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## Advisory Group Application

### Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Advisory Groups

#### Public Statement

**THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT:** As a candidate for a public advisory group, the information provided will be available to the County Council, County Executive, and the public. All advisory group 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	Mx.
First Name	Eve
Last Name	Smason-Marcus
Today's Date	10/31/2024
Street Address	██████████
City	██████████
Zip	██████
Do you live in Whatcom County?	Yes
Do you have a different mailing address?	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Primary Telephone	██████████
Secondary Telephone	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Email Address	██████████

### Step 2

1. Name of Advisory      Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force/Law &

Group	Justice Council
Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force Position:	Health and Social Service Provider
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. Have you ever been a member of this Advisory Group	No
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
If yes, please explain	I work for Northwest Youth Services and we hold multiple contracts with the County.
6. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county?	No
You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions	Attached
7. Please describe your	I have worked at Northwest Youth Services since March of 2022

occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education

and currently serve as the Sr. Director of Advocacy and Community Action. I supervise NWYS's outreach team, queer youth services, teen court, advocacy work, and youth action board. I do direct outreach to incarcerated youth and work with young people with lived and living experience of homelessness, housing insecurity, and systems of care. Many of the young people I work with have interacted often with the criminal legal system and I myself have lived experience with the criminal legal system and housing instability. In my work I directly support youth and young adults through resources and systems navigation, mentorship in advocacy, civic engagement, access to gender affirming care, facilitating the youth action board, connecting young people, to community supports, providing internships to young people with lived experience, programming in the juvenile detention center, and outreach.

8. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this Advisory Group.

In my work I support many youth and young adults that interact with the criminal legal system often. I want to make sure their experiences and needs are represented in this space. I see what is and isn't working in our community when it comes to the health and wellbeing of young people, especially those currently experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity. Once a young person NWYS works with is arrested, I often see them enter into a cycle of incarceration that leads to more challenges when it comes to accessing safe and stable housing. I would appreciate the opportunity to advocate for more resources that keep young people out of carceral systems, connect them with consistent, sustainable, and affirming services, and explore more alternatives to incarceration that focus on restorative justice and reducing recidivism among youth and young adults.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Shu-Ling Zhao, Chuckanut Health Foundation 360.219.3786  
Elizabeth Boyle, Elizabeth Boyle Consulting 360.201.4762  
Geneva Blake, Whatcom Human Rights Taskforce 360.325.2791

Appointment Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Eve Smason-Marcus

Place Signed / Submitted



(Section Break)

# Eve Smason-Marcus

Pronouns: they/them



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- Work Experience**
- Northwest Youth Services (2022-present)  
1020 N. State St. Bellingham, WA 98225  
360.734.9862
- Sr. Dir. Advocacy and Community Action (6/23-present)
    - supervise Street Outreach, Queer Youth Services, Teen Court, Anchor Community Initiative and Youth Action Board, and Advocacy work
  - Whatcom Housing Case Manager
- Bellingham Music (2018-2021)  
319 E. Champion St. Bellingham, WA 98225  
360.676.8742
- Instructor
- Mediterranean Specialties (2012-2021)  
505 32<sup>nd</sup> st. ste #109 Bellingham, Wa  
360.738.6895
- Manager
- Community Engagement**
- Whatcom Peace and Justice Center (2021-present)
- Board of Directors (2022-present)
  - International Day of Peace
  - Co-founder of Transformative Justice Learning Lab (2022)
- Whatcom Human Rights Task Force (2018-present)
- Board of Directors, 2019-present
  - Co-organized Housing the Human Family Summit in 2019
  - Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights Conference (2019-2023)
- Whatcom Youth Pride (2019-present)
- Parade, festival, and other events throughout the year that support, center, and celebrate Queer youth in Whatcom County
- Education**
- Western Washington University  
516 High St. Bellingham, WA 98225  
Graduated in June 2012  
Bachelor of Music in Vocal performance