

Subject: Online Form Submittal: Advisory Group Application
Date: Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:23:51 AM

Advisory Group Application

Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Advisory Groups

Public Statement

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Title *Field not completed.*

First Name Tawsha

Last Name Thompson

Today's Date 1/2/2024

Street Address [REDACTED]

City [REDACTED]

Zip [REDACTED]

Do you live in Whatcom County? Yes

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

Primary Telephone [REDACTED]

Secondary Telephone *Field not completed.*

Email Address [REDACTED]

Step 2

1. Name of Advisory Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force/Law &

Group	Justice Council
Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force Position:	Concerned Citizen
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 4
4. Have you ever been a member of this Advisory Group	No
5. 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?	Yes
If yes, please explain	My husband is a Whatcom County Sheriff's Deputy
6. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county?	No
You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions	<i>Field not completed.</i>
7. Please describe your occupation (or former	I am currently a Law Enforcement Officer for the city of Lynden. I have worked with for Lynden Police Department since May of

occupation if retired),
qualifications,
professional and/or
community activities,
and education

2023.
Disaster Case Manager for Whatcom Long Term Recovery
Group from March 2022 to April of 2023
As a disaster case manager I assisted flood survivors navigate
local and federal grants and
programs to aid in their flood recovery and rebuilding.
Law Enforcement Officer for the City of Bellingham. March 1997 -
December 2021
I help many roles within the Bellingham Police Department
Patrol Officer, K9 Officer, Bicycle Officer, Master Patrol Officer,
Field Training officer,
Detective, Corporal, and Family Crimes Detective Sergeant.
In my role as a Police Officer I had many opportunities to engage
with our community.
Shop with your Cop: I planned and executed a yearly Christmas
shopping event that
connected local children with LE officers
Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics:
Honor Guard Commander.
Education:
I attended Shoreline Community College, Whatcom Community
College, and Western Washington University. I studied Criminal
Justice, Sociology, and Psychology.

Throughout my career in law enforcement I continued to study
and take course to improve my ability to serve my community.
Instructor Development, Incident Command Structure, Forensic
Child Interviewing, Homicide Investigation, Crises Negotiation
and De-escalation, Bias and Discrimination, Domestic Violence,
Crime Prevention through Environmental Design.

8. Please describe why
you're interested in
serving on this
Advisory Group.

Throughout my life I have been drawn to careers that are
community service focused. My goal in serving on this group
would be to have the ability to engage in courageous
conversations that will shape the future of public safety in
Whatcom County. I worked on the yes jail campaign because I
believe that incarceration is necessary to stop criminal behavior
that is in progress. I also believe there are better, and more
creative alternatives, to be explored in the area of recidivism
reduction.

References (please
include daytime
telephone number):

Peter Frazier: (360) 201-0390
Kathy Kershner: (360) 220-7535
Flo Simon: (360) 815-5516

Appointment
Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Tawsha Thompson

Place Signed /
Submitted



(Section Break)

From: Tawsha Thompson
To: Jill Nixon
Subject: Re: Consideration fo Justice Project Oversight and Planning (JPOP)
Date: Monday, March 4, 2024 8:48:02 AM

Jill I am so sorry for my delay in responding. Is it too late.
My background is the criminal legal system users. I am a law enforcement officer with 25 years of experience. I am currently a detective with Lynden Police Department.

Tawsha Thompson

From: Jill Nixon <JNixon@co.whatcom.wa.us>
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2024 12:50 PM
To: Tawsha Thompson [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Consideration fo Justice Project Oversight and Planning (JPOP)

Hello Tawsha.

Council will soon be considering applications to the Justice Project Oversight and Planning Committee for a [number of vacant positions](#). Please let me know which position(s) you're applying for:

1. Applicants must be one of the following:
2. Behavioral health service provider,
3. substance use disorder (SUD) treatment provider,
4. supportive housing subject matter expert,
5. reentry specialist,
6. recovery subject matter expert,
7. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) paramedic, or
8. criminal legal system users, including those formerly incarcerated.

Thank you,
Jill

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From: Tawsha Thompson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 8:57 AM
To: Jill Nixon <JNixon@co.whatcom.wa.us>

Subject: Consideration fo Justice Project Oversight and Planning (JPOP)

Jill,

I would like to be considered for one of the vacancies on the JPOP committee.

Would you like me to submit a new application/resume.

Thank you

Tawsha