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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 *Field not completed.*

First Name Julee

Last Name Johnson

Today's Date 1/18/2021

Street Address 425 Park Ridge Road

City Bellingham

Zip 98225

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 3607395313

Secondary Telephone *Field not completed.*

Email Address juleej78@gmail.com

Step 2

1. Name of Board or 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 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? No

You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions *Field not completed.*

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

I have always enjoyed working with children and was a teacher for three years prior to starting a family. After our third child was diagnosed with a seizure disorder and subsequently Autism Spectrum Disorder, my focus shifted to children with special needs. I was lucky enough to have Anne Brown as a friend and mentor who encouraged me "to get involved". I became a board member of what was then The Whatcom Infant Stimulation Program and taught a class at BTC for parents of children with special needs. I also began the first Chapter of Parent to Parent in Whatcom County. In 1990, I began working at Whatcom Center for Early Learning as a Family Resource Coordinator and remained there until I retired in 2012. Whatcom Center for Early Learning (WCEL) provides intervention services to children with special needs ages birth to three and their families. My responsibilities included making initial contact with families, developing the Individual Family Service Plan in conjunction with other team members and providing support and resources. I was the family's liaison with their local school district to ensure a smooth transition for eligible children at the age of three. During this time, I served on the board of The ARC of Whatcom County, was a member of the Governor's Committee on Disability and Employment and participated in Whatcom Taking Action. Since retirement, I have volunteered at WCEL and Family Promise and served as an officer of my P.E.O. Chapter for six years. Currently, I am volunteering weekly for the Bellingham School District distributing food packages to families.

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

I have lived in Bellingham for the majority of my adult life and cannot imagine a better place to live and raise a family. Although there has been tremendous growth since we've been in Bellingham, the quality of life remains good for many people. However, there are more and more families who fall through the cracks due to increased housing prices, scarcity of jobs and elimination of social and financial programs. In 2008, our son, Eric, was able to purchase his own home through Kulshan Community Land Trust. He would not be able to do that today as one of the critical federal support programs ended shortly after. I was very encouraged when I read about the formation of this task force and would like the opportunity to give back to my "Beloved Community" by becoming a member.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Sandra Berner: (360) 303-5662 Former Executive Director at WCEL
Jennifer Kurtz: (360) 961-4292 Speech Language Therapist at WCEL
Cheryll Blair: (360) 739-5201

Signature of applicant:

Julee Johnson

Place Signed / Submitted

Bellingham, WA

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