

Advisory Group Application

Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Advisory Groups

Public Statement

THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT: As a candidate for a public advisory group, the information provided will be available to the County Council, County Executive, and the public. All advisory group 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.

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First Name	Cora "Cori"
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Last Name	Reece
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Today's Date	11/19/2025
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Do you live in Whatcom County?	Yes
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Do you have a different mailing address?	Field not completed.
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Secondary Telephone	Field not completed.
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Step 2

1. Name of Advisory	Justice Project Oversight & Planning Committee
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Group

Justice Project
Oversight and Planning
(JPOP) Committee

Young Adult (aged 18-24)

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 2

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?

No

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

Attached

7. Please describe your
occupation (or former
occupation if retired),
qualifications,
professional and/or

Currently I am a full time student at WCC earning my general AA. I enjoy showing up to community events on campus. Most recently I helped my professor set-up some art pieces for a student display happening in the learning commons. And while I'm not getting a degree that focuses on criminal justice or

community activities,
and education

government, I have taken a lot of classes in that genre. Currently I'm enrolled in a community relations class with an A, and that I highly enjoy. I also enjoy helping make Whatcom County a better place on a daily bases, be it in helping out in classrooms or organizing clean-up parties with my friends. On a more personal level, I live in a Mercy Housing complex and enjoy making connections with my neighbors here, specifically through the community gatherings.

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

I was born and raised in Bellingham and have seen it to go through a lot of transition in the short 18 years of my life. I always felt supported in a lot of ways, especially seeing how much LGBTQ+ and women's rights have been advocated for in Whatcom County, two groups I'm proud to be a part of. As I got older I started to see the cracks in our foundation, especially since moving into subsidized housing. Lots of my neighbors and chosen family have been through the legal system, and I've seen from first-hand experience how hard it can be to recover from that. Lots of these individuals need better mental health support, financial support, or just better reintegration support in general. Down the road I hope to get my Master's to become a medical examiner, and something that I hope to do when I get that title is to make myself a pillar of my community. To better understand vulnerable populations and help find preventative ways to keep them out of harm's way and off the table. I think this position would not only help me continue to grow my skill set in learning to be a better advocate and member of my community, but would also allow me to provide a unique perspective and suggestions to our county's justice system. This opportunity was first presented to me by my professor Dr. Michael McHenry at Whatcom Community College and when I heard of it I thought it sounded like such a great way to become more involved in my county's government, and arguably more importantly, help my community in a more hands-on way that I thought I asen't possible at my age.

References (please
include daytime
telephone number):

Dr. Michael McHenry, mmchenry@whatcom.edu, [REDACTED]

Appointment
Requirements

I understand and agree

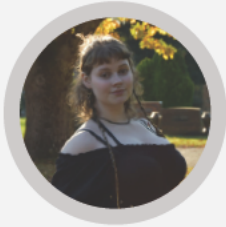
Signature of applicant:

Cora "Cori" Reece

Place Signed /
Submitted

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(Section Break)



Cori Reece



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EDUCATION

Squalicum High School

(2021-2025)

Whatcom Community College

(2023-Present)

SKILLS

- Giving & Receiving Feedback
- Critical Thinking
- Communication & Collaboration
- Organization
- Flexibility
- Proofreading & Writing
- Basic Tech Proficiency
- Customer Service
- Takes Initiative
- Adaptable

LANGUAGE

- English

ABOUT ME

I'm a recent high school graduate currently earning my Associate of Arts degree at Whatcom Community College, with over half my credits completed.

Outside of academics, I enjoy reading, writing, and creating art. I'm passionate about giving back to my community and I'm always looking for meaningful ways to contribute and make a positive impact.

WORK / VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Generation's ELC

2024-Present

Volunteer

In 2024, I began volunteering with Generations, where I support teachers and staff in a variety of ways. This experience has taught me how to anticipate needs, proactively offer help, and step into a range of tasks with a positive attitude. Whether it's folding laundry, tidying up shared spaces, or doing arts and crafts, I approach every job with care and a focus on completing it efficiently and thoroughly.

Silver Beach Elementary

April 2025-Present

Volunteer

Earlier this year, I reached out to a former teacher and offered to help out in the classroom. Since then, I've taken on a variety of small tasks that require creative problem-solving, patience, and clear communication. This opportunity has helped me grow more adaptable and confident, especially when applying my strengths in a new and unfamiliar environment.

eBay & Depop

February 2025-Present

Seller

Recently, I began selling my odd, unused items through websites like eBay and Depop. This has allowed me to apply and strengthen a variety of skills, including quick and clear communication with customers, time management, and organized shipping, adapting to different online models, and writing engaging product descriptions. Successfully managing my online shop(s) has led friends and family to ask for my help selling their own items, an experience that has expanded both my social and professional networks.

CERTIFICATIONS & CLEARANCES

- Washington State Food Handler's License (Valid)
- Background Check (Passed)
- Best (Negative)