

Statement of Interest (Bowman) - Ethics Commission

My name is Scott Wm. Bowman and I am submitting this letter as a brief statement of interest in serving on the Kyle Ethics Commission. I believe that my background and interest in the position demonstrates my ability to serve in this capacity.

I am currently an Associate Professor in the School of Criminal Justice at Texas State University. My Ph.D. is from the School of Justice Studies at Arizona State University, where the primary coursework involved the careful and critical analysis of everything related to the fundamental concept of “justice.” During my time at Arizona State University, my coursework included everything from the analysis of justice from the perspectives of race, class, gender, and sexual orientation to courses in procedural criminal law, substantive criminal law, and ethics. Throughout my teaching and research, my work has been consistently rooted in the principles of justice and fairness – including having taught courses on “ethics”, the “principles of justice” and “justice theory.” In addition, I have served on numerous university committees and have spoken publically on numerous issues that related directly to notions of justice (criminological and otherwise). I believe that an individual that serves on an ethics committee not only needs to understand the basic components of the law and of ethics, but must also be grounded in the fundamental principles and ideologies that assist in arriving at a just, fair resolution. I believe that my education and experience indicate my ability to meet the expectations of an individual that is called to serve on the Ethics Commission.

In addition, I believe that my reasoning for submitting my application for this position is equally important for consideration to serve on the Commission. I have lived in Kyle for nearly 13 years and have served in smaller scales in the city – mostly through the schools that my daughters have attended. One of the challenges in earning tenure and promotion at Texas State University was ensuring that a faculty member allows for the appropriate time to conduct ample research and publish in scholarly journal articles. Because of this, I significantly limited the amount of public service that I could perform, as I did not want to jeopardize my efforts towards tenure and promotion. Now that I have received that commendation, I am able to participate in additional service opportunities. The Ethics Commission seems an appropriate and important role that I can play in the city of Kyle that has provided my family and I the opportunity to live comfortably and thrive. I believe that providing this service is the least that I can do in return for my time in Kyle.

If you have any questions regarding my qualifications or my willingness to serve in this capacity, please do not hesitate to contact me at (512) 767-2001 or at bowman0520@gmail.com. Thank you for considering me for this important position with the city of Kyle.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Wm. Bowman', written in a cursive style.

Scott Wm. Bowman, Ph.D.