

Stakeholder Advisory Committee: Kara Mitchell

Subject: Online Form Submittal: Board and Commission Application
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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 Kara

Last Name Mitchell

Today's Date 1/20/2020

Street Address 2817 Moore Street

City Bellingham

Zip 98226

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 3609320720

Secondary Telephone *Field not completed.*

Email Address kara@ascendingopportunities.org

Step 2

1. Name of Board or Stakeholder Advisory Committee for Public Health, Safety, and

Committee

Justice Facility Needs Assessment

Stakeholder Advisory
Committee for Facility
Needs Assessment

Individual with experience in 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 2

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

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the following questions

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

I am a small business owner and founder of a local non-profit. My husband and I started a construction company (Prodigal Construction) two years ago to specifically provide second chance employment to those who have been incarcerated or are recovering from addiction and/or behavioral health issues. We also started a non profit around the same time (Ascending Opportunities) that helps people struggling with addiction get into detox and/or treatment, we help people find clean and sober housing as well as employment. Our mission is to individuals to re-define their self-worth and gain a second chance at life, by assisting them with a successful reintegration back into society by providing a supportive recovery lifestyle, clean and sober housing, employment and community resources.

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

I am currently on the Behavioral Health Advisory Board and am looking to get more involved with my community. I am a recovering addict myself and have personal experience with the criminal justice system here in Whatcom County. I strongly believe that my story and experience will be a huge benefit to this board. I am very blessed that I have been able to turn my life around, but it is still something that I have to continue to focus on and being a part of something like this, I believe can be a benefit to my recovery as well.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Jackie Mitchell (360) 778-6048 (Whatcom County)
Christine Furman (360) 778-5625 (Drug Court)
Kara Chanick (360) 224-2454 (Friend)

Signature of applicant: Kara Suneva Mitchell

Place Signed / Submitted 5410 Barrett Rd. Unit B101 Bellingham, Washington

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