

## 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 Pinky

Last Name Vargas

Today's Date 1/18/2023

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 *Field not completed.*

Email Address [REDACTED]

### Step 2

1. Name of Board or Committee Solid Waste Advisory Committee

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Solid Waste Advisory  
Committee (SWAC)  
Position:

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Solid Waste Disposal Facility representative

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2. Do you meet the  
residency,  
employment, and/or  
affiliation requirements  
of the position for  
which you're applying?

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Yes

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3. Which Council  
district do you live in?

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District 1

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4. Are you a US  
citizen?

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Yes

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5. Are you registered to  
vote in Whatcom  
County?

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Yes

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6. Have you declared  
candidacy (as defined  
by RCW 42.17A.055)  
for a paid elected office  
in any jurisdiction  
within the county?

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No

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7. Have you ever been  
a member of this  
Board/Commission?

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No

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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?

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No

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

Attached

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

I am an Municipal Relationship Manager for Republic Services. I manage Municipal Solid Waste accounts in the Pacific Northwest including Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom, Island County and Canada. We also operate a transfer station in Ferndale, that services the City of Bellingham and residents of Whatcom County. Duties also include operations support of Transfer stations, rail intermodals and communications for the Northwest. Additional info provided on Resume.

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

Republic Services, hosts a transfer station in Whatcom County and we would like to be involved in discussion that concern Solid Waste and Recycling in Whatcom County. There is a lot so of new legislation coming in organics and EPR and would like to collaborate on implementation in Whatcom County.

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References (please include daytime telephone number):

Brian Heinrich, City of Bellingham, 360-778-8000  
Ken Bell, Port of Bellingham, 360- 739-1002

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Signature of applicant: Pinky Vargas

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Place Signed / Submitted  WA

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**PINKY VARGAS**  
MUNICIPAL MANAGER

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**LEADERSHIP SKILLS**

Innovative, resourceful and an effective communicator.

Recognized as a team leader, public speaker and a problem solver.

Thrive in fast-paced environments while juggling multiple responsibilities.

Locally known advocate for the environment, women, art, economic vitality, and community.

**CONTACT**

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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

*Over twenty years' experience in project management, budgets, marketing, and staffing.*

*Eight years in public service as an Elected Official on Bellingham City Council. Fourteen years' experience delivering Customer Service and Energy Efficiency with Utilities.*

*Twelve years' experience in coordination, events, and production.*

**MUNICIPAL MANAGER – REPUBLIC SERVICES**

DECEMBER 2021 - PRESENT

Responsible for maintaining accounts for Municipal Solid Waste customers for the Northern Region. Including Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, and Island County, and Canadian customers, Metro Vancouver, Cowichan Valley, and Quatet Region. Operations support for Rail intermodals, transfer stations and communications.

**CITY COUNCILOR - CITY OF BELLINGHAM**

JANUARY 2014- DECEMBER 2021

Public Service on Bellingham City Council; the legislative body, responsible for setting public policies, adopting long-range plans, approving the budget, taxes, contract approval, and passing laws. A dynamic range of municipal services that includes public safety, police, and fire, utilities, economic development, multi-modal transportation, and infrastructure. Committees: Finance, Economic Development, Climate Action, Parks and Recreation, Safety and Justice and, Council of Governments.

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY OUTREACH & MAJOR ACCOUNTS MANAGER-PUGET SOUND ENERGY**

FEBRUARY 2010- FEBRUARY 2020

Responsible for maintaining account relationships for Major PSE customers in the Northern Region. Including tribes, schools, hospitals, and large industry customers. Managed billing, outages, service issues, expansions, and energy efficiency programs. Project Coordination for Energy Efficiency Outreach, my service territory was Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whidbey Island.

## CERTIFICATIONS / TRAININGS

- Certified Mediator
- Certified Toastmaster
- Certified Facilitator
- Leadership Whatcom
- Certified Event Planner
- Purchasing Manager
- Project Management

## EDUCATION

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT**

UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX

### **MASTER'S IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (IN PROCESS)**

WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY – SEPT 20 -PRESENT

## BOARDS AND ASSOCIATIONS, EXP.

- Bellingham Chamber of Commerce
- Whatcom Tourism Board
- Mount Baker Theatre Board
- Leadership Whatcom Alumni
- Bellingham City Club
- Toastmasters
- American Society of Training and Development
- National Women's Caucus

## ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- Public Speaking
- Strong interpersonal & communication skills
- Excellent organizational skills
- Fundraising
- Social Media messaging
- Facilitation and mediation skills
- Training skills

## ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS

Environmental conservation, the outdoors, art, travel, cooking, gardening, cats, music, dancing, and all things Pink!