the Red Light camera's including a vote to put school zone speed cameras on SR-525 at Olympic View middle school (not previously revealed to or discussed by council). The council vote was a 3-3 tie and the mayor broke the tie clearing the way for red light cameras in Mukilteo. Had I been there, my vote would have been against Red Light cameras and upon returning I asked that the decision be reconsidered. A motion for reconsideration can only be made by someone voting with the majority and if one is absent, you don't have that ability according to our council rules (I've tried to get this changed several times but haven't been able to). So, when approached by Tim Eyeman to bring this discussion to the public in the form of a local initiative (which was modeled on Mukilteo Initiative #1 that I sponsored prior to being elected to the council) I was more than happy to help. To make a long (and convoluted) story short, 70% of Mukilteo voters were opposed to Red Light cameras in Mukilteo and the decision was reversed.

Radar Speed Indicators – After much research and observation, while on the council Transportation Committee, I introduced the idea of permanent radar speed indicators in Mukilteo. We had a demonstration where there was known to be a problem of drivers not slowing down from 35MPH to 25MPH on 5th Street in the Old Town area. The council decided to fund one on 5th Street heading westbound (across from where the Dog Park is now). Staff recommended putting the other one Southbound on SR-525 just past 6th Street. For the record, I was opposed to this location considering it's heading up a hill, close to a signalized intersection (5th Street), and near a transition where the speed limit is already increasing (from 25MPH to 35MPH) but it was sold to the council and remains today. After the Red Light camera fiasco we put radar speed indicators on SR-525 Northbound and Southbound at the boarders of the school zone at Olympic View Middle School. Radar speed indicators are much more effective at getting drivers attention and reminding them of their speed (they flash red SLOW DOWN if you're too far over the speed limit).

Rosehill Community Center Enhancements – Although there has been much opportunity for enhancements to make Rosehill more available for our residents and to dedicate a room to the Mukilteo Seniors and as a community meeting room, I've really only had two successes; one of which I doubt anyone would give me credit for. You may recall there was a lot of camping going on at Rosehill by people wanting to be first in line to make their wedding/reception reservation one year in advance for any specific day. On a Wednesday at the end of September I saw a single tent set up and upon talking with the young lady camping out learned she was there after having knee surgery, to get the spot for a year from Saturday for her wedding. She was the only person in line and would end up spending three nights there. I made a stink about it and sent a couple of emails to the electeds over the next couple of days asking that we not require her to camp out and because she's the first and only person in line why not just give her the reservation. Nobody did anything. Later we went to a lottery system thereby eliminating the need to camp out and more importantly, eliminated the potential liability to the city if something were to happen. Only the city attorney thanked me for my effort in getting this "policy" changed because of the concern over liability. The other recent success was getting the public hours extended on Friday and Saturday evenings and open hours on Sunday.

Dog Park — A few years ago a small group of dog park advocates came to the council with the hopes of creating a dog park in Mukilteo. The administration formed a committee and invited a single council member to join them and they set out to find possible locations. For whatever reason that process failed to yield results and after 6 months had gone by with no activity, I approached the remaining dog park advocate (Sally) from the original group with an idea that I was quite sure would reignite the process and result in a Mukilteo dog park. The current location of the Tails and Trails Mukilteo Dog Park was ruled out for whatever reason by the original committee but with what Sally and I knew, we thought it was actually a feasible location. So, my plan was to not rely on the city and instead ask for the same agreement already given by the administration to another local group which was we'll take care of everything (Sally already had many of the resources necessary lined up to make a dog park happen) if we can use the property for a public purpose. Naturally, this kind of backs them into a corner because the city can't legally discriminate between groups. But the administration hates it when they drop the ball and I'm able to pick it up and run with it so almost miraculously the city embarked on a master plan process to include a dog park in this area of city owned property which cleared the way for an incredible amount of support and the dog park became a reality. And while it took a tremendous amount of effort and support from many others to make it a reality, I'm proud that I came up with a strategy that reignited the process which led to a wildly successful dog park in Mukilteo.

