

Community Members:

Beth Boyd,
PeaceHealth Medical Center

Christina Byrne,
Western Washington University

Christina Kobdich,
Unity Care Northwest

Ken Levinson,
Nooksack Tribe

Jason McGill,
Northwest Youth Services

Moonwater,
Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center

Jessyca Murphy,
Make.Shift Art Space

Emily O'Connor
Lydia Place

Katie Olvera,
KPO Counseling

Chris Roselli,
Western Washington University

Garret Shelsta,
Stuff You Can Use

Krista Touro,
PeaceHealth

Raquel Vernola,
Whatcom Community College

Pamela Wheeler,
Opportunity Council

Designated/Government Members:

Greg Baker
Bellingham Public Schools

William Elfo,
Whatcom County Sheriff's Office

Starck Follis,
Whatcom Co. Public Defender

Greg Hansen,
City of Ferndale

Erika Lautenbach,
Whatcom County Health Dept.

Alan Marriner
City Attorney, Bellingham

Rebecca Mertzig,
Bellingham Police Department

Diane Miltenberger
Dept. of Social & Health Services

Darlene Peterson,
Bellingham Municipal Court

Adrienne Renz,
Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services

Dave Reynolds,
Whatcom Co. Superior Court

Eric Richey,
Whatcom County Prosecutor

Donnell Tanksley,
Blaine Police Department

Annie Taylor,
Department of Children, Youth, and Families

Bruce Van Glubt,
Whatcom County District Court

Staff:

Susan Marks, *Director*

Nikki D'Onofrio
Admin. & Projects Manager

December 21, 2022

Executive Satpal Sidhu
311 Grand Avenue
Bellingham, WA 98225

Dear Executive Sidhu,

The Bellingham-Whatcom County Commission on Sexual & Domestic Violence would like to recommend the re-appointments of three members to an additional term: Moonwater, Garret Shelsta, and Raquel Vernola.

All three have been committed and engaged members of our DV Commission, and reliably attend and participate in meetings. Furthermore, they each bring our projects and tools into their spheres of influence to improve the community response to sexual and domestic violence. Moonwater is a core partner on our pilot project to develop restorative and transformative justice responses to sexual and domestic violence; Garret Shelsta is our secretary and on our executive committee and serves as an important connection to faith communities; and Raquel Vernola is our Treasurer and on our executive committee and is a key connection to Whatcom Community College.

Feel free to let me know if you have any questions or comments about any of these individuals or our recommendation.

Sincerely,

Susan Marks (she/her)
Director

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WHATCOM COUNTY
EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE



COMMISSION
ON SEXUAL & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Inspiring and coordinating community efforts to address sexual and domestic violence



Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

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Title	Mrs.
First Name	Raquel
Last Name	Vernola
Today's Date	11/28/2022
Street Address	[REDACTED]
City	[REDACTED]
Zip	[REDACTED]
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	[REDACTED]
Secondary Telephone	Field not completed.
Email Address	rvernola@whatcom.edu
1. Name of Board or Committee	Bellingham-Whatcom County Commission on Sexual and Domestic Violence
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. 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?	Yes
If yes, please list dates:	Current active member in good standing. Term expires 2023. Currently serving as Treasurer.
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?	Yes
If yes, please explain	Employed by Whatcom Community College
You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions	<i>Field not completed.</i>
9. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education	Employed as the Director for Safety and Security with Whatcom Community College since January 2016. Currently responsible to address all safety and security concerns, including sexual assault and domestic violence, related to the college and college community. Prior 16+ years' experience in municipal law enforcement, youth and gang intervention, threat and risk assessment, and emergency management in Los Angeles County, CA. Resume available upon request.
10. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission	The work of the commission has been vital to severally underserved communities in Whatcom County experiencing sexual assault and domestic violence. The outcomes of the commission's work thus far are evident in places of support such as Peace Health's medical clinics and hospital, non-profits supporting others, and in our local justice system. They is still much work to do, and I am honored to be part of the team making the concerted effort of change. Lastly, I have worked closely with victims/survivors of DV and SA, and it is an area of personal and professional passion.
References (please include daytime telephone number):	Susan Marks 360-224-9333 Tamara Addis 360-383-3313 Nathan Langstraat 360-383-3355
Signature of applicant:	Raquel D Vernola
Place Signed / Submitted	Bellingham, WA



