

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	Mr.
First Name	Tom
Last Name	Wolf
Today's Date	12/27/2024
Street Address	
City	
Zip	
Do you live 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 Advisory	Climate Impact Advisory Committee
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Group

Climate Impact
Advisory Committee
Position:

Yes

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 2

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

Attached

7. Please describe your
occupation (or former
occupation if retired),
qualifications,
professional and/or

Currently, I am the senior government affairs manager for bp America on the U.S. West Coast. I have worked for bp for 10 years, four in Illinois and six in Washington state. However, my application is not tied to my work at bp. I am applying as a citizen of Whatcom County who has interacted with federal, state and

community activities,
and education

local governments for 40 years -- specifically in the energy and climate policy space for the last 16 years. I am not applying to represent bp's interests. I am applying to see if I can help move the County's climate goals forward.

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

One of the most difficult challenges for Whatcom County in the coming decades will be decreasing GHG emissions, improving eco-system health and increasing climate resilience (as laid out in the county's Climate Action Plan) all while managing an expected growth in local population. I hope my passion for finding ways to navigate through the continuing energy transition and my experience on other boards and committees can be of value to the Advisory Committee and the County Council.

References (please
include daytime
telephone number):

Chris Green
President
Pacific Northwest Hydrogen Association (PNWH2)
253-632-7906

Mike Mann
Executive Director
Clean and Prosperous Washington
206-423-6154

Sharon Shewmake
State Senator, 42nd District
360-726-3509

Appointment
Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Thomas J Wolf

Place Signed /
Submitted



(Section Break)

December 28, 2024

Executive's Office
Whatcom County Courthouse
311 Grand Avenue, Ste 108
Bellingham, WA 98225

Re: Application for a seat on the Climate Impact Advisory Committee

Dear Executive Sidhu and members of the County Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for a seat on the County's Climate Impact Advisory Committee. My resume is embedded below for your reference.

I realize that there already is a bp employee on this advisory committee. However, I'm not submitting my name as a bp employee, but as a citizen of Whatcom County with four decades of experience in state, federal and local government interaction, with the last 16 years focused on energy and climate policy.

I hope I can be of help to the committee and the council in achieving your climate goals by providing insights and perspectives gleaned from having lived in five U.S. states and one foreign country, serving on several advisory committees and boards, and working with a wide variety of business, community and association voices in the climate policy space during my professional career.

My wife and I moved here just six years ago, but it didn't take us long to realize what a special place Whatcom County is. If accepted, I will try my best to give a bit back to my new home and help the advisory committee and the County Council steer through a delicate path of reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, improving ecosystem health and increasing climate resilience, all while balancing county budget realities and managing future population growth.

Thank you for considering my application and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Tom Wolf

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[Redacted]
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Tom Wolf

EXPERIENCE

bp America 2014 to present

In his current role as bp's Senior Government Relations Manager – U.S. West Coast, Tom focuses on issues and opportunities for the company in Washington, Oregon and California – working from the company's Cherry Point refinery outside of Blaine, Washington. Tom worked diligently on behalf of bp to support for the Climate Commitment Act and the recent campaign to defeat I-2117. Prior to moving to Washington in 2018, Tom led bp's public affairs efforts in Chicago, Illinois.

Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Chicago, IL 2008 – 2014

Tom was the Chamber's first Energy Council executive director. The council was created to influence local and national energy policy, educate targeted leadership audiences about the importance of Illinois' energy industry and advocate on behalf of energy companies to make Illinois a more welcoming place for energy of all kinds.

Jasculca/Terman and Associates, Chicago, IL 1991 –2008

The Rendon Group, Washington, D.C. 1986 - 1991

Tom spent more than two decades in the public affairs agency arena in Washington, D.C. and Chicago -- working for a wide variety of local, regional and national clients. He worked mainly in the United States, but also did projects in or for clients from Aruba, Antigua, Brazil, England, Kuwait and Panama. In addition, Tom had the honor of advancing governors, congressmen, senators, a president (Clinton) and a presidential candidate (Obama).

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, International Relations, University of Wisconsin-Madison (1985)

BOARDS/HOBBIES/INTERESTS

- Current board member of Clean and Prosperous Washington
- Former board member of the Pacific Northwest Hydrogen Association (PNWH2)
- Former board member of Wisconsin Energy Conservation Corporation
- Former president of Friends of Downtown (Chicago)
- Former board member of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce
- Travel (all 50 U.S. states and 46 countries)
- Hiking
- Baseball (Go Cubs!)
- History
- Current Affairs