

# Planning Commission: Stephen Jackson

**Subject:** Online Form Submittal: Board and Commission Application  
**Date:** Friday, December 18, 2020 1:55:57 PM

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## Board and Commission Application

### Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

#### Public Statement

*THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT: As a candidate for a public board or commission, the information provided will be available to the County Council, County Executive, and the public. All board and commission 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.*

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| Title  | Mr.                         |
| First Name   | Stephen                     |
| Last Name  | Jackson                     |
| Today's Date   | 12/18/2020                  |
| Street Address   | 1211 Falls Drive            |
| City   | BELLINGHAM                  |
| Zip  | 98229                       |
| 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  | 7024032243                  |
| Secondary Telephone  | <i>Field not completed.</i> |
| Email Address  | swjaxon@gmail.com           |

### Step 2

1. Name of Board or Planning Commission

Committee

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2. Do you meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation requirements of the position for which you're applying? Yes

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3. Which Council district do you live in? District 4

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4. Are you a US citizen? Yes

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5. Are you registered to vote in Whatcom County? Yes

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6. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county? No

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7. Have you ever been a member of this Board/Commission? Yes

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If yes, please list dates: Current member

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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

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If yes, please explain I am an attorney at Butler Beschen Law, PLLC and have a contract with the county for indigent appellate services.

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You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & [resume\\_jackson.pdf](#)

interest in response to the following questions

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

Attorney  
Current member of the Planning Commission serving in District 1 (just bought a new home that puts me in District 4, but have not moved yet).

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

Current member of the commission and really have enjoyed it. I would like to continue the hard work has been done over the past year. It is a very fulfilling board to serve on.

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References (please include daytime telephone number):

Atul Deshmane -- Current Planning Commissioner -- (206) 446-1333  
Gary Honcoop -- Former Planning Commissioner -- (360) 815-5396  
Jon Maberry -- Current Planning Commissioner -- (360) 815-7093

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Signature of applicant:

Stephen W. Jackson

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Place Signed / Submitted

Bellingham, Washington

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# Stephen W. Jackson

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## Education:

**William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas**  
*Juris Doctor, December 2014*

**University of Nevada, Las Vegas**  
*Bachelor of Arts, May 2012*  
Major: Criminal Justice

## Experience:

### Attorney

*Butler Beschen Law, PLLC*

*June 2019 – Present*

### Whatcom County Public Defender

*Senior Deputy Public Defender*

*April 2015 – June 2019*

### Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Nevada – Non-Capital Habeas Unit

*Law Clerk*

*January 2014 – May 2014*

### U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada

*Judicial Extern to the Honorable Kent Dawson*

*May 2013 – August 2013*

### Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada

*Law Clerk – Special Education Unit*

*May 2013 – August 2013*

### KLAS-TV

*Online News Editor – Assignment Editor*

*December 2006 – July 2012*

## Volunteering:

### Whatcom County Planning Commission

*Commissioner*

*July 2016 – Present*

### North Sound Behavioral Health Advisory Board

*Board Member*

*August 2016 – April 2018*

## Awards:

- 2013 duPont – Columbia Award for Excellence in Broadcasting
- 2011 Peabody Award for Excellence in Broadcasting
- 2006 Emmy Awards – Crime Reporting and Investigative Reporting
- Four-time Edward R. Murrow Award winner