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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	Ms.
First Name	Heidi
Last Name	Bode
Today's Date	12/30/1967
Street Address	2011 North Mahonia Place
City	Bellingham
Zip	98229
Do you live in Whatcom County?	Yes
Do you have a different mailing address?	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Primary Telephone	3605886288
Secondary Telephone	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Email Address	heidib@lawadvocates.org

Step 2

1. Name of Advisory	Bellingham-Whatcom County Commission on Sexual and
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Group	Domestic Violence
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	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?	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	<i>Field not completed.</i>
7. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education	I earned my law degree from Franklin Pierce Law Center (now the University of New Hampshire). During law school, I represented domestic violence survivors in the law school's civil legal clinic and during the summer served as a court advocate at a domestic violence safe house. After law school, I practiced law in Massachusetts, focusing primarily on family law. From 2018 to 2022, I worked as a housing case manager at Lydia Place, where I also provided support in the DVSAS safe houses. In 2022, I joined LAW Advocates as the Programs Manager and

became the Executive Director in October 2023. Throughout my career, whether as an attorney or in my roles at Lydia Place and LAW Advocates, I have consistently served domestic violence survivors in various capacities.

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

I am interested in serving on the Domestic Violence Advisory Commission because of my extensive experience working with domestic violence survivors in both a legal and a social service capacities. As an attorney, court advocates, and housing case manager, I've gained valuable insights into the challenges survivors face, and I believe my background will allow me to contribute meaningfully to the commission. Additionally, I am eager to learn from other community members and organizations working with domestic violence issues. By collaborating and sharing knowledge, I can bring back insights to my current role at LAW Advocates, helping us improve the services we offer to our clients and ensuring a more coordinated approach to supporting survivors.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Susan Marks, Director of DV Commission: 360-312-5700 x1223.
Nikki D'Onofrio, Administrative and Projects Manager of the DV Commission: 360-312-5700- x 1241

Appointment Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Heidi Bode

Place Signed / Submitted

Bellingham, WA

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