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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 Mr.

First Name Eli

Last Name Wainman

Today's Date 11/17/2021

Street Address 2929 Northwest Ave

City Bellingham

Zip 98225

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 3102103729

Secondary Telephone *Field not completed.*

Email Address eli.wainman@gmail.com

Step 2

1. Name of Board or Justice Project Stakeholder Advisory Committee

Committee

Justice Project
Stakeholder Advisory
Committee

Citizen: Criminal Justice Advocate

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

[Eli Wainman.pdf](#)

the following questions

9. Please describe your occupation (or former 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

In my profession and in the streets around me I see individuals with behavioral health needs not being addressed by the healthcare system, but by the criminal justice system, which is not tooled to handle this crisis.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

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Signature of applicant:

Eli Wainman

Place Signed / Submitted

Bellingham, WA

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EXPERIENCE

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| PUBLIC DEFENDER
<i>Skagit County</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">District court unit | 2021-Present |
| PUBLIC DEFENDER
<i>Bellingham Assigned Council</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Court appointed defense council representing indigent clients accused of misdemeanors in district, municipal, and superior court | 2018-2021 |
| VOLUNTEER LAWYER COORDINATOR
<i>Law Advocates</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Developed and implemented systems for volunteer attorney recruitment, support, and retention | 2018-2019 |
| GENERAL PRACTITIONER
<i>Wainman Law Firm, PLLC</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Plaintiffs' attorney in civil litigation of personal injury, IFCA, CPA, employment discrimination /harassment, insurance bad faith, and products liability | 2012-2021 |
| PUBLIC DEFENDER INTERN
<i>Whatcom County</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Defense of indigent clients in misdemeanor and felony cases | 2014-2015 |
| ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY
<i>Hewitt & Truskowski</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Associate attorney in civil litigation of insurance defense matters | 2010-2011 |
| WATER & SANITATION ADVISOR
<i>United States Peace Corps</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Manager of municipal community development projectsOperational responsibility in collaboration with local elected government officials and community groups | 2007-2009 |

EDUCATION

- Reed College** *Bachelor of Arts*
- Loyola Law School** *Juris Doctor*

COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPERIENCE

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| Whatcom County Ethics Commission <i>Chair</i> | 2016-Present |
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SKILLS

- WDRRC Mediation training (80 hours)
- Spanish language (fluent)
- Business & Personnel Management
- De-escalation trainer