

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

3 Vacancies

2 Vacancies for Citizen Representatives

1 vacancy representing Agriculture

No two representatives can be from the same company or public interest group. The committee provides ongoing public input and advice to Whatcom County on solid waste management issues.

Applicants

Lisa Friend – Incumbent – Citizen Representative



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Solid Waste Advisory Committee

WHATCOM COUNTY
COUNCIL

- Citizen - Unincumbent

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO WHATCOM COUNTY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY and COMPLETE ALL ITEMS

Name: LISA FRIEND Date: 1-8-19

Street Address: 2833 Birchwood Ave.

City: Bellingham Zip Code: 98225

Mailing Address (if different from street address): _____

Day Telephone: 360-715-3686 Evening Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail address: lisa@friendsustainability.com

1. Name of board or committee-please see reverse: SWAC

2. You must specify which position you are applying for. Please refer to vacancy list. Member of the public

3. Do you meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation requirements of the position for which you're applying? (If applicable, please refer to vacancy list.) _____ yes () no

4. Which Council district do you live in? _____ () One () Two () Three () Four () Five

5. Are you a US citizen? _____ yes () no

6. Are you registered to vote in Whatcom County? _____ yes () no

7. Have you ever been a member of this Board/Commission? _____ yes () no
If yes, dates: 2019, 2018

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 no
If yes, please explain: _____

9. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055, see instructions) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county? _____ () yes no

You may attach a résumé or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions.

10. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education. Sustainability Contractor with a focus on Materials Management & zero waste

11. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission: I like to use my knowledge & experience for the benefit of whatcom county.

References (please include daytime telephone number): Kaetje Kraft, wcc sustainability, 360-383-3000, Rodd Remble, SSC, 360-733-3900

Signature of applicant: Lisa Friend

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

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Zero Waste / Product Stewardship:

- Wrote Boulder County Zero Waste Action Plan and supervised implementation through the Resource Conservation Advisory Board.
- Supervised contracts for Boulder County waste composition analysis, compost capacity study, compost market analysis, and construction and demolition site feasibility study.
- Managed two USDA-sponsored Zero Waste grants in Colorado mountain communities.
- As a member of the Colorado Product Stewardship Council, helped with design and passage of Colorado Paint Stewardship bill.
- Provided business recycling technical assistance in Puget Sound for several years, including award-winning programs aimed at retail establishments, farms and fishing fleets.
- Provided zero waste consulting to Seattle Public Utilities and Alcoa / Intalco works while employed by the Bellingham environmental non-profit RE Sources.
- Wrote zero waste elements of the Whatcom Watersheds Business Pledge.
- Initiated "Sound Gardening" integrated pest management program in Whatcom County, Washington.
- Helped lead Whatcom County waste prevention, recycling and compost outreach while employed by RE Sources, including development of waste exchange programs.
- Coordinated writing, editing and distribution of Zero Waste documents and newsletters.
- Participated in Washington Department of Ecology's "Beyond Waste" visioning process and development of the Whatcom County Solid Waste Management Plan.
- Answered and researched information for the Whatcom County Recycling Hotline, which fielded up to 7,000 calls per year
- Have spoken at regional and national conferences including the Resource Recycling Conference, Plastics Recycling Conference and the Pesticide Stewardship Alliance national conference.
- Assisted Epicenter Services LLC, Sound Resource Management Group and Robertson Environmental Consulting with development and review of solid waste and hazardous waste management plans for Whatcom County, Clark County and the Greater Vancouver Regional District.

Additional Project Planning / Management:

- Wrote sustainability-related Boulder County Requests for Proposals and contracts; supervised consultant projects, as appropriate.
- Wrote grants to support Boulder County Sustainability Office initiatives, including successful \$25 million application for Department of Energy EECBG competitive grant funds.

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Education:

- **University of Missouri, Columbia**, Bachelor of Journalism
- **Western Washington University**, Graduate classes in technical writing, environmental journalism, biology and chemistry, including toxicology

Professional Experience:

- **Friend Sustainability**, Founder and Principal, 2016 through present
- **Whatcom Land Trust**, Event Coordinator, 2016
- **Boulder County Commissioners' Office**, Sustainability Planner, 2009 through 2015
- **RE Sources**, Special Projects Coordinator, Recycling Outreach Coordinator through 2009
- **Cantrell and Associates**, On-Call Field Technician, 2006-2009
- **Whatcom County Commission on Children and Youth**, MATRIX Program Assistant, 1998-1999

Presentations / Publications:

- *The Steward*, Whatcom Land Trust, "Citizen Science: Everyday folks fueling conservation," Spring 2016
- *Letters to Michael* anthology, independently published, multiple authors, "In the Footsteps of John Muir," October 2012
- *Resource Recycling Conference*, "Boosting Recycling and Composting in Smaller Towns," August 2012
- *Front Range, Intermountain & Desert Southwest Region Climate Leadership Academy*, "Approaches to Building Community Resilience," March 2012
- *Resource Recycling* magazine, with Lisa Skumatz and Juri Freeman, "Of Bags, Bans and Fees," March 2012, pp 18-22
- *Resource Recycling* magazine, "Reaping the Plastics Harvest," June 2007

Memberships:

- Washington State Recycling Association conference planning committee - current
- Northwest Product Stewardship Coalition - affiliate
- Product Stewardship Institute - affiliate through 2015
- Colorado Association for Recycling conference and policy committees - through 2015
- Colorado Product Stewardship Council member - through 2014
- Boulder County Resource Conservation Advisory Board - through 2015
- Whatcom County Solid Waste Advisory Committee - through 2009 and again in 2018
- Friends of Tennant Lake and Hovander Park - current president
- Whatcom Parks and Recreation Foundation board member - through 2009