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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 Brandi

Last Name Hutton

Today's Date 11/7/2023

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 Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) Position:	Public interest group representative (and the name of the group you represent)
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. 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:	Yes, I have served on SWAC as a representative for the public interest seat since January of 2021. In June of 2023 I become vice chair to SWAC.
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?	Yes
If yes, please explain	I am employed with Sustainable Connections' Toward Zero Waste team. Our program receives grant funding from Whatcom County.

You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions

Attached

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

I am a Toward Zero Waste Program Coordinator at a local non-profit organization. Our program mainly focuses on waste reduction opportunities for commercial businesses, such as waste assessments, and policy compliance. Our work does reach into the general community education with programs like Food Recovery, high traffic composting in local parks, and multifamily composting. My degree is in Environmental Conservation with a focus on Native Plant Ecology and ethnobotany.

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

The waste world is fascinating! When I first applied to be on the SWAC in 2021 I signed up to learn about waste management in our community and to further my know in my new (at the time) job. Now I attend these meetings because I enjoy them. I feel like I have enough knowledge to be a contributing member now and love the dialogue.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Jenna Deane, Toward Zero Waste Manager (360) 647-7093
Mark Peterson, Director of Facilities and Sustainability for Bellingham Public Schools (360) 676-6548

Appointment Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Brandi Hutton

Place Signed / Submitted



Summary of Qualifications

Highly motivated project leader with an enthusiasm for working with the public to foster an awareness of waste related climate issues by offering practical solutions. Extensive experience in creative strategic planning, public outreach, partnership collaboration, and promotion of behavioral change campaigns.

Professional and Leadership Experience

Sustainable Connections, Bellingham, WA

Toward Zero Waste Program Coordinator, September 2019 to Present

- Successfully manage and continue to expand the dynamic Food Recovery Program to astonishing success, increasing the lifetime diversion rate to one million pounds of food recovered. Diligent networking and outreach to community partners, local businesses, and non-profit organizations to help increase regular donating agencies and recipient base to match the influx of donations.
- Developed Better Impact's volunteer software platform to effectively recruit, organize, and schedule more than 60 volunteers to an average of 85 volunteer shifts on a weekly basis.
- Supervise and train AmeriCorps Visit Member to utilize strong communication, interpersonal skills, and organizational skills to build excellent volunteer retention and strategize effective recruitment campaigns.
- Implemented Washington State's first health department approved free food refrigerator to foster awareness pertaining to food recovery as a climate change action and to bolster hungry security.
- Provide written waste assessment reports and technical support to commercial business looking to reduce operational waste.
- Helped to create strategic frame and conduct coordination of multifamily composting campaign to empowered residents of large apartment complexes to sort waste properly for reduced contamination higher diversion rates.
- Enjoy community presentations on best practices and policy compliance pertaining to all TZW campaigns.

Cascade Cuts, Bellingham, WA

Sales Representative, February 2018 to June 2019

- Independent Sales Representative for a wholesale nursery with over 1 million sales revenue. Continually out performed previous year's achievements by expanding sales to new clients. Assisted floral designers of the Seattle Flower and Garden show with the selection of exclusive forced blub products for award winning displays.
- Managed and expanded corporate accounts and clientele base throughout Washington State. Expanded our clientele base as well as worked to bring back former clients. Developed a catalog of specialty products and offered exclusive products to Metro and PCC Markets in the Greater Seattle area.
- Conducted detailed inventories and broadcast weekly fresh sheets for nursery sales. Networked aggressively to generate sales during slower months.
- Establishment and creation of social media and website content for a business that did not have any prior internet presence. Built an expansive online catalog, showcasing examples of the several thousand plant varieties and specialty products available.

Whatcom Conservation District, Lynden, WA

Resource Technician, January 2013 to July 2017

- Assistant Planner for the 20th- 24th Annual Native Plant Sale and Expo. Responsibilities included: volunteer recruitment and supervision, creation of education materials, and event promotion and community outreach.
- Assistant CREP (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program) Technician. Assisted in the most successful program in the state, determined by number of contracts held. Monitored vegetation buffers for functionality, mortality, wildlife contributions, and creation of future management recommendations.
- Regulation compliance of mid contract management requirements of federal CREP contacts. Responsibilities included: the interpretation of new federal program requirements, inspection of mature forest buffers, design and implantation of best management practices.

Skagit Valley College, Mount Vernon, WA

Environmental Conservation Office Assistant, 2008 to 2010

- Program Assistant to the environmental conservation academic program, responsibilities included: all administrative support, budgeting, ordering supplies, maintenance of lab equipment, planned and organized meetings and student field trips, and website management.

Skagit Valley College, Mount Vernon, WA

Environmental Club President, 2009 to 2010

- Served as president from January of 2009 to June of 2010. Responsibilities included: creation of fundraisers, planning and organizing of multiple day fieldtrips, creation of yearly budget requests, and facilitation of monthly meetings.
- Assisted in the planning and implementation of two Environmental Youth Summit events. These events were open to all high school level environmental clubs in both Island and Skagit Counties. Served as event speaker during the first annual summit, led a discussion on non-point pollution and how to implement storm drain filters on school campuses.

Education

Fairhaven College at Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA

Bachelors of Arts, Environmental Conservation; Native Plant Ecology and Ethnobotany,
Evaluation: Summary Assessment, December 2012

Skagit Valley College, Mount Vernon, WA

Associates of Technical Arts, Environmental Conservation, GPA 3.8, June 2010

Skagit Valley College, Mount Vernon, WA

Certificate, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), June 2010

Awards and Accomplishments

- Whatcom County Solid Waste Advisory Committee, representing public interest, Three year term starting January of 2021
- Student Commencement Speaker, Western Washington University, Fall 2012
- Environmental Conservation Student leadership Award, Skagit Valley College, 2008