

Subject: Online Form Submittal: Board and Commission Application
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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 Ms.

First Name Catherine

Last Name Shornick

Today's Date 7/10/2023

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? YES

Mailing Address [REDACTED]

Primary Telephone [REDACTED]

Secondary Telephone *Field not completed.*

Email Address [REDACTED]

Step 2

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| 1. Name of Board or Committee | Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee |
| Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee Position: | I am a resident or property owner on Lummi Island. |
| 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? | No |
| 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, & | <i>Field not completed.</i> |

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

I am retired from Western Washington University where I was the operations manager for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. I worked primarily in communication, policy development and process, budgets, regulations, and records. I hold a BA from WWU and a paralegal degree from Whatcom Community College and am a professionally trained mediator. I serve as a board member (and on the governance committee) for the Lummi Island Heritage Trust, and am a member of the Lummi Island Work Group.

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

My interest in LIFAC is multi-leveled: I am a full-time resident of the island, and although I am retired and commuting is no longer a personal concern, I do have family on the island who work in town. We all rely on the ferry for getting to groceries, medical care, events, and myriad other activities that any Whatcom family participates in. I pay ferry fees, whether as add-ons or built into business fees, for the services on which every homeowner relies, from trash service to propane deliveries to mail, FedEx, septic and generator maintenance, etc. I have family and friends who live in Bellingham and beyond who enjoying visiting the island, and a granddaughter who will be traveling on the bus to a Ferndale middle school in just a few years. I depend on emergency services largely reliant on volunteers who are younger residents that can make it work to live here.

I also have a keen interest in the success of LIFAC for purposes of collaboration, participation, and citizen voice. It cannot be said enough that the Whatcom Chief is literally the lifeline to the Lummi Island community in all regards. Islanders understand the uniqueness and inconveniences of living with a ferry more than anyone, and most appreciate the complexity of operating the ferry, even if details are head-spinning. With a new ferry on the horizon, it is more important than ever that LIFAC provides a forum for and information to islanders, allowing the community to participate in and understand the enormous challenge of enabling and transitioning to a replacement for our very old and beloved Whatcom Chief. The community and Public Works have much work ahead, and I believe a well-functioning LIFAC will be the key to a successful and positive process and outcome for all involved; in fact, I suspect there are likely some yet-undiscovered and exciting opportunities for all of us to explore together!

References (please include daytime telephone number):

LeaAnn Martin, retired Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS), WWU; 360-739-5037
Marc Geisler, Associate Dean, CHSS, WWU; 360-224-9393
Linda Luttrell, Operations Manager, College of the Environment, WWU; 360-441-5685
Diane Harper, Lummi Island; 360-758-7333

Appointment
Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant: Catherine Shornick

Place Signed /
Submitted



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