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Board and Commission Application

Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

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Title Mr.

First Name Crispin

Last Name Colburn

Today's Date 12/28/2021

Street Address 2629 N Park Dr

City Bellingham

Zip 98225

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 360-738-3067

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Email Address cris.colburn@yahoo.com

Step 2

1. Name of Board or Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee

Committee

Lummi Island Ferry
Advisory Committee
Position:

I am a County resident who doesn't live or own property on
Lummi Island.

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 2

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?

Yes

If yes, please list dates:

1) February 2018 - January 2021
2) February 2015 - January 2018
3) partial term, mid-year 2012 - January 2015

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

Attached

summary of
experience,
qualifications, &
interest in response to
the following questions

9. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education *Field not completed.*

10. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission *Field not completed.*

References (please include daytime telephone number): *Field not completed.*

Signature of applicant: Crispin Colburn

Place Signed / Submitted Bellingham, WA (at home)

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SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE, QUALIFICATIONS, AND INTEREST
for Crispin Colburn's application
to serve as a non-island resident with the Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee
December 28, 2021

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

I retired in March 2020 from a career of nearly 45 years in community and public transportation, working most recently for Whatcom Transportation Authority in operations management from 1994-2020. Most relevant to the position with LIFAC is my long previous service on that committee. I understand I am now eligible to re-apply after a one-year separation and very much want to do so. I believe my long experience with the committee is my primary qualification and an asset for the committee in its advisory role to the Whatcom County Council.

Application Form, item 10. **Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission.**

I have learned much through my involvement with LIFAC, from the technical and operational details of county ferry service, to Lummi Islanders' interests and needs, to the deep intricacies of designing and replacing the aging Whatcom Chief.

I am especially interested in serving again with LIFAC because of the ferry replacement effort. I was involved as a committee member with the entire process until my term ended. The committee helped with consultant selection, and then worked with islanders, County Public Works and consultants to define the needed level of service, to develop a design for the ferry, and to organize a funding plan for the new 40 to 60-year vessel.

Of special interest is LIFAC's recommendation to Council that the vessel be designed for conversion to electric power for its main propulsion, even though it may begin service as a diesel battery hybrid. Given the times, and what we see results from overuse of fossil fuels, this matter grows in urgency. LIFAC made the recommendation for that reason. To reach that goal sooner than later will take much effort. I want to participate in seeing it through to completion. As a non-islander but a County resident I can represent the interest of all County residents in a clean-powered ferry.

References.

Rhayma Blake, current LIFAC chair, 360-758-4131.

Nancy Ging, past LIFAC chair, 360-758-2529.

Todd Donovan, County Councilperson, and Satpal Sidhu, County Executive, both know my work with WTA and LIFAC. I'm not sure about proper phone numbers.