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**To:** [Jill Nixon](#); [Jake Logan](#); Executive; [Cathy Halka](#)  
**Subject:** Online Form Submittal: Advisory Group Application  
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## 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 *Field not completed.*

First Name Rich

Last Name Appel

Today's Date 2/10/2025

Street Address 

City 

Zip 

Do you live in Whatcom County? Yes

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

Primary Telephone 

Secondary Telephone *Field not completed.*

Email Address 

### Step 2

1. Name of Advisory Agricultural Advisory Committee

Group

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Agricultural Advisory Committee Position: Agricultural Producer

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2. Do you meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation requirements of the position for which you're applying? Yes

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3. Which Council district do you live in? District 4

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4. Have you ever been a member of this Advisory Group No

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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? No

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6. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county? No

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You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions *Field not completed.*

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7. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, I have been in partnership for 35 years with my family in dairy farming and processing our milk into cheese. We grow crops on approximately 500 acers to feed our dairy herd of 550 milk cows. My primary role is to manage the whole of the dairy operation and the growing of crops. Also to participate in the bigger decisions as it pertains to the cheese making side of our

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business. I have served as the board chair for Whatcom Family Farmers for the past several years and am passionate to give the farmers voice to the challenges that we are facing in our community. Also a board member on the Laurel Water Improvement District as well as a participant in the Ag Water Board and Floodplain Integrated Plan.

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

I believe it is important that agriculture be represented on this advisory group because agriculture plays such a important role in the economic prosperity and the unique character of Whatcom county. It is very important to me that we do not unintentionally hurt the farmers and the supporting industries that they depend on to remain viable. Rather looking at ways that would insure that farming would be thriving in Whatcom county for the future generations.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Todd Burgers Larson Gross PLLC 3 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Brad Rader Raspberry Farmer [REDACTED]  
Greg Ebe Seed potato grower [REDACTED]  
Galen Smith Dairy farmer in Acme [REDACTED]

Appointment Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Rich Appel

Place Signed / Submitted

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