



Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

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Title Ms.

First Name Sierra

Last Name Crook

Today's Date 12/5/2023

Street Address

██████████

City Bellingham

Zip 98229

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

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

Primary Telephone

██████████

Secondary Telephone *Field not completed.*

Email Address

████████████████████

Step 2

1. Name of Board or Committee Food System Committee

Food System Committee Food access
position:

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. 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? Yes

If yes, please explain I work for the Ferndale Food Bank and we do receive some funding from Whatcom County.

You may attach a resume or detailed summary of [Sierra Crook Shenkin Resume.pdf](#)

experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions

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

Please see attached

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

I am interested in serving on the Food System Committee because of my desire to be a part of promoting sustainable food systems and increasing food access. My passion for holistic nourishment through food has evolved into a foundational belief in the transformative power of healthy, equitable, and sustainable food consumption. This passion has led me to various roles in the food industry, including my current one as Director of Administration at the Ferndale Food Bank. Working in these roles I have seen the way food systems at large affect a community's overall well being. I have also seen how some of the most vulnerable actors in food systems are those with limited food access. These experiences have strengthened my commitment to being a part of providing communities with accessible, high-quality food that also benefits every player in the production chain as much as possible. In the Food Access seat on this committee I would be honored to use my experiences to advocate for those vulnerable populations in our community as a part of greater food system decisions.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Jill Hough (Former Director of Administration, Ferndale Food Bank): [REDACTED]
Riley Sweeney (Former Food Access Seat): [REDACTED]

Appointment Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Sierra Crook

Place Signed / Submitted

Bellingham, WA
