



Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

Public Statement

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Title Mrs.

First Name Danielle

Last Name Gaughen

Today's Date 10/18/2023

Street Address

City Blaine

Zip 98230

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

Secondary Telephone *Field not completed.*

Email Address

Step 2

1. Name of Board or Committee Rural Library Board

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 5

4. Are you a US citizen? Yes

5. Are you registered to vote in Whatcom County? Yes

6. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county? No

7. Have you ever been a member of this Board/Commission? No

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

If yes, please explain My husband works for Whatcom County Public Works.
I work for the Birch Bay Chamber of Commerce.

You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions [Danielle Resume.pdf](#)

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

I currently work for the Birch Bay Chamber of Commerce where I am the Executive Director. I am responsible for day-to-day operations of the non-profit organization, managing a staff of two others, and reporting to a board of directors consisting of 8 directors. I help manage and oversee large-scale community events and run a visitor center offering visitor and vacation assistance & planning.

Past work experience includes, marketing, sales, business support, event coordination, hospitality, banking, and health services.

I am a supporter of the Friends of Birch Bay Library and volunteer time with Blaine School District and Explorations Academy in Bellingham.

I am currently participating in Leadership Whatcom and am attending Whatcom Community College to finish my degree in business.

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

I love Whatcom County and our collective community. I have always enjoyed going to the library, and think that library services are important for our local families, and community members. I understand business, and staffing issues, the importance of staff and retention and am good at managing a budget. I think this would be a good learning experience, and I look forward to continue serving my community.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Derek Jones, [REDACTED]
Doralee Booth [REDACTED]
Guy Occhiogrosso [REDACTED]

Appointment Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Danielle Gaughen

Place Signed / Submitted

Kia of Bellingham