

**Subject:** Online Form Submittal: Board and Commission Application  
**Date:** Saturday, February 4, 2023 5:57:30 PM

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## Board and Commission Application

### Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

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#### Public Statement

*THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT: As a candidate for a public board or commission, the information provided will be available to the County Council, County Executive, and the public. All board and commission 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.*

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Title Mr.

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First Name Elliot

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Last Name Swaney

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Today's Date 2/4/2023

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Street Address [REDACTED]

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City [REDACTED]

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Zip [REDACTED]

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Do you live in & are you registered to vote in Whatcom County? Yes

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

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Primary Telephone [REDACTED]

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Secondary Telephone *Field not completed.*

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Email Address [REDACTED]

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### Step 2

1. Name of Board or Committee Sumas/Everson/Nooksack Flood Control Sub-Zone Advisory 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 3
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	Attached
9. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired),	Former Executive Director Home Builders, Former Contractor, Former Lobbyist, Former Political Director.

qualifications,  
professional and/or  
community activities,  
and education

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

We were removed from our home in the bucket of a front loader during the flood of '21. Two adults, two children and three cats. Our home was not livable for the next six months. We are now in the process of working with the county, FEMA and SBA to get our home raised. In the future, if we were to go through what we went through in the fall of '21 with another flood event we would be moving out of Whatcom County. Our hope is that doesn't happen.

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References (please  
include daytime  
telephone number):

Caroline Austin Swaney 360-594-2382

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Signature of applicant:

Elliot Swaney

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Place Signed /  
Submitted



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# ELLIOT SWANEY

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## PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Innovative and forward-focused leader offering over fifteen years of experience in program development with a strong passion for human services and advocacy. Strategic vision and strong business acumen to spearhead strategies, processes, and initiatives that drive positive results. Adept in building relationships and coalitions to meet mutual objectives and goals. Leverage a creative and methodical approach to overcome obstacles and deliver sustainable solutions.

Team Supervision & Management | Strategic Planning & Execution | Recruiting & Team Training | Budget Development & Management | Marketing Campaign & Development | Relationship & Partnership Building | Online & Digital Marketing | Leadership | Operations Management

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ALL STAR CONTRACTING | Sumas, WA

2022 - Present

### Owner

Residential remodel and custom design, installation, and repair as well as reconstruction.

- Insurance negotiation and mediation.
- Licensed, bonded & insured.

US CENSUS | Sumas, WA

2020

### Supervisor

Oversaw day-to-day operations, including scheduling team, managing survey resource materials, and tracking employees' hours.

- Led team of twenty-five field representatives in data collection activities, ensuring the group's performance standards and goals were met on a daily basis.
- Evaluated assignments of field representatives and provided support with issues and problems, as well as provided productive feedback and corrective course of action when needed.

CATHY MCMORRIS RODGERS FOR CONGRESS | Spokane, WA

2018

### Re-election Campaign Political Director

Sought and acquired endorsements for Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers, including Spokane Police Union, nine out of ten sheriffs, eighteen of twenty-one legislators, twenty-nine of thirty county commissioners, and multiple organizations. Recruited and trained volunteers and staff in grassroots voter identification programs.

- Key member of a highly motivated, creative, and committed team that produced a victory of nearly 10% of votes over the challenger.
- Collaborated with social, business, professional, and interest groups to discuss issues and support candidate's endorsement.
- Worked with local, regional, and state officials as well as candidate based supported coalitions.
- Coordinated fundraising and business events on behalf of campaign and/or coalition.
- Met with constituents and made presentations on behalf of the Congresswoman.

BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF WHATCOM COUNTY | Bellingham, WA

2015 – 2018

**Executive Officer**

Served as a liaison to multiple internal committees as well as chairman for Statewide Executive Officers Council. Collaborated with staff and board of directors to establish short term and long-term association goals. Managed a budget of eight hundred thousand dollars.

- Developed new programs and enhanced existing programs, maximizing success and financial health of organization.
- Created and managed multi-program budgets and established aggressive annual financial goals, leading to enhanced programs.
- Partnered with Bellingham Technical College to create an entry level skills construction training program.
- Utilized digital and media campaigns to market the Whatcom County Home & Garden Show, Whatcom County Parade of Homes, and the BIAWC annual Golf Tournament which benefited the association scholarship program.
- Cultivated relationships with city and county council members as well as state representatives to achieve industry related objectives.
- Voted by peers to the position of Chairman of the statewide Executive Officers Council, 2018.

SELF EMPLOYED | Columbia Falls, MT

2009 – 2015

**General Contractor**

Designed custom home, researched, and purchased property, scheduled inspections, obtained permits, and evaluated and accepted bids.

- Maintained quality of production, ensuring all projects were completed on time and within budget.
- Conducted sub-contractor interviews and verified credentials.

COLUMBIA FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT | Columbia Falls, MT

2012 – 2014

**Middle and High School Substitute Teacher**

Engaged students in the subjects of history, government, physical education, and mathematics. Ensured student behaviors complied with district expectations. Supervised student testing.

- Optimized student success and learning outcomes through use of curriculum, lesson plans, and instructional materials prepared by teaching staff.
- Collaborated with staff to create an environment conducive to learning.

BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON | Olympia, WA

1991 – 2009

**Director of Political Affairs**

Recruited qualified candidates to run for elected office. Coordinated, planned, marketed, and promoted annual independent campaigns for statewide candidates, staff, activists, and association members. Managed \$7M budget.

- Honored with multiple awards for the best political programs in the nation from the National Association of Home Builders.
- Developed, planned, and executed Referendum 53; unemployment insurance: Initiative 841; ergonomics: Initiative 602; spending limits and 164/R48; property rights campaigns.
- Created a grassroots approach to campaigning known as "Walking for Washington" using cell phones & GPS to identify targeted voters within a voting district, by swing-precinct.
- Initiated, coordinated, and oversaw all aspects of Extreme Makeover: Home Edition (2007 Kirkland, Washington Build). Built a home for a deserving family in seven days. Episode aired on ABC.
- Compiled, edited, published, and distributed annual industry specific legislative voting records as well as semi-annual legislative voters' guide.

- Coordinated, marketed, budgeted, and promoted annual campaign schools with attendance for statewide candidates, staff, activists, and association members.
- Leveraged over eighteen years of lobbying experience.

### **EDUCATION**

Bachelor of Arts in Politics and Government; minor in Economics University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA  
Associate of Arts in General Studies; Green River Community College, Auburn, WA

### **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

Campaign Consulting, Bellingham, WA (02/2022 – Present)  
Columbia Falls Swim Team, Columbia Falls, MT (2009 -2014)

### **LICENSURE**

General Contractors License, State of Washington (2022)  
CDL – Hazmat, Tanker Endorsement (2019)