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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.

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First Name Charles

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Last Name Bailey

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Today's Date 1/3/2022

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Street Address 2241 Tuttle Lane

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City Lummi Island

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Zip 98262

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Do you live in & are you registered to vote in Whatcom County? Yes

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Do you have a different mailing address? *Field not completed.*

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Primary Telephone 3607584011

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Secondary Telephone 2015724508

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Email Address Charles.BaileyADV@gmail.com

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### Step 2

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1. Name of Board or Planning Commission

Committee

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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, & interest in response to the following questions

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9. Please describe your occupation (or former

Please see the attached letter and resume.

occupation if retired),  
qualifications,  
professional and/or  
community activities,  
and education

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

Please see the attached letter and resume.

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References (please  
include daytime  
telephone number):

Roland Middleton (360) 778-6212 or (360) 961-3705  
Susan Trimmingham (360) 739-9340  
Loch Trimmingham (360) 739-9341  
David Kershner (310) 409-7245

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Signature of applicant:

Charles R. Bailey

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Place Signed /  
Submitted

Lummi Island, WA

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Dear Whatcom County Council Members,

I am writing to apply for a position on the Whatcom County Planning Commission, District Five.

First, however, I want to thank you for the opportunity you've given me over the last six years as a member of LIFAC (the Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee). During this time Council has adopted the recommendations I helped to formulate for a ferry that will replace the *Whatcom Chief*. The replacement ferry will meet a new Level of Service standard, carry up to 34 cars and be carbon neutral. Its propulsion system will be dual diesel/electric, capable of operating as a fully electric vessel with the addition of charging power at the terminal. The funding package for this \$33.5 million project may very well fall into place in 2022.

My contributions to this progress have been to clarify ferry data and design alternatives, seek out and bring additional expert advice to bear on what is sometimes a complicated subject, and to help keep LIFAC discussions cordial, focused and moving forward. I would bring this same results-oriented, balanced approach and constructive spirit to the Planning Commission were I to receive your appointment.

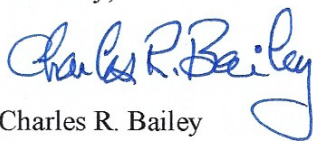
My whole career has been one of contributing to public service. Among the various boards and commissions in Whatcom County, the Planning Commission seems the best suited to take advantage of what I have learned on LIFAC as well as in my career.

To be brief, I worked for the Ford Foundation overseas, awarding grants in a dozen countries in Africa and Asia. I will attach my resume, but some of this work involved funding people in rural communities who wanted to find better ways to farm, fish, and utilize forests and water resources to improve their lives. They also wanted to be sure that any change in practices would still sustain these natural resources over the long run. In these settings there were always different stakeholders and different points of view and local government played an important role. In quite a different way, I also have considerable experience with conflict resolution-- specifically between the U.S. and Vietnam over the consequences for that country of the use of Agent Orange during the Vietnam war. Although these places and issues may seem distant, the insights I gained in my career with Ford could be relevant to land use planning issues in Whatcom county.

Were I to be appointed to the Whatcom County Planning Commission, I am sure it would be a steep learning curve-- just as my first year on LIFAC was. But I am a quick learner. At this point it does seem to me that it will be important to give attention to the increasing intersections in the future between the County Council Climate Action Plan, approved November 9, 2021, and the land use planning and building codes which are the focus of the Commission. The Commission may also need to find more impactful strategies to communicate these intersections and its other work to the public.

Thank you, Council Members, for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Charles R. Bailey  
January 2, 2022

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## Experience & Accomplishments

*2016-2022 Lummi Island, WA* Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee (LIFAC) Member & Vice Chair (2021). Advise the Whatcom County Council on the design and electrification of a new 34-car ferry serving Lummi Island, WA.

*2019 to present Lummi Island, WA* The Stimson Center, Washington, D.C. Member, Executive Committee, War Legacies Working Group. <https://www.stimson.org/project/war-legacies-working-group/>

*2014 to present Lummi Island, WA* Author, commentator and advisor on implementation of U.S. disability assistance in Vietnam <https://www.aspeninstitute.org/programs/agent-orange-in-vietnam-program/>

*2015-2017 Lummi Island, WA* Advisor on Courtney Marsh's Oscar-nominated documentary, *Chau, Beyond the Lines*, a coming-of-age story about a Vietnamese teenage boy born with disabilities linked to Agent Orange who aspires to become an artist. Arranged screenings of the film in the U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C., the United Nations, New York, and the American libraries in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. <https://vimeo.com/143147224>

*2011 to 2014 New York, NY* Aspen Institute Director, Agent Orange in Vietnam Program. Building on a unique humanitarian and strategic opportunity, the program sought the fullest possible resolution of the Agent Orange legacy in Vietnam through advocacy, analysis, networking and public-private partnerships.

*2010 to 2014 New York, NY* New York University Adjunct Associate Professor, Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. Guided teams of NYU graduate students as they worked for clients in Africa and Asia to analyze and recommend solutions to complex issues in youth employment, food safety, health care, secondary education, enterprise development and corporate social responsibility.

*2007 to 2011 New York, NY* Ford Foundation Director, Special Initiative on Agent Orange/Dioxin This work addressed the Agent Orange legacy of the Vietnam War by funding services and advocacy for Vietnamese victims of Agent Orange and clean-up of Agent Orange/dioxin residue, by creating partnerships with other donors, and by mediation between the governments of Vietnam and the U.S.

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### *1997 to 2007* **Hanoi, Vietnam** Ford Foundation Representative for Vietnam and Thailand

The program funded rights-based approaches to sexuality & reproductive health, access to higher education for women and men from disadvantaged groups, methods to bring microfinance into low income communities, the better management of natural resources to reduce poverty and disadvantage, modern methods of research and teaching in sociology and anthropology and creative space for young film makers to produce films of social significance.

