

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	Mr.
First Name	Jeremy
Last Name	Thompson
Today's Date	2/14/2026
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Do you live in Whatcom County?	Yes
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Step 2

1. Name of Advisory Planning Commission

Group

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. 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?

Yes

If yes, please explain

I own Thompson Serenity Stables LLC. We provide instruction, boarding, and equestrian rehabilitation.

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

Attached

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

1993-2017 Marine Sgt to LtCol
2018-2025 GS-14 Civil Service Dept of Army
See resume for details.
Most recent and relevant activities:
Served as member on Garrison (city pop. ~30K) planning board (2 years) with fellow Directors from Public Works, HR, Parks and Rec, Finance, Communications, Public Relations, and Legal.

and education

- Quarterly and Annual budget allocation
- 5-year budget cycle appropriation
- Facility upgrades
- New fire station
- Housing renovation (apt. buildings)
- (PX) shopping mall and grocery store construction
- 911 Dispatch center redesign

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

After more than 30 years of Federal Government service, I am eager to continue contributing to public service at the local level, where thoughtful planning and balanced growth directly shape the quality of life in our communities. I bring a strong commitment to responsible land use, environmental stewardship, public safety, and sustainable economic development, along with a deep appreciation for transparent decision-making and community engagement. It would be an honor to apply my experience, professionalism, and dedication to helping the team on the planning commission.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Josh Scott, Ferndale Police Sgt. [REDACTED] Friend for ~40 years
Stephen Reese, Retired USMC [REDACTED] Former boss and mentor ~20 years
Chuck Cooper, Owner KCPK Trucking [REDACTED] First employer and friend for ~40 years
Brian Forrest, Patent Attorney [REDACTED] Friend for ~40 years

Appointment Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Jeremy Wayne Thompson

Place Signed / Submitted

[REDACTED]

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY: Highly engaged and collaborative security executive with over 30 years of experience leading and managing law enforcement and security agencies. Specific acumen in building effective teams, establishing, and accomplishing departmental goals by generating team buy-in, and strategically shaping long-term departmental expectations based on future mission requirements. Known for engaging community leaders, fostering diversity, empowering subordinates, and steadfast integrity.

EXPERTISE:

- Leadership
- Physical Security
- Crisis Management
- Investigations
- Communication
- Strategic Planning

EDUCATION:

Havard Kennedy School, Executive Education, Leadership Decision Making, 2024
Arizona State University, Certified Public Manager Executive Education, 2022
Harvard Kennedy School, Senior Executive Fellow, Public Leadership, 2020
MBA with Honors, American Military University, 2011
Bachelor of Arts in Society and Justice, University of Washington, 1998

AWARDS:

Civilian Meritorious Service Medal, 2024
Civilian Commendation Medal, 2023
Supervisor of the year, 2022
Joint Civilian Achievement Medal, 2020

PROFESSIONAL DUTIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Director Strategic Plans

2023 – Present

United States Army Garrison, Stuttgart Germany

- Developed, implemented, and lead an Army-wide effort to advance the Army's Security Awareness in support of modernization and optimization of the Army's Organic Industrial Base (OIB).
- Developed a plan to thwart potential hostile intelligence collection and security threats against Army resources.
- Developed and issued guidance in the form of policy and program objectives.
- Prepared and presented reports and briefings on program status and recommended actions to executive staff.
- Developed and provided strategic guidance while aligning with higher headquarters and mission partners' visions and strategic objectives.
- Made assignments, set priorities, reviewed work accomplishments, and rendered technical advice.
- Made work assignments, set and negotiated deadlines and completion dates; reviewed and approved awards and took performance-based corrective actions; approved leave, coached and developed employees; recommended or took corrective or disciplinary actions; and resolved problems.
- Facilitated workforce exchange and communication of EEO, Diversity and Anti-Harassment policy guidance by providing new employees with EEO policy and mandatory training requirements.
- Recruited and retained a high caliber workforce in accordance with measurements identified in organizational staffing/hiring goals.
- Developed reports, white papers and memos for senior leaders and other staff members on project updates.

Deputy Director, Emergency Services and Physical Security

2020 – 2023

United States Army Garrison (Pop: 30k), Stuttgart Germany

- Reported directly to the Deputy to the Garrison Commander (Mayor).
- Served as first-line supervisor for Police Chief, Fire Chief, Record Chief, and Physical Security Chief (Total force: 500).
- Provided emergency services and planned strategic physical security plans for Directors from Public Works, HR, Parks and Rec, Finance, Communications, Public Relations, and Legal.
- Reviewed, approved, and managed physical security contracts employing over 300 security guards and technicians providing physical security for five sensitive military sites in Germany.
- Reviewed and approved all physical security plans for major military construction sites in Stuttgart Germany.
- Reviewed and approved over 200 physical security surveys annually ensuring compliance to regulations.
- Reviewed and approved the physical security strategic and incident response plans.
- Served as lead for all investigation response and assessments regarding terrorist and foreign intelligence gathering threats.
- Served as the second-line supervisor for five regional physical security officers.
- Increased community security awareness via in-person townhalls and publications.
- Developed and implemented a plan collocating all 24-hour emergency service providers into one monitoring center (Consolidated Dispatch Center): Fire, Police, Physical Security, and alarm monitors. This action increased response efficiency and eliminated overtime expenses.
- Served as lead emergency representative for the crisis action team during critical incidents and continuity of operations events.

