

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	Mr.
First Name	Gregory (Todd)
Last Name	Lagestee
Today's Date	1/3/2025
Street Address	
City	
Zip	
Do you live in Whatcom County?	Yes
Do you have a different mailing address?	YES
Mailing Address	
Primary Telephone	
Secondary Telephone	Field not completed.
Email Address	

Step 2

1. Name of Advisory Group	Board of Equalization
Board of Equalization Position	District 1
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 1
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?	No
6. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county?	Yes
You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions	Attached
7. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications,	I am a retired Firefighter from the City of Bellingham. I currently serve on a Board of Directors for a local credit union, where I have a fiduciary responsibility for almost \$400 million in member assets. I recently completed a 6-month term as an appointed

professional and/or
community activities,
and education

Public Utility District Commissioner for Whatcom County PUD #1. I also have served in multiple roles in local political party organizations. I also currently serve on the Ethics Commission for Whatcom County and am completing my 3 years of service on the Whatcom County Ferry Advisory Committee (Formerly the Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee. I hold a B.A. in Biocultural Anthropology from WWU and was a nuclear operator on submarines in the U.S. Navy before my career as a local firefighter.

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

I would like to continue my service to Whatcom County without having to take a ferry to do so. I am experienced with County Boards that have faced controversial issues.

References (please
include daytime
telephone number):

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Russ Whidbee 360-319-4253 Russell.j.Whidbee@gmail.com

Appointment
Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Gregory Todd Lagestee

Place Signed /
Submitted



(Section Break)

Mr. Gregory “Todd” Lagestee

Summary:

- *Public Utility District Commissioner; Whatcom County, WA* Appointed to Whatcom County PUD District 1 Commission to fill a vacancy. Commission governance of a \$20+ million per year electric and water utility. Commissioners establish policies, set utility rates, adopt system plans for electric and water utilities, approve revenue obligations, and supervise the General Manager.
- *Chair 40th Legislative District Democrats; WA* Elected to Chair the local party organization, to call and preside over meetings of the executive board and the general membership, to act as spokesperson and public relations contact. Develop Party Platform, support and advocate for legislation.
- *Professional Firefighter; City of Bellingham, WA* Respond to fires and other emergencies. Provides basic life support medical assistance to citizens in non-emergency and emergency situations. Drive and navigate fire apparatus, medical or aid vehicles, crew fireboat. Performs general and preventative maintenance on apparatus and equipment.
- *North Coast Credit Union Board of Directors Bellingham, WA* Board governance of a not-for-profit credit union with almost \$400 million of member assets. Directors oversee the CEO, develop strategic plans, approve budgetary goals and engage in asset liability management.
- *U.S. Navy Nuclear Machinist Mate First Class (Submarines)* Qualified Engine Room Supervisor and Throttleman. Possess a detailed knowledge of reactor, steam plant, electrical generation, and auxiliary equipment. Extensive working knowledge of maintenance, operation and quality control of all aspects of primary and secondary nuclear power plant and auxiliary equipment.
- *Professional Stunt Performer: Television and Movies:* Screen Actors Guild member. Risk management of falls, fire work, fight choreography and rigging experience. IMDB page: <https://www.imdb.com/name/nm4261805/>

Education:

2023 Credit Union National Association Investment Professional Certification School
2019 Credit Union National Association Credit Union Enterprise Risk Management Expert School
2012 B.A. Western Washington University: Bio-Cultural Anthropology, magna cum laude
1994 Naval Academy Preparatory School
1993 Naval Nuclear Power School and Nuclear Prototype Training Unit

Publications and Presentations:

2012 Northwest Anthropology Conference: Crystal Clear: not all microblades are created equal
2012 Western Washington University Scholars Week

Experience:

- *Whatcom County Public Utility District Commissioner:* (May 2024 to December 2024) Appointed in competitive process
- *Washington 40th Legislative District Democrats Officer:* (December 2017 to January 2025) Elected Local Party Officer having held multiple positions: Chair, Secretary, Whatcom Vice-Chair, and State Committee Representative.
- *North Coast Credit Union Board of Directors:* (April 2018 to Present) The elected Board of Directors provides governance by setting policy, planning strategic direction, and ensures the safety and soundness and mission accomplishment of the credit union through a fiduciary responsibility for over \$350 million dollars of member assets. Ensures compliance with all applicable federal and state laws through management of the credit union CEO.
- *Bellingham Fire Fighters, IAFF L106 Executive Board Leader:* (January 2015 to December 2016) Elected Union Officer responsible for representation, negotiations and lobbying elected representatives on behalf of 130 professional firefighters.
- *Professional Firefighter/EMT:* (September 2000 to January 2024) Employed by the City of Bellingham, WA.
- *Professional Stuntman and Rigger (Film and Stage):* (September 2009 to present) Work as a stunt double for actors; coordinate fight scenes; perform risk assessment of stunts. Work as wire coordinator and rigger for theater and circus.
- *US Navy Submarine Engine Room Supervisor:* (December 1992 to September 1997) *USS Maine (SSBN 741).*

Certifications and Awards:

- CUNA Credit Union Investment Professional
- Navy Achievement Medal
- Boy Scouts: Eagle Scout & Vigil Honor
- CUNA Credit Union Enterprise Risk Management Expert
- Washington State EMT, Firefighter/Fire Officer II
- 2012 WWU Taylor-Anastasio Research Award