Mukilteo Park and Ride – Although the idea of a Mukilteo park and ride has been discussed for years (actually since the late '90s that I'm aware of), nothing materialized until I wrote and submitted a grant application to the State. Sponsored by Snohomish County and with the help of two other Mukilteo council members and State representatives, a \$1million grant was awarded to start the process. I'm looking forward to Mayor Gregerson and Councilmember Schmalz in particular to move the park and ride forward.



SKILLS

- **Strong communication skills.** Able to work with others to create a strong productive team environment. Strong verbal and written communication skills.
- **Leadership and management skills.** Ability to pull together various opinions and strategies and provide an action plan to accomplish projects and tasks in an efficient and "win-win" manner.
- **Business management/operational knowledge** including budget accounting, employee requirements, vendor relations, sales and marketing.
- **Strategic planning.** Experience formulating strategy, policies and procedures necessary to launch businesses as well as strategic plans and programs within organizations. Entrepreneur.
- **Process and procedure management skills.** Able to formulate and develop processes and procedures to ensure efficient and effective results.
- **Practical application of complex problem solving techniques** including project planning, analysis, design, modeling, implementation, testing, support, as well as consideration of economic and regulatory influences.
- **Self motivated, ambitious and responsible.** Able to learn quickly and apply knowledge to solve complex problems.

EXPERIENCE

January 1992- Present

President/Network Systems Engineer - CompuPlus, Inc. (Currently MSP - Managed Services Provider)

- Perform System Integration and Network/consulting services for small businesses.
- Manage and operate citynetwork.com ISP.
- Develop custom software applications for clients.

September 1988 - January 1992

Owner/Manager - CompuPlus, Everett, WA

- Founded and developed retail computer store specializing in PC based solutions for small businesses.
- Developed and operated complete internal accounting policies and procedures including inventory management and control, and point of sale.
- Taught computer classes.
- Hired, trained, and supervised employees.
- Managed business operations including relations with vendors and customers.
- Developed marketing and advertising materials for use in media advertising and direct mail campaigns.

October 2003- 2020

President - PLB Rentals, LLC.

- Founded and developed on-line rental business for Personal Locator Beacons (PLB) used by hikers and other
 outdoor enthusiasts where getting lost, injured or stranded may result in life threatening situations.
- Developed processes and web-based application in cooperation with NOAA to manage necessary reporting and monitoring of rented PLBs.
- Developed web based back-end application for rental transaction management, inventory management, shipping and e-commerce.
- Create marketing and educational materials to promote public awareness of PLBs.
- Work with government agencies (NOAA, Air Force Rescue Coordination Center, National Forest Service, Search and Rescue, etc.) and vendors to provide turn-key PLB rental process and reporting availability in the event of a PLB activation.

January 2006-2013 (part time)

Councilmember - Mukilteo City Council

- Elected to 4 year term November 2005.
- Re-elected to 4 year term November 2009
- Council is responsible for representing Mukilteo citizens, setting city policy, approving budgets, and confirming key staff members and city commission members.

September 2006-Current (part time)

Data/Telemetry Engineer – Graham Trucking Racing U-12 (Current) Unlimited Hydroplane Team (Previously including U-98, U-1, U-5, U-7, U57)

- Competitive Unlimited Hydroplane racing team with several wins including National High Points title and Gold Cup Champions.
- Responsible for data acquisition systems, data analysis, and maintaining configuration and performance records.
- Provide data and engineering analysis for use in configuration changes and rigging for aerodynamic and hydrodynamic parameters including canard and wing settings, gearbox ratios, propellers, etc.
- At race sites manage data acquisition system, and assist with configuration and strategic decisions to maximize competitiveness during testing and heats.

