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Eltana President and founder Stephen Brown announces bid for Seattle City Council

34-year Seattle resident and President of Eltana Bagels brings his innovative style and experience as a small business owner to the Seattle City Council race

SEATTLE - On Tuesday, Stephen Brown, founder and co-owner of Eltana Bagels in Capitol Hill, announced he is running for the Seattle City Council in District 1, the open position created by retiring Councilmember Lisa Herbold.

“I’m excited to announce my candidacy for the Seattle City Council District 1 position – representing West Seattle, South Park, and Georgetown. I love this great city and I want to help create a more vibrant, livable, and inclusive city for all of us who call Seattle home.”

In announcing his run, Brown explained his vision for the Council and his plans to bring a pragmatic approach on issues such as urban vitality, small business support, and transit.

Brown added, “I began to seriously consider running a few years ago when I decided to keep Eltana Bagels open and un-boarded during the height of the Black Lives Matter, George Floyd protests and ensuing CHOP occupancy. I could have followed many businesses at the time and closed my doors or joined some of my neighboring businesses in their lawsuit against the city. Instead, I listened to the community and to

my employees. We worked to keep people employed and keep our doors open for our customers. I think that kind of collaborative leadership is desperately needed on the Council right now.”

Brown also served as the Lead Entrepreneur of the Seattle Monorail Project (SMP) from 2003 to 2007, where he participated on the task force that created the ORCA card. Previously, he was the co-founder and President of Entros, a social entertainment venture born in South Lake Union. Brown has lived in Seattle for 34 years, is a father of two, and has an MBA from Stanford University.

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