



Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

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Title Mrs.

First Name Ashley

Last Name Thomasson

Today's Date 12/12/2023

Street Address

[REDACTED]

City Bellingham

Zip 98226

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 Housing Advisory Committee

Position applied for Non-Profit Provider Representative

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? Yes

If yes, please list dates: 2/1/2021-present

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, & [Ashley Thomasson Resume - LP ED.pdf](#)

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 have served on the Housing Advisory Committee for the last 3 years. I am currently the Executive Director at Lydia Place and prior to that served as our Housing Program Director, where I've cultivated an expertise on issues related to family homelessness and meaningful systems solutions. I received my BA in Human Services from WWU and my Certificate in Non-Profit Management from UW. As someone who has personally experienced housing insecurity, I'm deeply committed to supporting and investing in community solutions to improve outcomes for the families and children in our community.

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

I believe that real change related to the current housing crisis Whatcom County is facing is going to come from effective systems advocacy and solutions. While there are so many competing priorities, I believe I bring the skills and expertise to help support this board in decision making regarding recommendation to the County Council regarding how to best steward funds available in order to maximize outcomes.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Teri Bryant, Director WHSC | [REDACTED]
Samya Lutz, City of Bellingham | [REDACTED]

Appointment Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Ashley Thomasson

Place Signed / Submitted

Bellingham, WA