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Title	Field not completed.
First Name	Ms
Last Name	Moonwater
Today's Date	12/8/2022
Street Address	[REDACTED]
City	[REDACTED]
Zip	[REDACTED]
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	[REDACTED]
Secondary Telephone	Field not completed.
Email Address	director@whatcomdrc.org
1. Name of Board or Committee	Bellingham-Whatcom County Commission on Sexual and Domestic Violence
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?	Yes
If yes, please list dates:	Active since 2017
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?	Yes
If yes, please explain	I am the Executive Director of the Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center. In that capacity, our organization receives contract funds from various county departments to provide dispute resolution services.
You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions	<u>Resume- Moonwater 2022.docx.pdf</u> - attached
9. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education	<i>Field not completed.</i>
10. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission	It's been my honor to participate in this work, and to elevate its value communitywide. I am particularly interested in helping to advance broader justice opportunities for survivors, those who've caused harm, and their communities.
References (please include daytime telephone number):	Matt Paxton, Board Chair, (360) 671-1796; Susan Marks, Commission Director, (360) 312-5700
Signature of applicant:	Moonwater
Place Signed / Submitted	Bellingham, WA

EDUCATION

Seattle University <i>Master of Public Administration</i>	Seattle, WA June, 2005
Whitman College <i>Bachelor of Arts in Psychology</i>	Walla Walla, WA May, 1998
Instituto di Lingua Moderna	Milan, Italy Spring, 1997

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2/05-Present	Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center <i>Executive Director</i>	Bellingham, WA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsible for overall agency management; including hiring and management of 21 staff, numerous contractors, and annual engagement of 100 volunteers, policy development and implementation, fiscal oversight, accounting and tax preparation, program development and oversight, fund development, event coordination, donor relations, volunteer coordination, case management, training, facilitation, mediation, and community education services. Support Board of Directors to develop and implement a strategic plan, build relationships with funders, City and County officials and other stakeholders to ensure actualization of mission. Provide direct service, including 40 hour professional mediation training course, conflict resolution workshops, and custom training and facilitation services for local city and county government leadership and departments, as well as numerous other workplace clients, including local tribes, nonprofit organizations, community associations, and local colleges and universities. Mediate family, foreclosure, workplace and community disputes. Conduct public outreach presentations. Design and deliver a broad range of ADR related custom curricula. Develop and manage multiple contracts with local courts, state agencies, and community partners and funders. Oversee training program for mediation practicum students, ensuring compliance with best practices and standards. Build and nurture relationships with statewide DRC partners organizations, other local nonprofit partners and service providers, schools, and associations. 	
1/09-3/09	Western Washington University <i>College of Business and Economics, Lecturer</i>	Bellingham, WA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course instructor for Human Resource Management class focused on workplace mediation 	
10/99-8/06	Washington Campus Compact Progressive responsibility directing National Service programs. Common responsibilities included grant writing; strategic planning; program management; volunteer recruitment and management; exempt and student staff hiring and supervision; budget development and management; record maintenance; facilitation; training; authoring grantee reports; media relations; establishing and maintaining relationships with funders and sub-grantees; and program evaluation.	Bellingham, WA
	<i>Director of Student Engagement</i>	9/03-8/05
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsible for the overall direction of Washington Campus Compact's student engagement efforts, linking college students with service opportunities - including both the statewide <i>Campus Connections</i> program, and 7-state regional <i>Students in Service</i> AmeriCorps programs (2000+ participants); co-authored successful \$225,000 grant; authored successful grant for fulltime staff member through the Points of Light Foundation; supervised 2 full-time staff, 3 student staff, and 35 AmeriCorps members on 13 campuses; developed and managed \$379,000 budget; managed contracts with state and federal agencies, and subcontracts with higher ed institutions; developed and implemented program policies; researched and created training curricula; developed and implemented staff evaluation plan; designed and facilitated multi day retreats for 35 participants; supported coordination of annual regional conference with 400 attendees. 	



