

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	Mr.
First Name	Ben
Last Name	Twigg
Today's Date	12/2/2025
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Do you live in Whatcom County?	Yes
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Step 2

1. Name of Advisory Public Health Advisory Board

Group

Public Health Advisory Board I have expertise, career experience, or lived experience in one of the areas listed above., I represent a stakeholder, such as a nonprofit organization, the business community, or those regulated by public health.

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 5

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

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? Yes

If yes, please explain I help manage contracts between Bellingham Food Bank (note my occupation below) and Whatcom County.

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 *Field not completed.*

7. Please describe your occupation (or former -Occupation: current Finance Director at Bellingham Food Bank, former Finance Director at Lydia Place, former Finance Director

occupation if retired),
qualifications,
professional and/or
community activities,
and education

at RE Sources for Sustainable Communities
-Local nonprofit board service: current Board Member (and Treasurer) for Ferndale Community Services, former Board Member (and President) for Lummi Island Scenic Estates, former Board Member for ReUse Works
-Other noteworthy professional/community: former Director of Bellingham Bay Marathon, former Race Director of Bellingham Traverse
-Education: graduate-level accounting courses at University of Idaho, BA in accounting-economics and philosophy from Claremont McKenna College

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

-My current roles at Bellingham Food Bank and Ferndale Community Services provide me with perspectives that I believe could be valuable in local public health discussions.
-I have excellent problem-solving, collaboration, and strategic thinking skills.
-I believe in community service and supporting local government, particularly in areas impacted by federal funding cuts.

References (please
include daytime
telephone number):

-Mike Cohen, Executive Director at Bellingham Food Bank, [REDACTED]
-Sara O'Connor, Executive Director at Ferndale Community Services, [REDACTED]
-Janet Marino, Co-Executive Director at Bellingham Food Bank, [REDACTED]

Appointment
Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Ben Twigg

Place Signed /
Submitted

[REDACTED]

(Section Break)

Subject: Re: Additional Info requested for your application to the Public Health Advisory Board
Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 4:42:58 PM

Hi Jill,

(FYI, I think the deadline in your email contains a typo, since January 17 is a Saturday.)

My relevant experience and expertise primarily falls under iii. (social and economic sectors) and stems from:

- My current role as Bellingham Food Bank Finance Director (basic needs)
- My current role as Ferndale Community Services board member/treasurer (basic needs)
- My former role as Lydia Place Finance Director (housing)

I see overlap with other areas - e.g., my work with Bellingham Food Bank intersects iv. (business and philanthropy) and vii. (tribal communities and tribal government) - but again I would say mainly iii. (social and economic sectors).

Thanks,

Ben Twigg