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Board and Commission Application

Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

Public Statement

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Title Mr.

First Name Ethan

Last Name Martez

Today's Date 12/8/2023

Street Address [REDACTED]

City [REDACTED]

Zip [REDACTED]

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 [REDACTED]

Secondary Telephone *Field not completed.*

Email Address [REDACTED]

Step 2

1. Name of Board or Committee Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force/Law & Justice Council

Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force Position:	Concerned Citizen
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?	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?	Yes
If yes, please explain	I am an employee of Western Washington University Public Safety Department. My job title is Public Safety Assistant, more commonly known as a green coat.
You may attach a resume or detailed	Attached

summary of
experience,
qualifications, &
interest in response to
the following questions

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

Currently, I am a full-time student attending Western Washington University and majoring in Political Science. I also work part-time as a Public Safety Assistant, more commonly known as a green coat, and part-time as a front desk receptionist at Cedar Avenue Integrated Medicine in Snohomish Washington.

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

My interest in joining the Whatcom County Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force stems from a deep commitment to addressing and ameliorating the challenges faced by those within the criminal justice system. My motivations are multi-faceted and align closely with the Task Force's objectives:

1. Decreasing Incarceration Rates: Understanding that the rise in incarceration rates in Whatcom County reflects broader systemic issues, I am driven to contribute to efforts that reduce these rates, particularly among individuals whose incarceration stems from behavioral health or substance use disorders.

2. Aspiring Law Enforcement Professional: As someone considering a career in law enforcement, I believe that participating in this Task Force will provide invaluable insights into the complexities of the criminal justice system. This perspective is crucial for fostering a more empathetic and effective approach in law enforcement.

3. Justice System Reform: I am eager to contribute to the reform of the justice system. This involves working towards reducing the number of people in jail who can safely be released, and addressing racial disparities in incarceration.

4. Mental Health Reform in Prisons: I am particularly interested in improving mental health services in the prison system. Ensuring that inmates receive the necessary mental health care is a critical step towards rehabilitation and reducing recidivism.

5. Substance Abuse Recovery Support: Recognizing the significant impact of substance abuse on incarceration rates, I aim to advocate for and develop better support systems for individuals suffering from addiction. This aligns with the Task Force's commitment to treat substance use disorders outside the criminal justice system.

6. Gaining Government Task Force Experience: Joining the Task Force will allow me to gain firsthand experience in a government-led initiative, enriching my understanding of public policy and community-based strategies in criminal justice reform.

The Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force's approach, which includes programs like GRACE, LEAD, and Co-Response Outreach, resonates with my vision of a justice system that prioritizes public health, equity, and community safety. I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to contribute to this transformative work and to be part of a team that is making a tangible difference in the lives of Whatcom County residents.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Katy Potts, Western Washington University Police Department, Chief of Police
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Usually available between the hours of 9AM and 4PM weekdays

Stacy Jenkins, Western Washington University Police Department, Dispatch Supervisor
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Karl Heinz, Western Washington University, Resident Director
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Usually available between the hours of 9AM and 4PM on weekdays.

Appointment Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Ethan Martez

Place Signed / Submitted



(Section Break)

ETHAN MARTEZ



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- Objective:** Full time student while attending Western Washington University majoring in Business Administration. Looking for an eventual career as a business manager or administrator.
- Education:**
- Western Washington University 9/2022 – Present
 - Archbishop Murphy High School 1/2021 – 6/2022
 - Snohomish High School 9/2018 – 1/2021
 - Food Workers Card 9/2018
 - Microsoft Office Trained 1/2019
 - CPR, First Aid, and AED, and Red Cross Water Rescue Training 6/2021
- Skills**
- Excellent attendance
 - Education in marketing, cashiering, and small business management
 - Proficient in water rescues and lifesaving skills
 - Expert in de-escalation skills
 - Professional customer service abilities
- Experience:**
- Vale Enterprises LLC, IT Consultant, Vale, NC 7/2023 – Present**
As an IT Consultant for Vale Enterprises from [Month Year to Month Year], I spearheaded network optimization initiatives for a veterinary hospital, two livestock auction barns, and a cattle business, achieving enhanced operational efficiency. Leveraging my technical proficiency, I implemented robust phone systems, provided strategic tech solutions, and developed two dynamic websites. My customer service acumen was pivotal, as I effectively addressed end-user issues, conducted training sessions, and ensured stakeholder satisfaction, positioning these businesses competitively within their sectors.
- Western Washington University, Public Safety Assistant, Bellingham, WA 10/2022 – Present**
As a Public Safety Assistant at Western Washington University, I executed comprehensive campus patrols and efficiently managed the security protocols for university facilities, ensuring asset protection and infrastructure integrity. By leveraging effective communication and stakeholder engagement strategies, I proactively collaborated with the campus community to identify and address safety concerns. Additionally, I worked in tandem with the university's public safety department, optimizing safety procedures and spearheading safety awareness initiatives, all while ensuring a secure, compliant, and welcoming environment for students, faculty, and staff.

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The Home Depot, Cashier/Customer Service Rep, Snohomish, WA

4/2022 – 1/2023

As a Cashier/Customer Service Specialist at Home Depot, my role encompassed efficiently checking out customers' purchases at the register while delivering exceptional customer service. I adeptly processed transactions, ensuring accuracy and attention to detail, while also providing valuable product information and recommendations to assist customers in their purchasing decisions. By combining my strong checkout skills with extensive product knowledge, I consistently contributed to a positive and satisfying shopping experience for Home Depot customers.

Columbia Athletic Clubs, Lifeguard/Swim Instructor, Everett, WA

7/2021 – 3/2022

As a Swim Instructor/Lifeguard/Swim Coach at Columbia Athletic Clubs, I played a vital role in promoting water safety and delivering high-quality swim instruction to individuals of all ages and skill levels. In the capacity of a swim instructor, I effectively planned and implemented lesson plans, providing personalized instruction and feedback to help swimmers improve their technique and confidence in the water. Additionally, as a lifeguard, I maintained constant vigilance to ensure the safety of pool patrons, swiftly responding to any potential emergencies. Moreover, in my role as a swim coach, I worked closely with competitive swimmers, providing specialized training, developing training programs, and guiding athletes towards achieving their performance goals. By combining my expertise in instruction, lifeguarding, and coaching, I actively contributed to creating a positive and supportive aquatic environment at Columbia Athletic Clubs.

Activities:

- Residential Planning Board – Chair of the dormitory housing association
- Swim & Dive Team, Water Polo, and Tennis – High School and Club teams
- DECA – An Association of Marketing Students
- FBLA – Future Business Leaders of America
- Snohomish for Equity – Organization built to stop racism
- Election Volunteering – Helping voters in the Presidential & local elections
- Snohomish Mid-Town Planning Task Force – Helped the City of Snohomish plan out the new land in the Mid-Town District.

Awards:

- Department Employee of the Month at The Home Depot – Awarded for breaking credit card registration records by getting 20 cards in a day. Also awarded for writing a twenty-page paper on selling credit cards. 7/2022
- Gus Frankhauser Departmental Scholar Award- Awarded to high achieving students who show hard work and student leadership in the Business & Marketing department. 1/2021
- 1st place at DECA Regional Competition – Chosen for demonstrating excellent selling skills. 1/2019, 1/2020, 1/2021
- Hardest Worker Award, Boy's Swim and Dive – Given to the swimmer who has shown hard work and integrity among fellow swimmers. 3/2019