



## Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

### Public Statement

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Title	Mr.
First Name	Sean
Last Name	Hopps
Today's Date	2/28/2022

Do you live in & are you registered to vote in Whatcom County? Yes

Do you have a different mailing address? *Field not completed.*

1. Name of Board or Committee **Food System Committee**

Food System Committee position: Labor issues

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 2

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 *Field not completed.*

9. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education Executive Director of a 501c(3) Community Development Organization

10. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission It is critical that the Food Systems Committee has a representative for the voice of essential food and farmworkers as the committee begins its planning process in 2022. I have twenty years of experience working with labor groups, including work as a business rep. for SEIU. I have participated with other local labor leaders, including those that represent farmworkers, in recruitment of a representative from the rank and file. Now I have this groups support, as it becomes urgent that the position is filled. We must develop a food systems action plan that invests in strong, living, wage farm and food jobs.

Signature of applicant: Sean Hopps

Place Signed / Submitted Bellingham, WA