



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.

Title *Field not completed.*

First Name Paul

Last Name Schissler

Today's Date 12/4/2023

Street Address

██████████

City Bellingham

Zip 98225

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

██████████

Email Address

████████████████████

Step 2

1. Name of Board or Committee	Housing Advisory Committee
Position applied for	Housing Industry Representative
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?	Yes
If yes, please list dates:	I served on the initial, appointed Housing Advisory Committee and once or twice since then, most recently from 2015 to 2021 if I remember correctly.
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
If yes, please explain	I am employed by Paul Schissler Associates, a community development planning consultancy doing public interest work throughout northwest Washington. The company

is occasionally hired by Whatcom County to assist with project planning, program design, and grantsmanship.

You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & 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

As a community development planner, I have worked on public interest issues in northwest Washington for over 40 years, providing assistance to cities, counties, tribes, and private nonprofits. Housing policy, funding options, permanently affordable housing, and community land trust methods are a few of my specialties.

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

Housing affordability is a particular interest of mine, and an area where I have extensive experience, dating back to one of my first assignments as a professional planner, finding funding for housing renovation for Indian-owned homes on the Swinomish Reservation. I would like to contribute what I can to improving the housing affordability situation in Whatcom County.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Greg Winter, Opportunity Council Executive Director [REDACTED]

Appointment Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Paul Schissler

Place Signed / Submitted

Bellingham, Washington
