



## 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.*

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Title *Field not completed.*

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First Name Holly

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Last Name Robinson

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Today's Date 2/21/2024

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Street Address

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City

██████████

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Zip

██████

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Do you live in Whatcom County? Yes

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

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Primary Telephone

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Secondary Telephone *Field not completed.*

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Email Address

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## Step 2

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1. Name of Advisory Group Northwest Senior Service

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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 5

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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 If applicable, I am a trustee of the Whatcom County Rural Library District.

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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 [H Robinson NWSSB Application.pdf](#)

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

I have a J.D. degree from Lewis and Clark Law School, Portland, OR.

For the last five years of my career, I worked for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, focusing on improving access to care and coverage for individuals who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid.

I serve the community in the following capacity:

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- Whatcom County Library Board of Trustees, February 2023 - Present
- Point Roberts Food Bank, Vice-Chair, May 2022 - Present

I previously served on the Point Roberts Park and Recreation district.

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

I believe I am uniquely qualified to make a significant contribution to the work of the board, having worked for Oregon's Protection and Advocacy Agency, the Oregon Legislature, the Oregon State Unit on Aging, the American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging, a regional health insurer, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and would be honored to have that opportunity.

I was fortunate to have a 40-year career in health and disability law and policy and continue to have both a passion and an interest in these fields. I have friendships and work colleagues in both the disability community and the senior and health care services community and could strongly represent both. Also, I understand the perspective and lived experiences of both urban and rural communities, having recently lived in Seattle and now living in rural Whatcom County.

Older people, minorities and persons with disabilities 18 years and older were disproportionately impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic and services are still struggling to recover and exceed pre-pandemic levels to meet continuing and growing demand. The shortages are multi-faceted and complex and addressing them will include recruitment, training and education, staffing, wages, housing and public education and outreach. I would encourage the NWSSB to think strategically about ways to advocate for and address these challenges, both in the short-term and the long-term.

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References (please include daytime telephone number):

Please advise me prior to contacting my references so I can notify them:

- o Jeanette Burket, [REDACTED]
- o Roya Rezai, [REDACTED]
- o Derek Jones, [REDACTED]

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Appointment Requirements

I understand and agree

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Signature of applicant:

Holly Robinson

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Place Signed / Submitted

Point Roberts, WA

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