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Title	Mr.
First Name	Garret
Last Name	Shelsta
Today's Date	12/15/2022
Street Address	[REDACTED]
City	[REDACTED]
Zip	[REDACTED]
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	[REDACTED]
Secondary Telephone	Field not completed.
Email Address	gshelsta@gmail.com
1. Name of Board or Committee	Bellingham-Whatcom County Commission on Sexual and Domestic Violence
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?	Yes
If yes, please list dates:	2018-2022
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	<i>Field not completed.</i>
9. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education	I am an 8-year pastor in the area working with emerging adults, and now write for a company that provides curriculum for middle school and high school youth programs at local churches.
10. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission	I want to see survivors of DV and SA cared for in a compassionate and just in our city and county. I desire to see communities of faith care for people in their communities who have survived abuse and help hold accountable the perpetrators of sexual violence and domestic abuse.
References (please include daytime telephone number):	Fred Hartsook - 1 (360) 935-1242
Signature of applicant:	Garret Shelsta
Place Signed / Submitted	Bellingham, WA

**WHATCOM COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Elizabeth Kosa
Interim Director



ENGINEERING SERVICES

JAMES P. KARCHER, P.E.
County Engineer
5280 Northwest Drive
Bellingham, WA 98226
Phone: (360) 778-6200

TO: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Douglas Ranney, P.E., Public Works Engineering Services (PWES) Manager
Lee Carter, Senior Planner

RE: Development Standards Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) member
appointment recommendations

DATE: January 12, 2023

There are currently four vacancies on the Whatcom County Development Standards Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Vacant positions include: one licensed practicing civil engineer and three open positions to include civil engineers, land use surveyors, or others with professional expertise related to the review and proposed modifications of the Whatcom County Development Standards.

The Executive's Office forwarded a new application and one reappointment application for PWES staff to review which include applications from: Mr. Kevin Stewart (PE) to fulfill a licensed engineer position and Mr. Erich Kleinknecht (PLS) to fulfill an open position.

A recommendation was requested from the Executive's Office for the applicants desiring to fill the needed positions. PWES staff has met and reviewed the applications and do hereby submit our recommendations.

PWES staff recommends the appointment of:

- Mr. Erich Kleinknecht (PLS) to fulfill an open position. Staff has worked with Mr. Kleinknecht during his first term on the TAC committee and on many projects through the PWES office and supports his appointment for a second term.
- Mr. Kevin Stewart (PE) to fulfill a licensed engineer position. Although staff has not been directly in contact through the PWES office with Mr. Stewart, it would appear he holds the credentials to serve on the TAC.

PWES staff looks forward to engaging with the appointed members to ensure that the County Development Standards stay up to date and timely with industry standards.

If you have any questions regarding these recommendations, please contact Lee Carter at ext. 6261.



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Title	Mr.
First Name	Kevin
Last Name	Stewart
Today's Date	12/28/2022
Street Address	[REDACTED]
City	[REDACTED]
Zip	[REDACTED]
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	[REDACTED]
Secondary Telephone	Field not completed.
Email Address	kstewart@psurvey.com
1. Name of Board or Committee	Development Standards Technical Advisory Committee
Development Standards Technical Advisory Committee Position:	Licensed Civil Engineer
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. 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	<i>Field not completed.</i>
9. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education	I am a licensed Civil Engineer who has worked for 9 years in Whatcom County on a variety of projects with multiple jurisdictions. I am experienced in site development, roadway projects, and storm water management. I am also familiar with varies manuals such as the WSDOE Manual 2014 and 2019.
10. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission	I believe I can add value to Whatcom County and its Development Standards with my experience and knowledge in the field. I have designed many projects following different development standards and storm water requirements.
References (please include daytime telephone number):	David Galbraith and Adam Morrow Pacific Surveying and Engineering (360-671-7387)
Signature of applicant:	Kevin Stewart
Place Signed / Submitted	Bellingham, WA



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Title *Field not completed.*

