

## Online Form Submittal: Board and Commission Application

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### Board and Commission Application

#### Step 1

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#### Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

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##### 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.*

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Title	Dr.
First Name	Sue
Last Name	Gunn
Today's Date	9/12/2020
Street Address	49054 Springland Court
City	Bellingham
Zip	98226
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	36 746-8155
Secondary Telephone	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Email Address	suegunn@comcast.net

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**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 municipal government
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?	<i>Field not completed.</i>
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	<a href="#">Gunn resume 2020.pdf</a>
9. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities,	Regarding Q1, I have experience in municipal government as port commissioner, farming and food security as a board member of a farmland trust, flood mitigation through work on ripping and rehabing forest roads and repairing culverts through the Washington Watershed Initiative and land use

and education	planning as a port commissioner and working on land conservation by advocating for projects for Land and Water Conservation Trust funding.
10. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission	I would like to contribute to solving or mitigating some of the problems related to the climate crisis we're experiencing. The west is on fire and it is reasonable to assume that massive fires will occur in Whatcom County sometime in the near future. I would like to help avoid such a disaster and have a range of skills that could help
References (please include daytime telephone number):	Betsy Gross 360 303-7089 Jayne Freudenberger 303 734-8283 Tye Menser 360 481-0498
Signature of applicant:	Sue Gunn
Place Signed / Submitted	Bellingham, WA

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# Sue Gunn

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My career has utilized my scientific training to analyze social and environmental problems to develop and promote solutions by establishing and expanding coalitions, consensus building and education and outreach.

## Work Experience

<i>December 2017 - November 2018</i>	Campaign Manager, Tye Menser for Thurston County Commission, Olympia, WA
<i>January 2014 - April 2015</i>	Commissioner, Port of Olympia, Olympia WA
<i>August 2007 – July 2011</i>	Washington Watershed Initiative Restoration Campaign Director, Wildlands CPR, Olympia, WA
<i>May 2007 – March 2008</i>	Government Affairs Director, The Center for Environmental Law and Policy, Olympia, WA
<i>February 2006 – April 2007</i>	Washington State Director, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, Olympia, WA
<i>June 2005 – October 2005</i>	Senior Washington Representative, Global Security Program, Union of Concerned Scientists, Washington, DC
<i>August 2001 – October 2004</i>	Director National Park Program, The Wilderness Society, Washington, DC
<i>December 1996 – June 2002</i>	Director Budget and Appropriations, The Wilderness Society, Washington, DC
<i>March, 1984 – October 1995</i>	Geologist, U.S. Geological Survey, Branch of Isotope Geology, Menlo Park, CA
<i>Fall, 1981 – Winter, 1983</i>	Research and Teaching Assistant, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA

## Education

Ph.D.	Isotope Geochemistry, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA
M.S.	Geology, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA
B.A.	Political Science, University of Maryland, College Park, MD

## Honors and Awards

- U.S. Forest Service's Public Awareness Award
- U.S.G.S. Chief Geologist's Special Act Award
- OPM's Women's Executive Leadership Program  
- a series of fellowships with Congress and the Clinton Administration
- The Secretary of the Interior's Unit Award for Excellence in Service
- University of Maryland Political Science Award (Honors Graduate)
- Phi Kappa Phi (Scholastic Honors Society)
- Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science Honors Society)

### **Scientific Experience**

Conducted research in the fields of igneous petrology, major- and trace-element geochemistry and Rb-Sr, Sm-Nd and common Pb isotope geochemistry.

Participated on federal advisory committees on personnel and technical issues and lectured at universities, symposias, and invited conferences.

Taught the basic principles of geology in the classroom and in remote field locations and coordinated the logistics for a field camp in Baja, California, Mexico.

### **Advocacy Experience**

Responsible for a division-wide effort at the U.S. Geological Survey to eliminate sexual harassment and sexual discrimination resulting in mandatory training for all employees, creating an open atmosphere within the agency, and leading to the reduction of sexual harassment complaints.

Worked in collaboration with multiple environmental and citizen groups to pass numerous amendments to the federal budget related for the Land and Water Conservation Fund which was permanently funded in 2020 in the Great America Outdoors Act.

Created the Grand Canyon Wilderness Alliance, a coalition dedicated to protecting and enhancing the wilderness character of the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon National Park.

Worked with a coalition, including the Humane Society and the NRA, to produce legislation to protect Yellowstone Bison from slaughter and ran amendments to limit funds to slaughter the bison in FY03 and FY04 Interior Appropriations bill.

Successfully amended the FY06 Senate Energy Bill to prevent the export of highly-enriched uranium to nations that had not agreed to convert to low enriched uranium in the production of medical isotopes.

In conjunction with numerous groups, stopped the funding of the development of the Robust Nuclear Earth Penetrator (RNEP).

As campaign director for the Washington Watershed Restoration Initiative aided in the creation of the Legacy Roads and Trails Remediation Program in the U.S. Forest Service. Mobilized recreation and conservation groups, several state agencies, and tribes to educate congress about the need to address the problems derived from the vast network of logging roads on streams and fish.

### **Community Activities**

Thurston County Progressives, Co-founder, Olympia, WA.

South of the Sound Community Farmland Trust, Board of Directors, Olympia, WA.

Wilderness Watch, Board of Directors, Missoula, MT.

Wolf Trap Green Homeowner's Association, Vice President, Great Falls, VA.

Boys soccer coach, California Youth Soccer Association, Cupertino, CA.

Fremont Union High School District Curriculum Committee, Cupertino, CA.

Second City, member improvisational comedy touring troupe, Chicago, IL.