

Advisory Group Application

Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Advisory Groups

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	Jacob
Last Name	Hovenier
Today's Date	2/8/2024
Street Address	██████████
City	██████
Zip	████
Do you live in Whatcom County?	No
Do you have a different mailing address?	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Primary Telephone	██████████
Secondary Telephone	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Email Address	██████████

Step 2

1. Name of Advisory	Justice Project Finance Advisory Board
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Group

Justice Project Finance
Advisory Board

Lived experience in the criminal justice system

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

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

I served as the Co-Chair of the Whatcom County Incarceration Prevention Reduction Task Force/Law and Justice Council for eight years from 2015 to 2024. Prior to that I served as Chair of the Behavioral Health Revenue Advisory Committee for about three years. I am a long-term Whatcom County resident with decades of business experience in retail and wholesale sales

and education

and real estate.

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

I am interested in service in this position as the representative of lived experience as I believe the best outcome from poor decisions I made in my teens and early 20s is to use that experience to help create a better system for others. My lived experience is I was sentenced in Whatcom County in the early 1980s to prison in Washington state for forgery for forging my parent's checks to support my substance use addiction. I am a person in long-term recovery, which means for me I haven't used alcohol or other drugs since May 1, 1990. I am a proven experienced facilitator, work well with others and embrace strategic planning. My experience and skill set will be an asset to the committee.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Barry Buchanan (360) 224-4330
Bill Elfo (360) 410-0466
Tyler Schroeder (360) 778-5207

Appointment Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Jacob Hovenier

Place Signed / Submitted



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