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## Board and Commission Application

### Step 1

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Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

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#### 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.*

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Title *Field not completed.*

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First Name McKale

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Last Name Jones

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Today's Date 1/4/2021

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Street Address 5426 Mosquito Lake Rd

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City Deminf

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Zip 98244

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Do you live in & are you registered to vote in Whatcom County? Yes

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

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Primary Telephone 2062959718

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Secondary Telephone *Field not completed.*

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Email Address Mckale.jones@gmail.com

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### Step 2

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1. Name of Board or Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force/Law &

Committee	Justice Council
Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force Position:	Concerned Citizen
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 3
4. Are you a US citizen?	Yes
5. Are you registered to vote in Whatcom County?	Yes
6. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county?	No
7. Have you ever been a member of this Board/Commission?	No
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?	No
You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, &	<i>Field not completed.</i>

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

Currently a full time homesteader (farming for own personal use only, no commercial operations or sales). Most recently worked for Whatcom County in PDS as a Natural Resources Planner and also concurrently served in Whatcom Unified Command during the initial stages of the COVID emergency. In my role at the WUC I started as a team member in the Logistics Section and by the end of my tenure was splitting duties with Wally Kost as the Chief of the Logistics Section. My roles in Whatcom County exposed and allowed me to work with a number of committees and members. More pertinent to this position were my 7 years as a criminal background investigator, most recently at Boeing and prior to that at a background screening company from 2010-2013. Please see attached resume for full detail.

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

I'm interested in serving on this commission as a concerned citizen, as I am genuinely concerned about the state of policing and incarceration locally and nationally. I have exposure both through schooling and my tenure as a criminal background investigator at the Boeing Company to the criminal justice system. I am very familiar with WA's RCWs, court operations, recidivism data, etc. I also am familiar with and appreciate how criminal convictions impact all facets of life as someone who previously worked in a role in which criminal history was used in decision-making for gainful employment. Please note that my domestic partner is a police officer for the City of Bellingham. We spend a lot of time discussing policing and the criminal justice system at large and within Bellingham/Whatcom. Although we often differ in opinions we are both constantly learning from each other and widening our perspectives. I have concerns about the allocation of funding for policing and incarceration within Whatcom, as well as who and what we choose to police in this county. I believe as a citizen who supports decarceration and alternative sentencing, but who has exposure to the inner workings of the local police agencies, and a background that operated within the externalities of the CJS, I represent a well-rounded and even-keeled citizenry and would have valid and thoughtful input for this committee.

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References (please include daytime telephone number):

My most recent direct report from WCPDS is no longer working at the County. Mark Personnius or Denise Massey Smith within WCPDS can be contacted at their office numbers.

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Signature of applicant: McKale Jones

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Place Signed / Submitted Deming, WA

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