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Board and Commission Application

Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

Public Statement

THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT: As a candidate for a public board or commission, the information provided will be available to the County Council, County Executive, and the public. All board and commission members are expected to be fair, impartial, and respectful of the public, County staff, and each other. Failure to abide by these expectations may result in revocation of appointment and removal from the appointive position.

Title Dr.

First Name CHARLES

Last Name BAILEY

Today's Date 12/1/2023

Street Address [REDACTED]

City [REDACTED]

Zip [REDACTED]

Do you live in & are you registered to vote in Whatcom County? Yes

Do you have a different mailing address? *Field not completed.*

Primary Telephone [REDACTED]

Secondary Telephone [REDACTED]

Email Address [REDACTED]

Step 2

1. Name of Board or Committee Climate Impact Advisory Committee

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| Climate Impact Advisory Committee Position: | I have previous work or educational experience in climate change. |
| 2. Do you meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation requirements of the position for which you're applying? | Yes |
| 3. Which Council district do you live in? | District 5 |
| 4. Are you a US citizen? | Yes |
| 5. Are you registered to vote in Whatcom County? | Yes |
| 6. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county? | No |
| 7. Have you ever been a member of this Board/Commission? | Yes |
| If yes, please list dates: | March 2022 to present |
| 8. Do you or your spouse have a financial interest in or are you an employee or officer of any business or agency that does business with Whatcom County? | No |
| You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & | Attached |

interest in response to
the following questions

9. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education

Please see attachment.

10. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission

Please see attachment.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Ellyn Murphy, CIAC Chair (509) 554-6203
Ray Kamada, CIAC member (360) 547-7347
David Kershner, former CIAC member (310) 409-7245

Appointment Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant: Charles R. Bailey

Place Signed / Submitted



(Section Break)

Charles R. Bailey

10. Biography

After graduation from Swarthmore College, Charles joined the Peace Corps and taught agriculture to middle schoolers in a village in eastern Nepal. He then completed a Masters in Public Affairs at Princeton University and joined the Ford Foundation's staff in India. Thereafter he did field work in rural Botswana for his PhD in agricultural economics at Cornell University. His dissertation focused on tribal management of water resources and grazing land for beef cattle production for export.

Charles has spent much of his career overseas as a grant maker with the Ford Foundation funding projects with governments, universities, research institutes and NGOs in a dozen countries in South and Southeast Asia and Eastern and Southern Africa. Based in Vietnam for a decade, he launched an initiative which helped Vietnam and the U.S. reach agreement on what to do about Agent Orange. His book, *From Enemies to Partners: Vietnam, the U.S. and Agent Orange*, has been published in English, Vietnamese and Japanese.

A resident of Lummi Island, Charles served six years on the Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee (2016-2022), the last year as vice chair. He was an advocate for the County to replace the aging, diesel-powered, *Whatcom Chief* with an electric-powered ferry and to charge its batteries from the grid which led to Public Works/ PSE's "Shore Power Study," completed in June 2023.

The Whatcom County Council appointed Charles to the Climate Impact Advisory Committee in March 2022. He has attended 20 of its 21 monthly meetings to date. He helped to finalize the job description for the County's new Climate Action Manager position and took part in interviewing the finalists. He has contributed to the climate update of the Comp Plan and to the briefing notes on the county's climate priorities for the 2023 session of the legislature. As CIAC's secretary, Charles has written the Committee's minutes since November 2022.

11. Why I Am Interested in Continuing to Serve on CIAC

CIAC wrote Whatcom County's Climate Action Plan as an actionable document but county government needs to do more to prepare and adapt to the coming climate challenges and to contribute our proportionate share to the mitigation of greenhouse gases. If appointed I aim to help CIAC ally with other advisory committees to train a 'climate lens' on all aspects of county government's policies, budgeting and operations and to amplify the work of the Climate Action Manager.