First Name Erich

Last Name Kleinknecht

Today's Date 1/3/2023

Street Address

City

Zip

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

Secondary Telephone

Email Address ekleinknecht@lsasurvey.com

1. Name of Board or Committee **Development Standards Technical Advisory Committee**

Development Standards Technical Advisory Committee Position: Licensed Land Surveyor

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?	Yes
If yes, please list dates:	I am currently in my 1st term which ends 1-31-2023
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?	Yes
If yes, please explain	The land surveying company I work for has been contracted by various County departments for our professional services
You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions	<i>Field not completed.</i>
9. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education	Lifelong Whatcom County resident; AAS in Land Surveying from BTC in 2000; WA State licensed Land Surveyor since 2009; Member of COB Public Works Advisory Board from 2015 to board disbandment about a year later.
10. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission	I want to continue helping Whatcom County residents with the skills and knowledge I have acquired as a land surveyor over the last 22 years for a second term on this committee.
References (please include daytime telephone number):	Larry Steele, PLS (360)676-9350 Stefan Laufer, PLS (360)676-9350
Signature of applicant:	Erich Kleinknecht
Place Signed / Submitted	Bellingham WA



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Title	Field not completed.
First Name	Sam
Last Name	Crawford
Today's Date	1/6/2023
Street Address	[REDACTED]
City	[REDACTED]
Zip	[REDACTED]
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	[REDACTED]
Secondary Telephone	Field not completed.
Email Address	campfam@comcast.net
1. Name of Board or Committee	Ethics 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 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

Field not completed.

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

Manager, Westside Building Supply, Lynden WA
Whatcom County Council Member 2000 - 2015
Whatcom County Planning Commission 1997 - 1999

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

I believe I have the discernment and ability to serve on the ethics commission. I have a considerable depth of experience in County government as well as local elected office. I have the means and resources to attend the meetings of the commission.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Pete Kremen 360 739-1676
Jack Louws 360 815-5225
Dewey Desler 360 303-3046

Signature of applicant:

Sam Crawford

Place Signed / Submitted

Lynden, WA

WHATCOM COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT



ERIKA LAUTENBACH, MPH, DIRECTOR
AMY HARLEY, MD, MPH, CO-HEALTH OFFICER
GREG THOMPSON, MD, MPH, CO-HEALTH
OFFICER

To: Whatcom County Executive Satpal Sidhu
From: Ali Jensen, Whatcom County Health Department
Date: January 10, 2023
Subject: Whatcom County Health Department Recommendations for the Food System Committee

The Whatcom County Health Department recommends Noelle Beecroft for the Nutrition/Public Health position and Rob Dhaliwal for the Export Sales Farm Position on the Food System Committee. Noelle has a fresh perspective on our food system and has been recommended by several current and former food system committee members. She will be a good addition to the committee, especially as we finalize the plan and move to implementation. Rob has an impressive resume and will fill a long-vacant position.

We also recommend that Margaret Gerard be reappointed for the Local Sales Farmer position. Margaret has been an influential and active member of the Committee since it began in 2019.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Ali Jensen
Program Specialist
Whatcom County Health Department





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Title	Field not completed.
First Name	Noelle
Last Name	Beecroft
Today's Date	1/4/2023
Street Address	[REDACTED]
City	[REDACTED]
Zip	[REDACTED]
Do you live in & are you registered to vote in Whatcom County?	Yes
Do you have a different mailing address?	YES
Mailing Address	[REDACTED]
Primary Telephone	[REDACTED]
Secondary Telephone	Field not completed.
Email Address	noelle.beecroft@wsu.edu
1. Name of Board or Committee	Food System Committee
Food System Committee position:	Nutrition/public health
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

[Noelle Resume 22-6.pdf](#)

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

Education:

B.S. Nutrition and Food Science

Non-Profit Management Certificate

Starting a Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Food Systems Fall '23 at Portland State University Online.

Coalitions/Memberships

- Foothills Community Food Partnership

- Fruit and Veggie Incentive Community of Practice

- Vice President of Board of Directors for Foothills Food Bank

Paid Experience:

WSU Whatcom County SNAP-Ed Extension Coordinator

November 2021 - Present

Responsible for maintaining and creating relationships with federal, state, regional, county, and community level partners.

