



Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

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Title	Mrs.
First Name	Ashley
Last Name	Thomasson
Today's Date	1/5/2021
Street Address	4750 E Oregon St
City	Bellingham
Zip	98226
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	3602559692
Secondary Telephone	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Email Address	ashleyt@lydiaplace.org
1. Name of Board or Committee	Housing 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 2
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

[Ashley Resume .pdf](#) - attached

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

I am currently serving as the Housing Program Director at Lydia Place and have been in my position since December 2018. Prior to that I served at Lydia Place as the Housing Program Supervisor from 2015-2018 and as a Case Manager from 2008-2014 providing direct support to individuals and families experiencing homelessness. I received my BA in Human Services from Western Washington University and in 2019 completed the University of Washington's Non-Profit Management Certification course. I am a recently former foster parent and previous small business owner.

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

Having served at Lydia Place for over 12 years, I have seen the incredible growth and capacity building our community has accomplished to combat homelessness and housing insecurity in Whatcom County. I have also had the opportunity to be proximate to the complex challenges at hand and understand the gaps and inequities that leave us with so much ground still to cover. I am particularly passionate about identifying long-term and targeted prevention strategies that not only address today's housing crisis, but move our community upstream of the problems we're facing to create a brighter future for our next generation. I believe my combination of skills and experience can benefit the Whatcom County Housing Advisory Committee as they make critical decisions about how to fund the important work happening to address homelessness in our community and support in planning efforts regarding the local Plan to End Homelessness.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Emily O'Connor | Executive Director, Lydia Place | 360.201.7796
Teri Bryant | Director, Whatcom Homeless Service Center | 360.255.2091 x132

Signature of applicant:

Ashley Thomasson

Place Signed / Submitted

Bellingham, WA



Ashley Thomasson

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4750 E Oregon St | Bellingham, WA | 98226

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Enthusiastic and talented director with over a decade in the non-profit sector. Committed leader with a track record of promoting employee wellness and retention. History of managing budgets, contracts, & community partners with intention & ownership. Former small business owner with a commitment to community.

SWEET SKILLS

Managerial Experience | Program Development | Networking Pro
Marketing Expertise | Contract Negotiation | System Advocacy

WORK HISTORY

Lydia Place | Bellingham, WA | 2008 – Present

Housing Program Director, December 2018 – Present

Oversee day to day operations of all housing programs & property management team. Manage budgets & rental subsidy expenditures. Procure and maintain contracts with funders & community partners.

Housing Program Supervisor, January 2015 – November 2018

Manage a team of direct service staff providing trauma-informed case management services to over 200 households annually. Collaborate with community partners to coordinate services & improve system outcomes. Developed programming & oversaw the launch of 5 new housing programs.

Case Manager, July 2008 – January 2015

Provided trauma-informed case management services to over 250 homeless individuals & families. Marketed program to private landlords & rental management companies to provide housing placements for clients. Maintained strict data entry & case note requirements. Upheld client confidentiality.

Love Beauty | Owner, Makeup Artist | Bellingham, WA | January 2012 – July 2019

Provided quality, beautiful makeup for weddings & special events. Taught beauty education classes. Managed contracts, schedules, timelines, invoicing, & inventory. Hired & trained 2 employees. Beauty Contributor for Bellingham Alive Magazine.

EDUCATION

Certificate of Non-Profit Management

University of Washington, Seattle, WA | June 2019

Bachelor of Arts in Human Services

Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA | June 2008



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Title	Ms.
First Name	Deanna
Last Name	Wildermuth
Today's Date	1/15/2021
Street Address	4377 Village Dr #B
City	Bellingham
Zip	98226
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	206-499-3219
Secondary Telephone	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Email Address	deanna@interfaith-coalition.org
1. Name of Board or Committee	Housing Advisory Committee
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3. Which Council district do you live in?	District 2
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9. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education	Executive Director of Interfaith Coalition of Whatcom County, emergency shelter and housing for families with children. Lutheran pastor for over 20 years. BA WWU 81. mDiv Luther Seminary 97. New to community 9/2020
10. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission	As a provider of housing services serving Whatcom County it is important to be engaged/informed with practices, policies, planning, and accountability in this area of human services. Interfaith Coalition has a unique voice grounded in commitment/support from diverse faith communities and over 1400 volunteers.
References (please include daytime telephone number):	Pastor Jana Schofield 360-325-5269; Lindsey McGuirk 360-734-3983; Carolyn Roy 360-820-2982
Signature of applicant:	Deanna M Wildermuth
Place Signed / Submitted	Bellingham WA



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Title	<i>Field not completed.</i>
First Name	dean
Last Name	fearing
Today's Date	2/1/2021
Street Address	1303 Commercial Street Suite 6
City	bellingham
Zip	98225 -
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	13606715600
Secondary Telephone	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Email Address	deanfearing@kulshancit.org
1. Name of Board or Committee	Housing 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
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If yes, please explain	Kulshan Community Land Trust has received funding from Whatcom County.
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10. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission	As a housing provider in Whatcom County I am interested in working closely with other housing providers to help create opportunities for affordable housing in our community. Whatcom County has become a very expensive place to live. Wages have not kept up with housing costs and I want to work with others to create solutions to this problem.
References (please include daytime telephone number):	Paul Schissler: 360-201-8900, Greg Winter: 360-734-5121 x346
Signature of applicant:	Dean B Fearing
Place Signed / Submitted	Bellingham, WA