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Board and Commission Application

Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

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Title	Dr.
First Name	CHARLES
Last Name	BAILEY
Today's Date	2/28/2022
Street Address	2241 Tuttle Lane
City	Lummi Island
Zip	98262
Do you live in & are you registered to vote in Whatcom County?	Yes
Do you have a different mailing address?	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Primary Telephone	3607584011
Secondary Telephone	2015724508
Email Address	Charles.BaileyADV@gmail.com

Step 2

1. Name of Board or Committee	Climate Impact Advisory Committee
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Climate Impact Advisory Committee Position:	I have previous work or educational experience in climate change.
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	Attached

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

Please see attachment.

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

Please see attachment.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Roland Middleton (360) 778-6212 (w); Cris Colburn (360) 366-6930 (c); Myra Ramos (206) 999-7042 (c)

Signature of applicant:

CHARLES R BAILEY

Place Signed / Submitted

Lummi Island, WA

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Charles R. Bailey
Appointment to Climate Impact Advisory Committee

Application Question 11- Why I am applying

I want to help make our county a model for decarbonization and climate resiliency across the state. The just out, IPCC 6th Assessment/ Working Group II Report underlines that we have no time to lose.

Application Question 10. My background and relevant experience

Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee (LIFAC). I served six years on LIFAC, 2016 to 2022. I analyzed ferry data, clarified design alternatives, sought out additional expert advice and shared these findings with other members at our monthly meetings. In 2018 Council adopted our recommendation for a new, carbon neutral, ferry. The new ferry will operate under diesel/battery hybrid propulsion until sufficient electric power is brought to the Lummi Island/Gooseberry Point terminals when it will switch to full electric operation. I prepared a presentation, “Electrifying the Lummi Island Ferry,” which we used to advocate for that next step, a Shore Power Study, with the County Executive. Please see LIFAC Minutes January 12, 2022 pp. 33-69. https://www.whatcomcounty.us/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Minutes/_01122022-3020

Research & Advocacy to achieve a specific goal. Since 1998 I have worked to bring the U.S. and Vietnam together to jointly address the legacy of Agent Orange. While with the Ford Foundation in Vietnam I awarded a grant for the first breakthrough study on the fate of the dioxin residue in Agent Orange and conducted a second influential study to characterize who has been harmed in the 50 years since the spraying stopped. I helped create the U.S.-Vietnam Dialogue Group on Agent Orange/Dioxin and worked with the Vietnamese and American members to write a ten year plan to clean up the dioxin and help people born with severe disabilities. Congressional appropriations are now \$45 million a year for these purposes. In 2017 I authored *From Enemies to Partners: Vietnam, the U.S. and Agent Orange*, together with Dr. Le Ke Son, a Vietnamese medical doctor and toxicologist. I continue to be active in this area. Please see <https://www.aspeninstitute.org/programs/agent-orange-in-vietnam-program/>

Teaching & Community Outreach. I taught a course on environmental science and a seminar on the hydro-politics of the Nile River Valley in a master’s program at the University of Khartoum, Sudan, for four years. In the last few years I have been advising undergraduates at Swarthmore College as they created a “Climate Essentials Course” for students, faculty, staff and alumni. Last April as the vice chair of LIFAC I hosted an on-line discussion of Whatcom county stakeholders, OPALCO and PSE on the Decatur Island microgrid and the potential for a microgrid on Lummi Island.

Experienced grant maker. I worked and lived overseas for the Ford Foundation for many years, awarding grants to local NGOs, governments, research institutes and universities in 12 countries in eastern and southern Africa and south and southeast Asia. An important part 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 a key role.

Education: PhD in Agricultural Economics, Cornell University. Dissertation on tribal management of community grazing land and water sources for beef cattle production in Botswana, a Texas-sized country in southern Africa. Master in Public Affairs in economic development, Princeton University. Summer project with the National Development Corporation, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania. Bachelors in History & Political Science. Swarthmore College, followed by 3 years in the Peace Corps teaching agriculture to middle school kids in a remote corner of Nepal.