



## Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

### Public Statement

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Title	Mr.
First Name	George
Last Name	Edward
Today's Date	8/22/2019
Street Address	1486 CHUCKANUT DR
City	BELLINGHAM
Zip	982298929
Do you live in & are you registered to vote in Whatcom County?	Yes
Do you have a different mailing address?	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Primary Telephone	3606718683
Secondary Telephone	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Email Address	<a href="mailto:edward2ace@gmail.com">edward2ace@gmail.com</a>
1. Name of Board or Committee	<b>Northwest Senior Services Board</b>
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

[Speaker Biography 8-22-19.pdf](#) - attached

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

I am a former Risk Management Officer with WECU. I developed a fraud prevention program while at WECU; the program was designed to protect vulnerable adults from financial exploitation. I worked with Carolyn Lenington at Senior Support Services while running this program. Presently, I volunteer for Bellingham at Home.

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

I believe our seniors need assistance in our fast changing world. One of the things I do at Bellingham at Home is visit the elderly in their homes, and help them with computers. I view my role on this commission as a way to make myself more helpful to our senior citizens.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Grant Wilder (360) 671-8399  
Elaine Hughes (360) 319-0601  
Jason Ufkes (360) 739-1793

Signature of applicant:

George Francis Edward

Place Signed / Submitted

Bellingham, WA

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

George Francis Edward graduated from the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce with a Bachelor of Science in Economics and holds a Juris Doctor from the University of San Diego School of Law. George and his wife, Dana, moved to Washington State in 1999. He served as Risk Management Officer at the Whatcom Educational Credit Union (WECU®) from 2007 to 2015.

In July 2009, George designed and implemented the WECUSAFE program (WECU® Stopping Adult Financial Exploitation). He wrote the WECUSAFE Protocol and developed a training program for all Credit Union staff. The WECUSAFE program helped to identify eighty-two cases of financial exploitation involving elderly or dependent vulnerable adults. In each of those cases, George worked with WECU® operations staff and local authorities to intervene, resolve and to terminate the financial exploitation or elder abuse of the member.

George published a Banker's Hornbook on the Financial Exploitation of Vulnerable Adults titled *How to Steal from Mom* in May 2015. *The Bellingham Herald* featured the book in a July 5, 2015 article on senior scams.

As part of his program to combat financial exploitation, George dealt with Senior Support Services in Bellingham. Carolyn Lenington, the former CEO of Senior Support Services, wrote a testimonial for *How to Steal from Mom*.

George has presented to the *Elder Service Providers* of Washington, the *Whatcom County Superior Court Title 11 Guardian ad litem*s, the *Skagit County Bar Association*, the *Lummi Victims of Crime/Elder Abuse Vulnerable Adult Task Force* and the *Opportunity Council* at the Senior Center in Bellingham.

At present, George volunteers for Bellingham at Home. Bellingham at Home "is a membership organization with the goal of providing assistance to help members stay in their homes, stay active and engaged in life, and be part of a mutually supportive community."

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