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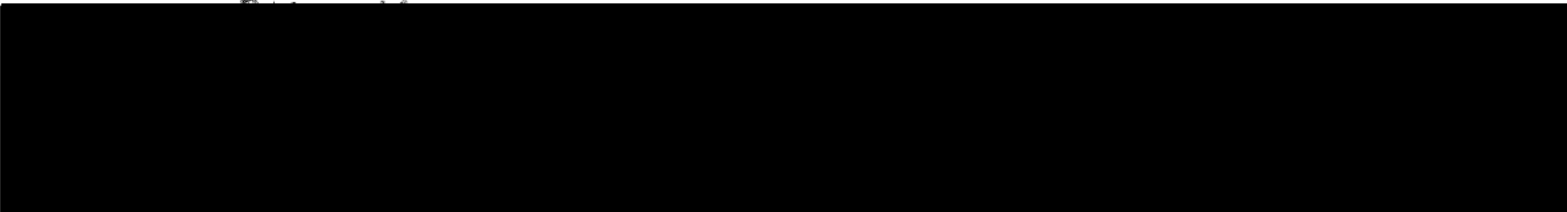
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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO WHATCOM COUNTY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY and COMPLETE ALL ITEMS

Name: W. THOMAS FOLLIS Date: 3-24-2022



1. Name of board or committee-please see reverse: BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

2. You must specify which position you are applying for. Please refer to vacancy list. MEMBER

3. Do you meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation requirements of the position for which you're applying? (If applicable, please refer to vacancy list.) yes () no

4. Which Council district do you live in? () One Two () Three () Four () Five

5. Are you a US citizen? yes () no

6. Are you registered to vote in Whatcom County? yes () no

7. Have you ever been a member of this Board/Commission? () yes no
If yes, dates: _____

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? () yes no
If yes, please explain: _____

9. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055, see instructions) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county? () yes no

You may attach a résumé or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions.

10. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education. SEE ATTACHED LETTER

11. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission: I HAVE THE TIME, THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE TO ASSIST IN THE VALUATION AND ANALYSIS PROCESS

References (please include daytime telephone number): SEE ATTACHED LETTER

Signature of applicant: [Signature]

3/24/22

Dear Ms. Schneider,

John Bruton contacted me on March 23 regarding the Whatcom County Board of Equalization. He inquired about my interest in being a member of the Board. I would be interested in being on the Board.

I recently retired from the real estate business after operating an appraisal and brokerage office for 51 years. I was a licensed Certified General Appraiser and broker. I completed in excess of 30,000 appraisals and evaluations in my career. I have a thorough knowledge of Whatcom County and am a life long resident for 77 years.

I have appraised properties of all types, including single family, multi-family, commercial, industrial, agricultural (dairy, berry and dry crop operations), condominiums, forest land and leasehold and leased fee interests.

I have also testified before the Board on many occasions as an expert so I am familiar with the Board's procedures. I was also recognized as an expert witness in District Court, Superior Court, and Federal Court relating to real estate and real property evaluation.

I am a past president of the Whatcom County Board of Realtors and was the chairperson of the City of Bellingham Civil Service Commission.

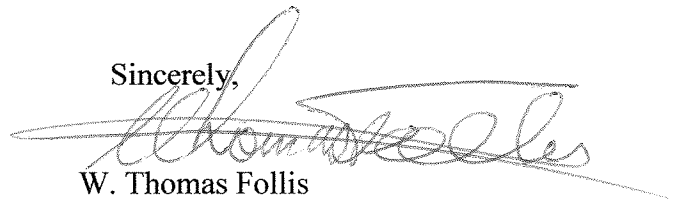
I am a military veteran and retired from the USAF as a Lt. Colonel.

From an educational standpoint, I graduated from Bellingham High School in 1962, the University of Washington in 1966, and received advanced degrees from Squadron Officers School and Air Command and Staff while in the USAF. I also completed numerous continuing education courses in real estate appraisal from 1980-2020. I was also on the faculty of Whatcom Community College an instructor in real estate.

Personal references are as follows:

1. Starck Follis ph# 360-739-9361
2. Terry Todd ph# 360-303-2698
3. Gary Tetrick ph3 360-961-5689
4. John Wittman ph# 509-953-3158
5. Glenn Crowe ph# 360-303-8610

Sincerely,



W. Thomas Follis