- Introduced community asset building as a strategy to reduce poverty among disadvantaged and vulnerable people living in Vietnam's highlands.
- Blended low-key advocacy and carefully targeted grant making to start a discussion and then a movement to fully address the Agent Orange/ dioxin legacy of the Vietnam War. The U.S. Congress has subsequently appropriated \$395 million for disability assistance and dioxin clean up in Vietnam.
- Launched a program which awarded 355 graduate study fellowships to disadvantaged Vietnamese and Thais from small towns and rural areas and ethnic minorities for masters and PhD degrees in the U.S. Two-thirds of the recipients were women.

### *1990 – 1997* **Nairobi, Kenya** Ford Foundation Representative for Eastern & Southern Africa

The program operated in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Zimbabwe and Mozambique. It funded rural communities to manage natural resources to reduce poverty and to promote human rights and good governance, improve reproductive health and gender relations and sustain higher education and culture.

- Funded the spread of a successful Zimbabwean system of better rural livelihoods through community management of wildlife resources into Mozambique following the end of Mozambique's civil war in 1992.
- Formed a partnership between the Ford and Aga Khan Foundations to create the Kenya Community Development Foundation.
- Mobilized resources for the start-up of Kenya's first NGO led by People Living with AIDS to deliver healthcare to HIV-positive Kenyans. This initiative grew into a program of grant making in reproductive health in Kenya, Tanzania and Zimbabwe.

### *1985 – 1990* **Dhaka, Bangladesh** Ford Foundation Representative for Bangladesh

The program funded employment creation through support to the Grameen Bank and other local micro-credit programs and reproductive health partnerships between Bangladeshi NGOs and the government.

- Convened a working group of Bangladeshi environmental scientists, policy makers, resource managers, local NGOs and fishing communities to raise incomes of poor families dependent on Bangladesh's freshwater fisheries through better access to markets.

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- Established and led a donor consortium of Canada (CIDA), Sweden (SIDA), Norway (NORAD), Germany (KfW) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) which assessed and financed the Grameen Bank's \$104 million expansion program for rural Bangladesh.
- Enabled the Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC) to test and scale up a self-financing program of primary schooling for children of landless laborers in rural Bangladesh.

### *1982 – 1985 Khartoum, Sudan* Ford Foundation Assistant Representative and Program Officer

- Conceived and carried out a new program of grant making on ways to increase the social and economic returns to irrigated agriculture in Sudan and Egypt.
- Researched the equity impacts of water distribution in Sudan's Gezira (irrigated cotton) Scheme and edited and published the first annotated bibliography of research studies on the Gezira.
- Taught courses on environmental science and the politics of water in the Nile valley to Sudanese masters degree students in the Institute of Environmental Science, University of Khartoum.

### *1982 Cairo, Egypt* Ford Foundation Program Officer

Initiated programming to improve management of irrigated agriculture in Egypt and Sudan.

### *1972 – 1976 New Delhi, India* Ford Foundation Assistant Program Officer and Assistant to the Representative Worked with the G.B. Pant University of Agriculture & Technology to pilot integrated rural development in the Uttar Pradesh uplands and supported Foundation grant making in dairy development in Gujarat and rice research and extension in Andhra Pradesh.

### *1967 – 1970 Sankranti, Nepal* U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer

Taught vocational agriculture to middle school students in a remote mountain community. Introduced the new high yielding Mexican varieties of wheat to farmers, doubling their food supplies. Raised funds to send a student to the U.S. for life-saving open heart surgery. Extended for a third year to develop science teaching curricula for the Ministry of Education in Kathmandu.

## Awards Received

*Vietnam Friendship Medal* awarded by the President of Vietnam in 2004 and 2011  
Named a **Paul Harris Fellow** by the Rotary Foundation, Rotary International in 2010



### Recent Publications & Speeches

**“How Public-Private Cooperation Helped unlock US Assistance on Agent Orange,”** Phan Xuan Dung & Charles R. Bailey, Pacific Forum, Honolulu HI PacNet#39 2021  
<https://pacforum.org/publication/pacnet-39-how-public-private-cooperation-helped-unlock-us-assistance-on-agent-orange>

***From Enemies to Partners- Vietnam, the U.S. and Agent Orange*** (with Le Ke Son), G. Anton Publishing, Chicago 2017. Kirkus reviews- <https://www.aspeninstitute.org/publications/enemies-partners-vietnam-u-s-agent-orange/> Barnes & Noble reviews- <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/from-enemies-to-partners-le-ke-son/1128083348>

**“Remembrance and Reconciliation- the Agent Orange Legacy,”** 2018 Speech at Veterans’ Observance of Memorial Day, Lummi Island, Washington  
<https://assets.aspeninstitute.org/content/uploads/2018/06/2018-5-28-CBailey-speech-on-Memorial-Day-2018.pdf>

**“Agent Orange- A humanitarian concern we can do something about,”** OpEd *The Hill*, February 24, 2018 <http://thehill.com/opinion/healthcare/375421-agent-orange-a-humanitarian-concern-we-can-do-something-abou>

**“Will U.S. stay committed to toxic Agent Orange clean up in Vietnam?”** *PBS News Hour* Report by Michael Cerre, November 10, 2017 <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/will-u-s-stay-committed-to-toxic-agent-orange-cleanup-in-vietnam>

### Education

**PhD** in Agricultural Economics, Cornell University, 1982

**Master of Public Affairs** in Economic Development, Princeton University, 1972

**Bachelor of Arts** in History, Political Science and Linguistics, Swarthmore College, 1967