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**Subject:** Online Form Submittal: Advisory Group Application  
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## 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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| Last Name | DURNEY |
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### Step 2

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| 1. Name of Advisory | Conservation Easement Program Oversight Committee |
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## Group

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| 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?                                                                                                                 | Not applicable                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 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                                                                                                                                    | I own and operate a marketing business in the county that services small farms.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 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                              | Resume attached                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 7. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities,                           | From 2018 to 2022 I managed a cattle ranch in Thurston County where I fell in love with agriculture and marketing. When it came time to relocate to Whatcom County, marketing was the lifelong skill I brought with me. Working alongside farms I found each one has a different set of needs that are difficult to complete or way too much to undertake. That's why I formed Sage & Fern Studio, to help farms that simply don't have the time or starting point. I |

and education

work with them to uncover what their marketing needs are and how I can serve them best.

From ranch manager to marketing consultant I understand the ins and outs of farm businesses and the work required to keep them going especially in this digital age.

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

The ranch I worked for in Thurston County was one of the first in the state to be protected by a conservation easement. Through my time there and with my ecology background, I grew a deeper understanding of the importance of protecting farm land for future generations. As someone who got to work the land it would be amazing to take what I know and be part of a committee that oversees the awarding of these easements.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Brenna Reaugh (360)201-1275  
Katie Pencke (206)992-7034

Appointment Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Alex Durney

Place Signed / Submitted

Maple Falls, WA

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