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Board and Commission Application

Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

Public Statement

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

Title Mrs.

First Name Ashley

Last Name Thomasson

Today's Date 1/2/2023

Street Address [REDACTED]

City [REDACTED]

Zip [REDACTED]

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 [REDACTED]

Secondary Telephone *Field not completed.*

Email Address [REDACTED]

Step 2

1. Name of Board or Committee Public Health Advisory Board

Public Health Advisory Board	I have expertise, career experience, or lived experience in one of the areas listed above., I represent a stakeholder, such as a nonprofit organization, the business community, or those regulated by public health.
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?	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	<i>Field not completed.</i>

the following questions

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

I received my BA from Western Washington University in Human Services in 2008, and my certificate in Non-Profit Management from University of Washington in 2019. I have worked at Lydia Place for 14 years, anchoring my expertise in housing services for families and children experiencing homelessness. I started as a case manager, a position I held for 7 years, providing direct service to hundreds of families across a variety of housing interventions and services, and have most recently served as our Housing Program Director for the last 4 years providing direction, development, and oversight to the housing programs we operate which support 250 families annually. I have recently accepted the role of Executive Director at Lydia Place, and will assume that position effective January 17th, 2023.

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

I have dedicated my career to finding effective solutions and strategies to end homelessness, with a focus on families with children and ending the generational cycle. I currently serve on the Whatcom County Council Housing Advisory Group and the Coordinated Entry Governing Body, and want to support effective coordination and collaboration to system strategies to address the housing crisis we are in. With homeless growing at a rapid rate in Whatcom County, it is critical we establish an infrastructure plan to not only meet the need of today's families which we currently do not have adequate capacity to serve, but to absorb and support the next 5-10 years of families entering our system.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

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Signature of applicant:

Ashley Thomasson

Place Signed / Submitted

Bellingham, WA

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