



Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

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 Alex

Last Name Jeffers

Today's Date 3/20/2024

Street Address

██████████

City Bellingham

Zip 98225

Do you live in Whatcom County? Yes

Do you have a different mailing address? *Field not completed.*

Primary Telephone

██████████

Secondary Telephone *Field not completed.*

Email Address Alex@whatcomlandtrust.org

Step 2

1. Name of Advisory Group	Conservation Easement Program Oversight Committee
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2. Do you meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation requirements of the position for which you're applying?	Yes
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3. Which Council district do you live in?	District 2
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4. Have you ever been a member of this Advisory Group	No
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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
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If yes, please explain	Employee of Whatcom Land Trust which holds conservation easements for the CEP program. I am applying to fill the advisory committee role of an easement holder, which my position at Whatcom Land Trust makes me suited for.
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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?	No
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You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions	<i>Field not completed.</i>
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7. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional	I have been an employee of the Whatcom Land Trust since August of 2019 and in that time have served as both the Conservation Easement Coordinator and the Conservation Director. In both of these roles I have worked extensively with the County's Conservation Easement Purchase Program, including drafting easements, monitoring easements, and engaging with landowners both prior to their easement and
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and/or community activities,
and education

after. I have regularly attended CEP meetings for over four years as a non-voting attendee in this capacity. Prior to working for Whatcom Land Trust I worked for a governmental regional planning organization in Madison Wisconsin as a water resource planner, which gives me public agency experience in addition to my non-profit experience. I hold two Master's Degrees from University of Wisconsin Madison in Urban and Regional Planning and Water Resources Management. During my time at University of Wisconsin I worked with local agricultural producers to develop a watershed management plan for Beaver Dam Lake, located in a rural community in Wisconsin.

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

I believe that my experience working with agricultural producers and landowners to protect farmland in Whatcom County will be valuable to informing the priorities of the CEP committee. In my role at Whatcom Land Trust have gained extensive familiarity with the agricultural, forestry, and ecological resources of Whatcom County, and have gained a strong understanding of how conservation easements can be used to protect these resources. I also have built relationships with many organizations and individuals throughout the county that will help further the work of the committee.

References (please include
daytime telephone number):

Lauren Templeton - [REDACTED]
Chris Elder - [REDACTED]
Katie Pencke - [REDACTED]

Appointment Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Alex Jeffers

Place Signed / Submitted

Bellingham, WA
