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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO WHATCOM COUNTY ADVISORY GROUPS

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY and COMPLETE ALL ITEMS

Name: Stephen Nelson Date: _____
Residential address: 4907 Morgan Drive
City: Blaine Zip Code: 98230
Mailing Address (if different from street address): _____
Primary Telephone: _____
E-mail address: _____

- 1a. Name of advisory group: See next page Birch Bay Community Advisory
1b. Which position are you applying for? Refer to vacancy list Resident Businessowner Works in Birch Bay
2. Do you meet the requirements of the position for which you're applying?
(If applicable, please refer to vacancy list.) _____ ☒ yes () no
3. Which Council district do you live in? _____ () One () Two () Three () Four ☒ Five () Not Applicable
4. Have you ever been a member of this advisory group? _____ () yes ☒ no
If yes, dates: _____
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? _____ () yes ☒ no
If yes, please explain: _____
6. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.005(8)) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county? _____ ☒ yes () no

You may attach a résumé or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions.

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

See Attached letter

8. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this advisory group:

See Attached letter

References (please include daytime telephone number):

David Berry

My signature affirms that the information provided in this application is true and correct. If appointed, I will comply with the Council & Executive Expectations of Advisory Group Members and complete Open Government Training as required by RCW 42.30.205.

Signature of applicant: Stephen Nelson See next page for additional instructions.

THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT: As a candidate for a public board or commission, the above information 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.

Stephen Nelson: Application for Birch Bay Community Advisory Group

7 – Occupation and Qualifications.

I have been a resident of Birch Bay for 50+ years. I am licensed as a Certified Public Accountant (Wash. #05498) and currently maintain a business in Birch Bay as a CPA. Currently I limit my practice to International Tax issues and related USA business taxes. – my website is www.StephenNelsonCPA.com

Several years ago, I operated a full-service CPA practice in Blaine / Birch Bay area and sold the practice to a Bellingham firm. A non-compete agreement precluded my CPA practice on a local basis, as a result I was active in real estate sales in the area for several years. The real estate experience provides me with an intimate knowledge of the various areas in Birch Bay.

I have a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from Pacific Lutheran University, and have taught accounting courses at Western Washington Univ. In 2000 to 2002 I was a member of the committee for the Birch Bay community Plan.

8 – Interest In serving on the advisory group.

Having lived in Birch Bay for 50+ years, I remember the summers in the 1970s when you could walk from Bay Center Market to the C Shop, faster than you could drive. I remember the 1980s and 1990, when Birch Bay was desolate and I have seen the gradual transition to a residential community looking for direction.

Will that "direction" be Incorporation as its own city, annexation into Blaine, or a greater liaison with Whatcom County offices. I have no idea which direction it will go in the next 5 years. The only thing that is certain for the Birch Bay community, is change.

Over the years I have developed a deep affinity for Birch Bay, and with that, I would like the forum to express my views and modest input, so that future residents have the same opportunity to enjoy and appreciate Birch Bay as I have.