

Subject: Online Form Submittal: Advisory Group Application
Date: Saturday, May 24, 2025 2:30:42 PM

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	Easton
Last Name	Fenberg
Today's Date	5/24/2025
Street Address	
City	
Zip	
Do you live in Whatcom County?	No
Do you have a different mailing address?	Field not completed.
Primary Telephone	
Secondary Telephone	Field not completed.
Email Address	

Step 2

1. Name of Advisory	Open Space Advisory Committee
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Group

2. Do you meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation requirements of the position for which you're applying?	Yes <i>Staff note: Mr. Fenberg clarified his residency in an email, see attachment to this application</i>
3. Which Council district do you live in?	Not applicable
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	<i>Field not completed.</i>
7. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education	<p>I am a transfer student entering my second year of undergraduate studies, beginning this fall at Western Washington University with a major in Political Science. I bring experience as a policy researcher at the Mayor's Office in the City of Federal Way, where I contributed to local policy initiatives. Additionally, I served on my high school's Green Initiative Team, where I helped develop sustainability policies and represented the team at related events and community programs.</p> <p>I am interested in serving on the Open Space Advisory</p>

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

Committee because I am passionate about thoughtful land use, sustainability, and supporting the needs of both local communities and working landscapes. While I am not a technical resident of Whatcom County, I will be living in the area while attending Western Washington University as a Political Science major. My background in policy research and community engagement has given me a strong appreciation for the role local advisory groups play in shaping equitable and effective policy.

I am particularly interested in how land assessment guidelines impact the preservation of open space, the viability of farms, and the stewardship of agricultural and timber lands. I hope to contribute a thoughtful, civic-minded perspective and to support the committee's work in advising the county assessor in a way that reflects both community values and long-term sustainability.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Field not completed.

Appointment Requirements

I understand and agree

Signature of applicant:

Easton Fenberg

Place Signed / Submitted



(Section Break)

From: Easton Fenberg
To: Jill Nixon
Subject: Re: Online Form Submittal: Advisory Group Application
Date: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 5:08:15 PM

Dear Ms. Nixon,

I will be residing in Whatcom County for approximately nine months of the year through university housing. If this can be considered as meeting the technical residency requirement, I should have no issue fulfilling the criteria for participating in the advisory group.

Please note that I will not be physically present in Whatcom County until mid-September.

I hope this answers your question. Thank you for reaching out, and please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Best regards,
Easton Fenberg

On May 28, 2025, at 4:24 PM, Jill Nixon wrote:

Good afternoon Mr. Fenberg,

Thank you for your interest in serving on a Whatcom County advisory group. Whatcom County Code 2.03 requires that advisory group members live at least part time in Whatcom County.

2.03.090 Qualifications.

A. To qualify for appointment on a county advisory group, a person shall live in Whatcom County at least part time and shall meet the requirements of the advisory group's enabling statute. Unless otherwise allowed by the enabling statute, appointed advisory group members who no longer reside in Whatcom County at least part time will no longer qualify to be a member of the advisory group and may be removed by the appointing authority.

Can you please confirm for me that you'll be living in Whatcom County at least part time during your term?

Jill Nixon
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