

EXECUTIVE
Satpal Sidhu



RECEIVED

NOV 15 2022

WHATCOM COUNTY
COUNCIL

COUNCILMEMBERS
Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Carol Frazey
Kaylee Galloway
Kathy Kershner

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO WHATCOM COUNTY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY and COMPLETE ALL ITEMS

Name: MICHAEL KARP

Date: 11/11/2022



- 1. Name of board or committee-please see reverse: CLIMATE IMPACT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- 2. You must specify which position you are applying for. Please refer to vacancy list. MEMBER
- 3. Do you meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation requirements of the position for which you're applying? (If applicable, please refer to vacancy list.) yes () no
- 4. Which Council district do you live in? () One () Two Three () Four () Five
- 5. Are you a US citizen? yes () no
- 6. Are you registered to vote in Whatcom County? yes () no
- 7. Have you ever been a member of this Board/Commission? () yes no
If yes, dates: _____
- 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? () yes no
If yes, please explain: _____
- 9. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055, see instructions) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county? () yes no

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

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

11. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission: ATTACHED

References (please include daytime telephone number): ATTACHED

Signature of applicant: Michael Kay

THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT: As a candidate for a public board or commission, the above information 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.

November 12, 2022

Michael Karp



District 3

To: Whatcom County Executive

Re: Vacancy – Climate Impact Advisory Committee

Question 10: Occupation, Qualifications, Professional and/or Community experience

Retired since 2020. Prior experience as the Director of Housing and Energy for the Opportunity Council (1978-96). Over 40 years experience in assisting low-income households throughout the country in sustainability programs and initiatives including renewable energy (solar PV, solar H2O, community wind). Instrumental in helping to establish the first California statutes on single and multi-family solar as a consultant to The California Public Utility Commission. Founding Director of the Energy Project in Washington State representing all WA Community Action Agencies and the WA State Department of Commerce with home weatherization and energy assistance. Consulting experience involving renewable energy and energy conservation includes over 50 State governments, Counties, and non-profit organizations. One of the founding Directors, and two term Board Chair, of the Northwest Energy Coalition . . . Over 100 organizations including utilities, non-profits and businesses in the Pacific Northwest who is a leading voice on energy conservation and renewable energy since 1981. I was the founding Director and CEO of a World Institute for a Sustainable Humanity (A W.I.S.H) that was an umbrella organization for over 140 sustainability related programs in 40 countries (1996-2018).

Question 11: Interest in serving on the Board

I am newly retired and would like to contribute my time to helping to resolve the Climate Change reality in our County. I have a history of serving on Boards and Committees from the 1980's through 2010 and it was a rewarding and challenging time spent. My entire adult work history has been working to improve living conditions for low-income households. I have lived in this area since 1978. During that time I have been the owner/builder of a couple of smaller homes, including the first solar home funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farmer's Home Administration home loan program and a zero net energy home on Lopez Island. I have 4 grandchildren and it is incumbent upon me to continue to invest my time and experience on this compelling topic.

References:

Dave Finet, past Executive Director of the Opportunity Council
(360) 966-4941; cell: (360) 739-7953
3289 Breckenridge, Everson, WA 98247

Nancy Hirsch
Executive Director
Northwest Energy Coalition
811 1st Avenue #305
Seattle, WA 98104
(206) 621-0094

Kathy Kreiter, past Deputy Director, State of Washington Department of Commerce
P.O. Box 7006
Olympia, WA 98507
Cell: (360) 280-3599