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Board and Commission Application

Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

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| Title | Ms. |
| First Name | Nita |
| Last Name | Smith |
| Today's Date | 1/19/2021 |
| Street Address | 2455 Pine Drive |
| City | Ferndale |
| Zip | 98248 |
| Do you live in & are you registered to vote in Whatcom County? | Yes |
| Do you have a different mailing address? | <i>Field not completed.</i> |
| Primary Telephone | 18139518128 |
| Secondary Telephone | 3602960581 |
| Email Address | nsmith@unitedwaywhatcom.org |

Step 2

1. Name of Board or Commission: Child & Family Well-Being Task Force

Committee

Child & Family Well-Being Task Force

Yes

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 3

4. Are you a US citizen?

Yes

5. Are you registered to vote in 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

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

Recently appointed President/CEO for United Way of Whatcom County. We will be relocating to Ferndale by March 1, 2021.

You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience,

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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

I was born and raised in Whatcom County. I graduated from Bellingham HS in 1977 and Western Washington University in 1981. I moved to Seattle in 1981 and started my career in non profit management and spent over 30 years as a Boys & Girls Club Executive bringing hope and opportunity to many communities, both urban and rural. I recently accepted the position of President/CEO for United Way of Whatcom County and look forward to coming back to my hometown to give back. I was the 1st teenager appointed on Mayor Ken Hertz Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee in 1976. Senator Harriet Spanel became my mentor as she also served on the Committee and together we passed the Bond issue that brought the 1st swimming pool to Bellingham (Arne Hanna Aquatic Center). I was attending college during this time. I also was the 1st recipient to receive the Frank Geri Memorial Scholarship that enabled me to attend WWU and graduate with a BA degree in Parks & Recreation Administration. Hal Arnason Jr. was the Chair of that Committee. Haines Fay, Mel Asplund, Charles Olson & Mary Knibbs also served on that Scholarship Committee. I have devoted my entire career to improving the lives of children and families in many communities and I know that the Child & Family Well-Being Task Force would benefit from my voice at this table. I will be living in Ferndale March 1st when I relocate with my family. I will update my voting records at that time. I started my position with United Way of Whatcom County January 4th.

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

As mentioned above, I know that my background working in various communities helping children and families would bring new fresh ideas to the Task Force. Whatcom County is in the midst of a child care crisis and the shortage of options for parents has impacted the local economy. United Way of Whatcom County has received a grant from the Dept of Commerce for a childcare study so we can better understand the needs for childcare services in Whatcom County. It makes sense for United Way to be represented on this Task Force.

References (please
include daytime
telephone number):

United Way of Whatcom County Board Members
Troy Nutter, Board Chair, 360-647-6523; Kara Irvin, Incoming
Board Chair, 360-738-2626; Lindsey Cerise, Vice-Chair, 360-
526-3688;

Signature of applicant:

Nita Smith

Place Signed /
Submitted

St Petersburg, Florida

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