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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.

Step 2

1. Name of Advisory Justice Project Oversight & Planning Committee

Group

Justice Project Oversight and Planning (JPOP) 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 4

4. Have you ever been a member of this Advisory Group

If yes, please list dates: Current member. January 2024 to present. Currently co-chair of the committee.

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

7. Please describe your occupation (or former) I am a police officer. I was an officer with the Bellingham Police Department for just under 25 years. I am currently employed as a

occupation if retired),
qualifications,
professional and/or
community activities,
and education

police officer with the Lynden Police Department, currently
assigned to the detective unit.

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

In 2023, I served on the Yes Jail Healthy Outcomes campaign committee alongside Councilman Buchanan, Elenbaas, and IPRTF Co-Chair Frazier. After voters approved the initiative, I remained deeply invested in continuing the team's work—not only in building a new jail, but also in strengthening systems that support individuals facing addiction and behavioral health challenges. With nearly 30 years of experience working in the criminal justice profession in this community, I bring a law enforcement perspective that adds a thoughtful and balanced voice to these discussions.

References (please
include daytime
telephone number):

Peter Frazier : co-chair IPRTF [REDACTED]
Lindsay Elenbaas [REDACTED]
Mardi Solomon: Crossroads Consulting [REDACTED]

Appointment
Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Tawsha Thompson

Place Signed /
Submitted

[REDACTED]

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