Mission Assurance Strategic Planner

2018-2020

United States Army, Africa Command, Stuttgart Germany

- Led and directed the strategic planning, resolution, and coordination of corrective actions for all forces supporting risk management and physical security programs for forces in Africa.
- Administered effective security training methodologies and current delivery techniques to ensure developmental needs of the organizations.
- Coordinated and researched continuous improvement processes crossing various command functions to support strategic security planning and crisis response.
- Synchronized Mission Assurance strategic security planning using an integrated risk management methodology to mitigate mission-execution risk from the full spectrum of threats and hazards to mission capabilities, functions, and supporting assets.
- Led the implementation of new ideas in areas of short/long-range strategic security planning.
- Implemented strategic security planning processes to identify, prioritize, assess, and manage risk and identify strategic risks that endanger Mission Essential Functions, Command Operational Plans, and core Mission Tasks.
- Conducted training assessments to identify workforce competency gaps.
- Managed and facilitated cross-functional teams and working groups.

Director for Security and Emergency Services (SES)

2015 – 2017

United States Marine Corps, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point NC (Pop: 55k)

- Reported directly to the base Commander (Mayor) for developing and executing short and long-range department goals and collaborating with the executive staff including: Public Works, HR, Fiscal, Legal, Public Relations, Parks and Rec, and Housing.
- Led a 500-person department (DoD Civilian Police, Bargaining Unit Employees, Contractor, and Military), directly supervising the Fire and Police Chiefs.
- Led the SES through a national police and fire accreditation earning “best in the Marine Corps” in

2016 for both policing and fire services.

- Responsible for all physical security for a \$7B air facility and military aircraft.
- Managed a \$6M annual budget.
- Responsible for complete suite of police, physical security, fire and rescue services (land and water).

Chief of Police

2012 – 2015

United States Marine Corps, Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma AZ (Pop: 22k)

- Reported directly to the base Commander (Mayor) for developing and executing short and long-range department goals and collaborating with the executive staff including: Fire, Public Works, HR, Fiscal, Legal, Public Relations, Parks and Rec, Housing, and Communications.
- Led a 200-person department (DoD Civilian Police, Bargaining Unit Employees, Contractor, and Military), directly supervising the Deputy Police Chief, Operations Officer, and Physical Security Officer.
- Led the department through a national police accreditation earning “best in the Marine Corps” in 2015.
- Responsible for all physical security for a \$20B facility and military aircraft.
- Managed a \$2M annual budget.
- Responsible for complete suite of policing and physical security programs.

Director for Law Enforcement Integration, Safety and Security

2010 – 2012

United States Marine Corps (USMC), Marine Corps Forces Europe, Stuttgart, Germany

- Briefed the U.S. military executive staff daily on safety and physical security in Europe.
- Led a team of physical security analysts and law enforcement planners.
- Coordinated physical security and risk management with NATO, host nations, and U.S. Embassies.
- Wrote physical security plans for military forces in Western Europe.
- Served as the USMC physical security advisor to United States European Command.
- Organized executive protection for high profile personnel visiting Europe.

Deputy Branch Head for Law Enforcement and Corrections

2008 – 2010

Pentagon Washington D.C.

- Coordinated all Marine Corps Law Enforcement Human Relations activities worldwide.
- Authored the Military Police Training and Readiness manual and Policing Policy.
- Led significant change converting 2,500 personnel from military to bargaining unit civilian police.

Deputy Chief Security Officer Presidential Helicopter Squadron

2005 – 2008

United States Marine Corps, Marine Helicopter Squadron One (HMX-1) Quantico, VA

- Coordinated physical security for over 50 Presidential Support missions inside and outside the U.S.
- Responsible for all external physical security Presidential support requirements (i.e., State Department weapons authorization, local/Federal/Host Nation law enforcement support, etc.).
- Conducted in-depth Presidential support physical security and risk assessments of hotels, hangars and lift sites.
- Responsible for Police, Physical Security, and Rescue services (land and water).

Physical Security Officer

2003 – 2005

11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Iraq

- Responsible for all physical security on 20 military sites in Southwest Iraq.
- Led all personnel protective missions.

Physical Security Officer

2000 – 2003

United States Marine Corps, Okinawa Japan

- Responsible for all physical security on 32 military sites in Southeast Asia including: Thailand,

Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, and Brunie.

- Led all personnel USMC protective missions.

Police Sergeant / Special Reaction Team (SWAT) / Patrolman / Guard

1993 – 2000

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION:

- DoD Physical Security Certification Course, 2024
- Mission Assurance Assessment Team Course, 2019
- Police Commander's Course, Quantico VA, 2014
- Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Quantico VA, 2013
- Intelligence in Combatting Terrorism, 2003
- Antiterrorism Officer, 2003
- Dynamics of International Terrorism, 2002
- USMC Physical Security Officer, 2002
- Protective Service Academy, Fort Leonard Wood MO, 2002
- Police Commander Academy, Fort Leonard Wood MO, 2000
- SWAT Academy, Anniston AL, 1996
- Marine Corps Police Academy, Anniston AL, 1994