Participates in multiple community coalitions to increase impact and advocate for underrepresented and low income communities Responsible for writing and maintaining a federal grant operating budget

Manages staff in daily operations

Inserts data and success stories into PEARS (Program Evaluation and Reporting Systems) to accurately track reporting requirements Responsible for program coordination, staff management , and program implementation at all 12 partner sites.

Nutritionist/Community Engagement Coordinator AmeriCorps VISTA, Foothills Food Bank

August 2020 – August 2021

Recruited a team of 42 rotating volunteers

Assisted in the coordination of bringing local food from small farms into weekly food bank distributions and summer and winter youth backpack programs. Implemented and installed a digital sustainable database management system for TEFAP/EFAP client demographics and volunteer hour tracking Initiated an equitable grocery shopping distribution model for the newly opened food bank to creatively increase

healthy food choices, dignity, and decrease food waste.
Collaborated with the Executive Director to increase funding capacity via grants and donations totaling \$54,750
Piloted a culturally appropriate nutrition education program with WSU SNAP-Ed sourcing ingredients from a locally women owned and operated small farm.
Developed and sustained multiple connections with local businesses, schools, and nonprofits.

Nutrition Educator, WSU Ext. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
February 2021 – November 2021

Supported and taught nutrition education through policy, systems, and environmental approaches with direct education to community members with limited incomes.
Developed the Happy Pantry at Foothills Food Bank, a 24/7 grab and go resource for education material, seeds, and healthy snacks to serve a rural food desert.
Collaborated with federal, state, and local partners to advocate for the distribution of healthy emergency food options and nutrition education in food banks.

Youth Development Coordinator Summer AmeriCorps VISTA East Whatcom Regional Resource Center

June 2020 – August 2020

Found and secured a donation for \$5,000 my first two weeks on the job
Supported meal distribution and created nutrition education activities to 600 youth in rural neighborhoods while managing 6 volunteers during COVID-19. Oversaw program development, modification, and budget while maintaining connections with ongoing non-profit and state partners.

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

I could like to serve on the Food System Committee to make educated and positive contributions to the nutrition and public health sector, grow my professional experience, work collaboratively and make intentional relationships with others who are working within the Whatcom County food system, and to make sustainable changes within our local food system.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Amber Noskoff (SNAP-Ed): 360-927-9972
Nikki Olson (non-go project): 360-319-8284
Shawna Beese (Whatcom County Extension Director): 509.844.4729
Ali Jensen (Health Department): 360) 778-6121

Signature of applicant:

Noelle Beecroft

Place Signed / Submitted

Maple Falls, WA

NOELLE E. BEECROFT

noelle.beecroft@wsu.edu

Recent Accomplishments

Designed the Foothills Food Action Plan featured across Whatcom County in successful grant proposals; a core resource for food insecurity, food retail mapping, and emergency food system program data

Created and organized an annual fundraiser that raised over 8k for food banks it's first year in 4 hours.

Core Skills

Soft

Strong interpersonal communication
Creative
Organized and efficient
Highly self-motivated
Collaborative
Reliable

Hard

Grant writing and management
Strong general office skills; PEARS and Google Suite
Data management
Fundraising and event planning
Staff management – 3 years

EXPERIENCE

WSU Whatcom County SNAP-Ed Extension Coordinator

November 2021 – Present

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Nutrition Educator, WSU Ext. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

February 2021 – November 2021

- Supported and taught nutrition education through policy, systems, and environmental approaches with direct education to community members with limited incomes.
- Developed the Happy Pantry at Foothills Food Bank, a 24/7 grab and go resource for education material, seeds, and healthy snacks to serve a rural food desert.
- Collaborated with federal, state, and local partners to advocate for the distribution of healthy emergency food options and nutrition education in food banks.

