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Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

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Title Mrs.

First Name Julie

Last Name Jefferson

Today's Date 1/4/2022

Street Address 2690 Haxton Way

City Bellingham

Zip 98226

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 3605107822

Secondary Telephone *Field not completed.*

Email Address jajefferson8@gmail.com

Step 2

1. Name of Board or Planning Commission

Committee

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

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Yes

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No

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No

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No

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Attached

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References (please include daytime telephone number):

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Darrell Hillaire, Setting Sun Productions, 360-410-1695

Signature of applicant:

Julie Jefferson

Place Signed /
Submitted

Bellingham, Washington

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Julie A. Jefferson

JULIE JEFFERSON

OBJECTIVE

Position on the Whatcom County Planning
Commission – District 5

EXPERIENCE

COMMUNITY PLANNER • LUMMI HOUSING AUTHORITY • JULY 2021 – PRESENT

Design and develop infrastructure and building projects, and conduct/provide environmental reviews for existing and future homes rehab/repair and developments. Grant writing, reports, revisions and amendments. Maps, Geospatial Information Systems.

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR • LIBC • NOVEMBER 2010 – JULY 2021

Internal and external communications, to include budget, quarterly, annual reports to align with the community plan and government goals and objectives; communication collaborations, emergency management preparedness and response team member, serve as the Public Information Officer, supervise staff of 5, responsible for annual elections forums.

EDUCATION

MASTER'S DEGREE - INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING & MANAGEMENT (MIPM) • AUGUST 2021 •
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

GPA 3.76. Coursework includes Community Resilience, Infrastructure Finance, Applied Geospatial Analysis, Strategic Planning & Policy Analysis, Water Systems, Floodplain Management, Risk Assessment Business Continuity, Climate Change and Infrastructure, Comprehensive Emergency Management, and Hazard Mitigation.

BACHELOR'S DEGREE – LAW AND DIVERSITY • JUNE 1993 • WESTERN WASHINGTON
UNIVERSITY

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE OR LEADERSHIP

Haxton Way Pedestrian Walkway, Disaster Relief, College of Built Environments Student Advisory Group, and Center of Excellence Homeland Security Emergency Management Advisory Board Member.

SKILLS

Supervisory experience, Budget Management, Geospatial Information Systems, Strategic Planning, Communication and collaboration are key to success in any field. FEMA/ICS/NIMS Training: 100, 200, 217, 300, 317, 428, 449, 530, 700, 727, 800, CERT trainer, HAM radio Certified