



Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

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Title Mr.

First Name Ryan

Last Name Corley

Today's Date 6/21/2023

Street Address

████████████████████

City

██████████

Zip

██████

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

ryan.corley@berkeley.edu

Step 2

1. Name of Board or Committee	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee
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?	No
You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions	RyanCorleyJune2023.pdf
9. Please describe your occupation (or former	I am a healthcare data scientist with formal training in undergrad and graduate study from UC Berkeley.

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

On my own time, I enjoy mountain biking, gravel riding and bike touring which involves applying my analytical mindset in route planning on Strava Heatmaps, or brainstorming on Trailforks.

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

Having spent 5+ years bike commuting 6-8 miles each way to work in San Francisco, CA, I've had the opportunity to witness an incredible transformation of the bike infrastructure.

My first job was at a bike shop for two years in high school, where we were paid a dollar extra hourly for bike commuting. Naturally moving to a place like Bellingham with endless trails has drawn me in, but also has shown me how far behind the town and county are in terms of Bike/Pedestrian accessibility.

In San Francisco, I never drove a car during the week. I would walk or bike to the market for groceries, but biking to the grocery store with limited bike lanes or pedestrian routes is something less accessible in Whatcom County.

- One example of this improved accessibility is the concept of "slow streets" aka local traffic only & closed to all else. Witnessing how this changed pedestrian access and bringing together a closer community was amazing.

- Another example of how I think about bike / pedestrian access is driving business traffic. This is the case whether it's a farm stand on a rural road that is along side a multi-use trail or popular bike loop. I've experienced each of these on bike tours down the Pacific Coast Highway with the phenomenal bike signage and route signage or bike touring the Via Claudia Augusta - an old roman road that is now a bike path in Austria, Switzerland, and Italy with the frequent farm stands and trail typically along a farm, river or railroad.

References (please include
daytime telephone number):

Corbin Halliwill, [REDACTED]
Chelsea Harmon, [REDACTED]

Appointment Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Ryan Corley

Place Signed / Submitted

Bellingham, WA