April 2002 - 2006 (part time)

Crew Member/Chief Engineer - Superior Racing U-25 Unlimited Hydroplane

- Developed computer data acquisition and analysis system of operating parameters for 3000HP turbine powered,
 6500 lb unlimited hydroplane.
- Responsible for onboard and external video recording.
- Responsible for electrical systems.
- Provide analysis for use in configuration changes and rigging for aerodynamic and hydrodynamic parameters including canard and wing settings, gearbox ratios, propellers, etc.
- At race sites manage data acquisition system, video recording (on-board and external), electrical system, and assist with configuration decisions to maximize competitiveness during testing and heats.

June 1998-January 2001 (part time)

Vice President/Developer - Automotive Avenues, Inc.

 Developed processes and software applications to take raw data from Washington State Department of Vehicle Licensing and produce reports for Credit Unions to be used in automobile re-finance programs.

1988-December 2000 (part time)

Volunteer - NWEAA (Northwest Experimental Aircraft Association)

- President, Vice President, Board of Directors. Support annual NWEAA Fly-In and Sport Aviation Convention event by setting policies, approving budgets, and determining future objectives.
- Director of Flight Operations. Responsible for managing all Flight Operations departments including Aircraft Parking, Airshow, and all air and ground aircraft operations. Coordinate with FAA tower and FSDO.
- Developed and implemented wireless network infrastructure and software applications to track arriving aircraft during the 5 day event which attracts over 40,000 people and over 1500 aircraft.

1992-1996 (part time)

Author

- Wrote several books specializing in PC Computer Networking published by IDG Books and New Riders Publishing (MacMillan Computer Publishing).
 - Author, Windows 95 Networking Secrets, June 1996, 714pp, IDG Books/John Wiley & Sons
 - Author, The Network Starter Kit, September 1994, 518pp, New Riders Publishing
 - Author, Inside LANtastic 6, May 1994, 757pp, New Riders Publishing
 - Author, Inside LANtastic 5, July 1993, 682pp, New Riders Publishing
 - Contributing author, Inside LANtastic, June 1992, 492pp, New Riders Publishing
 - Co-author, The Modem Coach, November 1992, 250pp, New Riders Publishing
 - Contributing author, Ultimate Windows 3.1, December 1992, 1100pp, New Riders Publishing
- Wrote several networking articles for LAN Magazine.

July 1989 - February 1990

Systems Analyst - Boeing Computer Services, Everett, WA

- Supported Boeing Commercial Airplane Division customers by troubleshooting and diagnosing software related problems on PC based computers.
- Dedicated support for Product development group supporting customized AutoCad application and network operations.
- Recommended and implemented computer system changes to enhance productivity.

April 1985 - July 1989

Noise Staff Engineer - Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Everett, WA

- Received Boeing award of recognition for co-developing a software application which resulted in reducing the total time expended analyzing flight test noise data from 8 hours to 30 minutes.
- Developed a 'mini-lab' which was purchased by the company to be used for preliminary design analysis. Mini-lab
 consisted of a sound insulated independent air source, airflow measurement apparatus and sound level
 measurement meter to evaluate ECS (Environmental Control Systems) designs allowing immediate testing of
 theoretical designs prior to commitment to production.
- Influenced and supported other engineering groups to ensure interior and exterior airplane noise levels met FAA
 requirements, Design Specification requirements, and Customer guarantee levels.
- Planned and participated in airplane flight tests to measure noise levels and incorporate engineering changes. Analyzed and reported on measured noise level data.
- Developed and coordinated engineering design changes to optimize noise level reduction efforts.

December 1983 - April 1985

Technical Maintenance Manual Engineer - Boeing Commercial Airplane Company, Everett, WA

- Developed maintenance manuals for flight controls and flight control electronics for the Boeing 767 airplane.
- Coordinated with other engineering groups to develop maintenance procedures for aircraft mechanics to use.
- Incorporate production line engineering changes into maintenance manuals.

FORMAL EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Engineering (Aeronautics & Astronautics), University of Washington, June 1983