

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 *Field not completed.*

First Name Tess

Last Name Winds-Johnson

Today's Date 7/10/2023

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? YES

Mailing Address [REDACTED]

Primary Telephone [REDACTED]

Secondary Telephone *Field not completed.*

Email Address [REDACTED]

Step 2

1. Name of Board or Committee	Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee
Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee Position:	I am a resident or property owner 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 5
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, &	<i>Field not completed.</i>

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

I am currently the Workforce Funding Coordinator at Whatcom Community College. I have been with WCC for 15 months. Previously, I owned the Beach Store Cafe on Lummi Island for seven years and managed the Willows for the three years prior. I was raised on Lummi Island, moved away for undergraduate and graduate school, and returned to raise my family. I have a Master's degree in Tourism Administration from George Washington University in Washington DC and a BA in Sociology from WWU. On Lummi Island, I was on the board for LIFE (Lummi Island Foundation for Education) for three (or four?) years. During our time at the Cafe, I coordinated and managed many community fundraisers and events, along with daily management, service, and cooking. I am very familiar with the island community and all the changes within our community throughout my lifetime!

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

I am interested in this position so that I can best support my fellow islanders and the county. I would love to be able to collaborate openly, honestly and transparently with Public Works, the County and my own community. I think it's important to advocate for the many that may not be heard and act as a trusted liaison between all parties. Such hostilities have arisen as of late and it feels sad and unnecessary; I would like to do my best to remedy broken relationships and rebuild trust.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

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Appointment Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Tess Winds-Johnson

Place Signed / Submitted



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