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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 Robert

Last Name Wilson

Today's Date 12/10/2023

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? *Field not completed.*

Primary Telephone [REDACTED]

Secondary Telephone [REDACTED]

Email Address [REDACTED]

Step 2

1. Name of Board or Committee Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force/Law & Justice Council

Incarceration
Prevention and
Reduction Task Force
Position: Concerned Citizen

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 1

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 Attached

the following questions

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

Retired military and retired Washington State Patrol Trooper. In addition I was the Director of Public Safety for the Sauk-Suiattle Indian tribe and Chief of Police for Lummi Nation

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

I have spent a vast amount of years working in fields closely related to this board and feel that my experience would serve the people of Whatcom County well. It is difficult on a multitude of people when someone is incarcerated and it is important that we look at all the aspects.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Professional

1. Bill Elfo, Sheriff, Whatcom County, Public Safety Building, 311 Grand Ave, Bellingham, WA (360) 778-6600 or Cell 360-738-2494 email: belfo@co.whatcom.wa.us
2. Jerimiah Julius, former Chairman of the Lummi Nation, previous supervisor Cell: 360-319-3960
3. Sergeant Shane Rogers, Washington State Patrol, Bellingham WA, work: 360-676-2076 or Cell: 360-224-1728, co-worker and supervisor

Personal

1. Sharon Shewmake, Washington State Representative, 850-591-0203
 2. Deborah Parker, National Indigenous Women's Resource Center Board Member, cell: 425-754-8496, email deborahparker03@gmail.com
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Appointment Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Robert F Wilson

Place Signed / Submitted



(Section Break)

Robert Franklin Wilson



Experienced Executive Leader

Proactive Executive Leadership

Lead multiple Tribal Departments, Civilian Companies, Federal Agencies in the collaboration and development of joint infrastructure plan to benefit rural tribal community. Developed and nurtured relationships with local, tribal, state and federal agencies to ensure that operational commitments were met, and solid working relationships were maintained to facilitate critical agreements

Negotiated Memorandum of Agreement between two Native American Tribes and three County Sheriffs to ensure that jurisdictional issues were resolved, and a positive connection was supported between all agencies.

Lead developed and implemented a process to address dramatic increase in trespassers and vagrants within jurisdiction as a result of pandemic. Worked closely with Public Health officials and wrap around services to deal with homelessness and drug usage associated with this activity.

Functioned as the Emergency Operations Center Commander for Whatcom County during COVID -19 pandemic developing and ensuring the safety and compliance for all public health mandates and logistic concerns were met in a timely manner.

Skill Sets

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| Indian Law | Public Safety Operations | Tribal Relations |
| Emergency Response | Community Relations | Policy Analysis |
| Personnel Evaluation | Interview Techniques | Public Disclosure |
| WEBEOC usage | Crime Prevention | Project Management |
| Public Information | Investigation Management | Budget Management |

Public Safety and Emergency Management Experience

Lummi Nation Telecommunications Project Manager (contract) May 2021 to Dec 2021
Researched, developed and submitted an 18.3 million dollar “shovel ready” project working with planning department, engineering firms, grant writers and the National Telecommunications and Information Agency for the Lummi Nation Broadband grant project.

Lummi Nation Chief of Police (contract) June 2019 to Aug 2020
Negotiated Memorandum of Agreement between tribal government and Whatcom County government regarding public safety services addressing both the needs of the tribal community and the local community with an emphasis on Public Trust. Performed Supervisory Personnel Management responsibilities including annual employee review and performance evaluation, hearing and resolving all complaints, final review on schedules for workforce including granting leave, monitored, and evaluated Commissioned Officer job performance and contact with community. Responsible for 8 budgets totaling over 8 million dollars, including annual reports, expenditures, balancing and lobbying for increases with political leaders.

Sauk-Suiattle Director of Public Safety (contract) June 2018 to June 2019
Initiated and nurtured relationships with Snohomish County Sheriff and Skagit County Sheriff to facilitate the development and implementation of Memorandum of Agreements with tribal community to provide public safety services to rural area in both counties. Performed supervisory personnel management duties including all employee performance evaluations, responded to all complaints, final approval of all schedules and leave request. Conducted all personnel evaluations including recommendations on corrective actions for any deficiencies noted. Responsible for a two-million-dollar budget including all long-range plans, training request and justification of any modification of budgets.

Department of Homeland Security Jan 2016 to Nov 2016
Operation of communications equipment, sensors and cameras and providing support to agents/officers along the Canadian and US border. Maintaining up to date knowledge level and familiarity with various computerized indexes such as ICAD, TEC I and II, NCIC, NLETS and other law enforcement information systems. Required to maintain Top Secret equivalency background investigation.

Washington State Patrol (retired) July 1999 to Feb 2014
Functioned as State Patrol Trooper and Acting Trooper in Charge. Experience as primary investigating officer, carrying out complex processes involving the investigation, apprehension and locations of person or persons suspected or convicted of criminal offenses against Washington State and the United States. Completed extensive Criminal Investigation Training from the Washington State Patrol Academy including advanced investigations related to homicides and vehicle assaults. Performed duties as Public Information Officer, interacting with media including development of presentation and training for both civilian groups and military related to Driving under the Influence and Traffic Safety. Designated as an expert witness for the Washington State Patrol in both District and Superior courts.

United States Navy (retired) June 1977 to Sep 1998
Performed as resident expert in all forms of Telecommunications. Assigned duties as the Communications Security Officer for both Naval Communications Area Master Station and US Commander in Chief at Camp Smith HI. Responsible for verification of access to and use of

Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI) material by both civilian and military personnel including the Electronic Key Management System.

Education

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| Master of Legal Studies, Indigenous Peoples Law | University of Oklahoma, May 2022 |
| Bachelor of Public Safety and Emergency Management | Grand Canyon University June 2016 |
| Associates Transfer Degree | Northwest Indian College April 2014 |

Civic Service

Whatcom County Veterans Advisory Board Member
Washington State Sheriff and Chief of Police Association (WASPC) member
Washington State Traffic Safety Sub-Committee Board Member
American Legion Riders Member
Whatcom County Civil Service Review Board
American Red Cross

Awards

2021 Exceptional Advocacy Services, Women Spirit Coalition
09/98 Navy Achievement Medal (3X)
09/98 Meritorious Unit Commendation (2X)
09/98 Navy Good Conduct (4X)
09/98 National Defense Medal
09/98 Southwest Asia Service
09/98 Sea Service Deployment
09/98 Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist