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Advisory Group Application

Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Advisory Groups

Public Statement

THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT: As a candidate for a public advisory group, the information provided will be available to the County Council, County Executive, and the public. All advisory group 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.
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First Name	Ryan
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Last Name	Hasert
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Today's Date	7/29/2024
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Street Address	
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City	
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Zip	
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Do you live in Whatcom County?	Yes
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Do you have a different mailing address?	Field not completed.
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Primary Telephone	
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Secondary Telephone	Field not completed.
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Email Address	
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Step 2

1. Name of Advisory	Forest Resilience Task Force
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Group

Forest Resilience Task Force	Community member with expertise in climate, salmon recovery, and natural resources policy
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. Have you ever been a member of this Advisory Group	No
5. 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
6. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county?	No
You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions	<i>Field not completed.</i>
7. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities,	I am interested in serving as a member of the Forest Resilience Task Force as a community member with a background in climate change and natural resource policy. I currently hold a position as a research scientist at the University of Washington Climate Impacts Group. In this role I provide social science research expertise and project management support on projects

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that seek to both identify climate vulnerabilities of Northwest communities and ecosystems, and investigate possible actions to facilitate adaptation that can mitigate climate impacts. I work across a variety of topics such as water resources management, habitat restoration and connectivity, sea level rise and managed retreat, and Tribal climate adaptation, among many other topics. In much of my work, I employ a co-produced approach that directly involves the communities and interest holders that those adaptation actions would serve. As a social science researcher, I frequently conduct policy analyses that help to understand the barriers and pathways to adaptation actions. Previous positions include work as an environmental economist with Batker Consulting LLC where I provided benefit-cost analyses of market and non-market ecosystem services, as well as roles in habitat restoration with an Oregon land trust and the Nature Conservancy. I hold a master's degree in public policy from Oregon State University and a bachelor's degree in environmental studies from Western Washington University.

8. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this Advisory Group.

Whatcom county is host to large tracts of forestland that provide numerous economic, environmental, and social benefits, among many others. I would like to join this task force to help ensure the health and sustainability of this valuable asset for present and future generations in the county. As the climate changes and the Northwest region continues to grow in population size, forests will be subject to many new stressors. Healthy forests can provide economic opportunities, healthy air and drinking water, and other social and community health benefits – a resource I believe is well worth maintaining. While I do not have a formal background in forestry, I can lend my professional expertise in climate change and adaptation topics and policy research. I welcome the opportunity to help craft best management practice recommendations and governance structures to help ensure the future economic and environmental prosperity of Whatcom County's forestlands.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Jason Vogel, Executive Director, Climate Impacts Group, 303-525-0832
Meade Krosby, University Director, Northwest Climate Adaptation Science Center. 206-579-8023

Appointment Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Ryan Hasert

Place Signed / Submitted



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