



Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

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 Mr.

First Name David

Last Name Kershner

Today's Date 1/5/2024

Street Address

██████████

City Lummi Island

Zip 98262

Do you live in Whatcom County? Yes

Do you have a different mailing address? *Field not completed.*

Primary Telephone

██████████

Secondary Telephone *Field not completed.*

Email Address

████████████████████

Step 2

1. Name of Advisory Group Conservation Easement Program Oversight Committee

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 5

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? No

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 *Field not completed.*

7. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education I was a staff person and consultant to Lummi Island Heritage Trust, a land conservation trust, from 1997 to 2007, serving as the organization's second executive director. My work experience included negotiating and drafting conservation easements; securing state and federal grants for land conservation projects; partnering with the Department of Fish and Wildlife to protect high priority properties; and educating the public about the benefits of conservation easements. More recently, I served two terms (early 2018 through 2022) on the County's Climate Impact Advisory Committee, co-authoring a research report to the committee and coordinating the committee's public review process for the 2019 Climate Action Plan. I studied geography as an undergraduate, with a minor in conservation and resource studies,

and have a master's degree in natural resource policy and administration. My course work included forestry, agricultural policy, forest hydrology, natural resources conflict resolution, negotiation skills, and natural resource policy. I have worked on my brother's 70 acre farm on Lummi Island, where he raises beef cattle and chickens. I own a 47 acre property on Lummi Island that is protected with a working lands conservation easement.

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

I see protection of working lands and priority ecosystems as critical to achieving the County's climate protection and climate adaptation goals. I would like to help ensure that the Conservation Easement Program is maximizing its community benefits and doing all it can to preserve our quality of life here in Whatcom County.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Ellyn Murphy, Chair of [REDACTED]; Charles Bailey, CIAC Member, Former Member of Lummi Island Ferry Advisory [REDACTED]; Paul Schissler, CEPOC Member-[REDACTED]

Appointment Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

David Kershner

Place Signed / Submitted

Lummi Island, WA
