

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 Stevan

Last Name Harrell

Today's Date 11/30/2025

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Do you live in Yes
Whatcom County?

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

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Step 2

1. Name of Advisory Climate Impact Advisory Committee

Group

Climate Impact Yes
Advisory Committee
Position:

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

3. Which Council District 1
district do you live in?

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

If yes, please list dates: January 2021-present

5. Do you or your No
spouse have a financial
interest in or are you
an employee or officer
of any business or
agency that does
business with
Whatcom County?

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

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

7. Please describe your Retired Professor of Anthropology and Environmental And Forest
occupation (or former Sciences, University of Washington, Seattle. Bellingham resident
occupation if retired), 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	[REDACTED]

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