



WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO WHATCOM COUNTY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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Name: Richard Frye Date: 12/14/2021

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1. Name of board or committee-**LIFAC** _____

2. You must specify which position you are applying for.
Please refer to vacancy list. _____

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.) ----- (X) yes () no

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

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

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

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

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 (X) 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 (X) 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.**
SEE ATTACHMENT

11. **Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission: _**
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References (please include daytime telephone number): Charles Bailey 360 758-4011

Signature of applicant: Richard Frye

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

Education:

- BS (Engineering) US Naval Academy, 1967
- PhD (Marine Resource Economics) University of Rhode Island, 1975

Relevant Experience

- Whatcom County resident since 1975
- Full-time Lummi Island resident since 1995
- Asst Professor of environmental studies, WWU, 1975-1982
- Research Analyst, WWU Office of Survey Research and Testing 1996-2008
- Curriculum Development Team, WWU Sustainability Program, 2008-2011
- LI Subarea Planning Committee, 2001-03, public survey design/analysis
- Business owner/operator on LI since 2005
- President of Hilltop Water Assn, serving 60 hookups on LI, 2011-present

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

I have been a full-time Lummi Island resident for 25 years and have been active in the community in many ways over those years. I served briefly on the ferry committee several years ago and have participated in the many public discussions about the economic relationships between ferry fares and operations and the well-being of Island residents. I operate a small business on the island which involves me in many ongoing conversations with other residents.

Because every aspect of ferry operations, schedules, and fares sets the broad economic conditions for *all* activities on the Island, each change in any of these resets the basic economic conditions for living on the Island. The most egregious example of this was the series of rate hikes between 2007 and 2011 *which increased fares by 600%*, pushing commuters, renters, and young families to the mainland, and bringing more retired, self-employed, and VRBO visitors to the island. These broad effects of ferry policy on the kind of community we are fostering are critical economic drivers of the quality of life on the Island.