

# Solid Waste Advisory Committee: Rodd Pemble

**Subject:** Online Form Submittal: Board and Commission Application  
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## Board and Commission Application

### Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

#### Public Statement

*THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT: As a candidate for a public board or commission, the information provided will be available to the County Council, County Executive, and the public. All board and commission 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	Rodd
Last Name	Pemble
Today's Date	12/11/2019
Street Address	21 Bellwether Way Ste 404
City	Bellingham
Zip	98225
Do you live in & are you registered to vote in Whatcom County?	Yes
Do you have a different mailing address?	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Primary Telephone	3605279785
Secondary Telephone	3608151098
Email Address	rodd@ssc-inc.com

### Step 2

1. Name of Board or      Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Committee

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Solid Waste Advisory  
Committee (SWAC)  
Position:

Solid Waste Business/Industry representative

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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 2

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4. Are you a US  
citizen?

Yes

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5. Are you registered to  
vote in Whatcom  
County?

Yes

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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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7. Have you ever been  
a member of this  
Board/Commission?

Yes

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If yes, please list dates:

April, 2019 - date, 2003-2008

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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?

Yes

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If yes, please explain

SSC provides solid waste services to all Whatcom County  
departments.

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You may attach a

[Bio 10-19a.docx](#)

resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions

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

Please see attached biographical outline.

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10. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission

I have dedicated my adult life to furthering the field of resource management and associated social and environmental benefits - the SWAC is the basic policy discussion forum that helps inform public policy through our elected officials. I have over 30 years experience in this are, and want to put it to good use for the community.

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References (please include daytime telephone number):

Carl Weimer, 360-384-5919; Marty Kuljis 360-733-0100; Mayor Kelli Linville, 360-778-8100

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Signature of applicant: Rodd Pemble

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Place Signed / Submitted Bellingham, WA

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Since 1996, Rodd Pemble has been the Recycling and Safety Manager for Sanitary Service Company, Inc. (SSC) in Bellingham, WA., managing recycling programs for over 45,000 residential, commercial, and institutional customers. Rodd has developed new SSC programs for yard waste, construction materials, plastic film, food waste and food-soiled paper, and electronics. SSC's award-winning Food To Flowers! school composting program now serves an estimated 25,000 students daily from kindergarden through university level. Rodd has presented at numerous state, regional, and national conferences on a variety of waste reduction and recycling topics.

Rodd worked at RE Sources For Sustainable Communities from 1991-96 as a classroom educator, and then as the RE Sources director of the Commercial Waste Evaluation Service, on a contract with Whatcom County. Over five years, Rodd provided on site technical assistance in waste prevention, reuse, and recycling to several thousand local businesses, government agencies, and public institutions including the City of Bellingham, Whatcom County, Western WA University, Bellingham Technical College, Whatcom Community College, and most school districts and private schools in Whatcom County.

He has served on the Board of Trustees of the WA State Refuse & Recycling Association (WRRRA) since 2009, where he is currently Chair of the Government Affairs Committee. Rodd was the chair of the Built Green Board of the Building Industry Association of Whatcom County from 2012-14. Rodd served on the Whatcom County Solid Waste Advisory Committee from 2003 – 2008, as chair from 2006 to 2008, and is currently a Waste Industry representative on the Committee. Since 2009 Rodd has been the chair of the Green Team for the annual Ski To Sea Festival. He served as a founding member of the board of the Sustainable Recreation Association. In 2014, he joined the board of directors of RE Sources for Sustainable Communities, where he serves as Secretary, and on the Executive Committee.

Rodd is a graduate of The Evergreen State College (BA, 1983), the University of Tennessee - Knoxville (1986, Secondary Teaching Certificate) and the University of Tennessee - Chattanooga (1989, MS Science Education). He has been active in local community affairs, volunteering on all of the Bellingham Greenways campaigns, and continues today as a volunteer trail builder with the Whatcom Mountain Bike Coalition.

He served as president of the Birchwood Neighborhood Association from 1996-2002, as well as a being a founding member of the board of the Oeser Cedar Clean-up Coalition during the Superfund process on that Birchwood Neighborhood site, and continues to participate in neighborhood affairs.

Rodd is an avid road and mountain biker, bicycling to work daily for 24 years, and served on the board of the Mt Baker Bicycle Club for several years. He has been married 34 years to his wife Janie (Outreach Director, Interfaith Coalition) and lives in Bellingham. He enjoys camping, hiking, and playing guitar with friends and family.