

Online Form Submittal: Board and Commission Application

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Board and Commission Application

Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

Public Statement

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Title	Mr.
First Name	Stevan
Last Name	Harrell
Today's Date	9/1/2020
Street Address	1430 Undine St.
City	Bellingham
Zip	98229
Do you live in & are you registered to vote in Whatcom County?	Yes
Do you have a different mailing address?	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Primary Telephone	206 755-0071
Secondary Telephone	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Email Address	meiguimuga@gmail.com

Step 2

1. Name of Board or Committee	Climate Impact Advisory Committee
Climate Impact Advisory Committee Position:	I have previous work or educational experience in climate change.
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. 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?	No
You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions	<i>Field not completed.</i>
9. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities,	I retired from the faculty of the School of Environmental and Forest Sciences and the Department of Anthropology at the University of Washington in 2017, and moved to Bellingham then. While on the faculty, I taught courses on sustainability, biological resource production, historical ecology, social and

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scientific aspects of climate change (together with a climate scientist) and ecosystem resilience. The biological resource production class involved field trips to forestry, shellfish farming, and dairy farming communities, including dairy farms in Whatcom County. At that time I became closely acquainted with several dairy farmers (two of whom are on my references list) and came to appreciate the way that farming (whether of shellfish, cows, or crops) depends on a healthy environment, and also learned about farmers' sophisticated knowledge of ecosystems.

After moving to Whatcom County, I continued to work with farmers, including writing the "agriculture and food security" section of this Committee's Community Research Project Report, for which I interviewed farmers, tribal members, biologists, civil engineers, civil servants, and environmental scientists, all of whom have stakes in the future climate of Whatcom County. I also worked with the Whatcom chapter of Citizens Climate Lobby, planning an educational activity for urban people to listen to farmers' concerns with climate, though the plans did not materialize because of the pandemic.

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

My background as an ethnographer has enabled me to talk with varied stakeholders and understand their variety of positions on important issues, including climate. Working with the Committee on the Community Research Project deepened my interest in local issues and in the differing stakes that farmers, tribes, and urban citizens on issues that involve us all. Now retired, I have time to devote to the work of the Committee and to creating consensus among stakeholders on climate-related issues.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Ellyn Murphy (committee member) 509 554-6203
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 Larry Stap, dairy farmer 360 354-4105
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Signature of applicant:

Stevan Harrell

Place Signed / Submitted

Bellingham, WA

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