

## 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.
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First Name	Stevan
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Last Name	Harrell
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Today's Date	11/30/2025
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Do you live in Whatcom County?	Yes
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Do you have a different mailing address?	Field not completed.
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### Step 2

1. Name of Advisory	Climate Impact Advisory Committee
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## Group

Climate Impact  
Advisory Committee  
Position:

Yes

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 1

4. Have you ever been  
a member of this  
Advisory Group

Yes

If yes, please list dates:

January 2021-present

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

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

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7. Please describe your  
occupation (or former  
occupation if retired),

Retired Professor of Anthropology and Environmental And Forest  
Sciences, University of Washington, Seattle. Bellingham resident  
since 2017. Member of this committee for one partial and one full

qualifications,  
professional and/or  
community activities,  
and education

term (Jan 2021-present), vice-chair 2023-present. Member,  
recently concluded County Forest Resilience Task Force.  
Education: Ph.D. in Anthropology, Stanford University, 1974.

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

I have served for five years, including writing parts of the 2021  
Climate Action Plan and vice-chairing the committee 2023-  
present. In the next year, the committee will be writing the  
updated 2026 Climate Action Plan, and we have already begun  
preliminary work. Continuing on the committee will facilitate  
continuity with the 2021 plan and with the progress so far for the  
2026 plan. Another member, Bob Mitchell, and I, are also  
working with three WWU senior computer science students to  
design and activate a climate action dashboard for the County.  
Continuing on the committee will allow me to see this project to  
its conclusion also.

References (please  
include daytime  
telephone number):

Phil Thomson, Retired WWU professor of economics, Chair,  
Climate Impacts Advisory Committee [REDACTED]  
Karen Steensma, Retired professor, Trinity Western University,  
Whatcom County Dairy Farmer [REDACTED]  
Henry Bierlink, Retired chair, Washington State Red Raspberry  
Commission [REDACTED]

Appointment  
Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Stevan Harrell

Place Signed /  
Submitted

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