



ADVISORY GROUP APPLICATION

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	RAMON
	Last Name	LLANOS
	Today's Date	7/21/2026
	Street Address	[REDACTED]
	City	[REDACTED]
	Zip	[REDACTED]
	Do you live in Whatcom County?	Yes
	Do you have a different mailing address?	Field not completed.
	Primary Telephone	[REDACTED]
	Secondary Telephone	[REDACTED]
	Email Address	[REDACTED]
1	Name of Advisory Group	Planning Commission
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 4
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?	Yes
-	If yes, please explain	PRINCIPAL OF LAND DEVELOPMENT ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING DOING BUSINESS IN WHATCOM COUNTY
6	Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county?	Yes
--	You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions	Attached
7	Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or	See attached letter
8	Please describe why you're interested in serving on this Advisory Group.	See attached letter

References (please include daytime telephone number):	Jori Burnett, City of Ferndale Administrator [REDACTED] [REDACTED]; Satpal Sidhu, County Executive [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Appointment Requirements* Do you agree?:	I understand and agree
Signature of Applicant:	RAMON LLANOS
Place Signed/Submitted:	[REDACTED]

*My signature affirms that the information provided in this application is true and correct. If appointed, I will comply with the Council & Executive Expectations of Advisory Group Members and complete Open Government Training as required by RCW 42.30.205

Ramon Llanos, PE

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7/21/2026

Whatcom County Council
Whatcom County Executive's Office
311 Grand Avenue
Bellingham, WA 98225

Re: Application for Appointment to the Whatcom County Planning Commission

Dear Whatcom County Councilmembers and County Executive:

I am writing to apply for appointment with the Whatcom County Planning Commission. As a licensed professional civil engineer with 30 years of experience in municipal infrastructure, land development, commercial development, residential development, project management, and construction management, I believe I can provide valuable technical knowledge, practical judgment, and a balanced perspective to the Commission.

I currently serve as a Principal, Project Engineer, and Project Manager with Land Development Engineering & Surveying, Inc. in Ferndale. In this role, I lead engineering work, manage multidisciplinary consultants, coordinate with public agencies, and oversee the preparation of construction plans, specifications, cost estimates, drainage reports, critical-area studies, and permitting documents. My work requires a thorough understanding of local, state, and federal development requirements and the ability to evaluate how planning and regulatory decisions affect property owners, public infrastructure, environmental resources, public safety, and the long-term interests of the community.

My education includes a master's degree in civil engineering, with an emphasis in project and construction management, from the University of British Columbia. I also completed civil and structural engineering studies at the British Columbia Institute of Technology and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from the University of Lima. I am a licensed Professional Engineer in Washington and Arizona and hold a Washington Land Surveyor-in-Training credential.

Throughout my career, I have managed complex public and private projects involving transportation, stormwater, utilities, right-of-way acquisition, environmental permitting, land-use regulations, and coordination among property owners, contractors, consultants, tribal governments, municipalities, counties, and state agencies. Representative projects include the Lummi Shore Drive Pedestrian Path for the Lummi Nation and the reconstruction of Birch Bay-Lynden Road and the Guide Meridian intersection. These projects required technical analysis,

public-agency coordination, budget management, problem-solving, and the ability to balance competing interests while achieving safe and buildable outcomes.

I have also served for several years on the Whatcom County Technical Advisory Committee. That experience provided me with direct knowledge of County procedures, development standards, technical review issues, and the importance of clear, consistent, and practical regulations. In addition, my previous service as a Ferndale City Councilmember strengthened my understanding of public decision-making, community engagement, fiscal responsibility, and the need to carefully consider both immediate impacts and long-term consequences.

I understand that the Planning Commission must evaluate complex issues involving population growth, housing, agricultural and rural lands, economic development, transportation, critical areas, infrastructure, and the protection of Whatcom County's unique character. I would approach these responsibilities with an open mind and a commitment to reviewing the facts, listening respectfully to residents and stakeholders, applying adopted policies and legal requirements, and making recommendations that are fair, reasonable, and in public interest.

My professional experience frequently places me at the intersection of planning policy and practical implementation. I understand that regulations must protect community values and environmental resources while also being understandable, internally consistent, technically feasible, and capable of being administered fairly. I believe this practical perspective would be beneficial to the Commission as it reviews comprehensive-plan policies, zoning regulations, development standards, and other land-use matters.

Whatcom County has experienced significant growth and change, and the decisions made today will shape the County for many years. I would be honored to contribute my professional experience, local knowledge, public-service background, and commitment to thoughtful planning as a member of the Whatcom County Planning Commission.

Thank you for considering my application. I welcome the opportunity to discuss my qualifications and my interest in serving the residents of Whatcom County.

Respectfully,

Ramon Llanos, PE
Washington Professional Engineer No. 33213