

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.

Title Mrs.

First Name Tawsha

Last Name Thompson

Today's Date 12/31/2025

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[REDACTED]

Do you live in
Whatcom County?

Yes

Do you have a different
mailing address?

Field not completed.

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Step 2

1. Name of Advisory Justice Project Oversight & Planning Committee

Group

Justice Project
Oversight and Planning
(JPOP) Committee

Criminal legal system user

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

Yes

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

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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

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