Youth Development Coordinator Summer AmeriCorps VISTA East Whatcom Regional Resource Center

June 2020 – August 2020

- Found and secured a donation for \$5,000 my first two weeks on the job
- Supported meal distribution and created nutrition education activities to 600 youth in rural neighborhoods while managing 6 volunteers during COVID-19.
- Oversaw program development, modification, and budget while maintaining connections with ongoing non-profit and state partners.

MEMBERSHIPS	Board of Directors	Foothills Community	Fruit and Veggie	Historian
	Vice President Foothills Food Bank 2021 – present	Food Partnership 2020 – Present	Incentive Program Community of Practice 2022– Present	 SFASU Student Association of Nutrition and Dietetics 2017–2020

EDUCATION	Bachelor of Science	Certificate in Grant Writing	Graduate Certificate in
	Food and Nutrition Science Stephen F. Austin State University 2020	and Non-Profit Management Whatcom Community College 2021	Sustainable Food Systems Portland State University Starting Fall 2023

REFERENCES

Available on request



Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

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Title	Mr.
First Name	Rob
Last Name	Dhaliwal
Today's Date	1/10/2023
Street Address	[REDACTED]
City	[REDACTED]
Zip	[REDACTED]
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	[REDACTED]
Secondary Telephone	Field not completed.
Email Address	rav_dhaliwal@comcast.net
1. Name of Board or Committee	Food System Committee
Food System Committee position:	Export Sales Farming
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. 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	<i>Field not completed.</i>
9. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education	I am currently Operations Manager for Samson Farms in Everson. Samson Farms is a 2nd generation family-owned farm which produces and packs raspberries, blueberries and black currants for domestic and export markets. I have a Bachelors degree in Horticulture from Washington State University and have served on the USDA Farm Service Agency Board as an advisor, Washington Red Raspberry Commission, Washington Blueberry Commission and other local boards.
10. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission	I believe agriculture is an integral part of the community in Whatcom County and is something which needs to be preserved.
References (please include daytime telephone number):	3608156324
Signature of applicant:	Rob Dhaliwal
Place Signed / Submitted	Lynden, WA



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Title Ms.

First Name Margaret

Last Name Gerard

Today's Date 1/3/2023

Street Address

City

Zip

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

Do you have a different mailing address? YES

Mailing Address

Primary Telephone

Secondary Telephone Field not completed.

Email Address margarettteresa@gmail.com

1. Name of Board or Committee **Food System Committee**

Food System Committee position: Local sales farming

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?	Yes
If yes, please list dates:	2019-2022
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	Margaret resume 2022.pdf
9. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education	attached
10. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission	I would like to see if there are other farmers interested in this position, and have their perspectives shared on the committee. If there is an interested qualified candidate for this position, disregard my application. If not, I am willing to continue serving. and see attached
References (please include daytime telephone number):	attached
Signature of applicant:	Margaret
Place Signed / Submitted	Acme, wa

Margaret Teresa Gerard

Margarettteresa@gmail.com

Profile

Seeking an position to use my passion and experience in supporting local food systems

Experience

CO-OPERATOR, SUNSEED FARM AND NURSERY ACME, WA — 1/2018-CURRENT

Delegate tasks with other co-operator to see that all functions of the farm and business are functioning. Including, interviewing, hiring and training a crew of 5. Managing 5 nursery greenhouses and 3 acres vegetable crops. Farmers market set up and customer service. Wholesale nursery plant delivery in box truck, and customer relations

OWNER/OPERATOR, GRATEFUL BOUNTY FARM, WHATCOM COUNTY, WA — 2013-2017

Conceive and develop a small scale vegetable farm. Write business plan and crop plan. Order supplies, manage soil fertility and prep field. Sow, plant and harvest vegetables. Farmer market sales/ wholesale customer relations. Tractor operator/ troubleshooter.

LEAD TEA BLENDER, FLYING BIRD BOTANICALS — 2012-2017

Hand blend and package 30 different tea blends, quality control of many types of herbs. Train new employees on blending. Receive and organize over 100 types of herbs/ teas. Attention to detail when converting recipes to smaller or larger quantities.

FARM MANAGER, SUNSEED FARM AND NURSERY, ACME WA — 2011-2014

Manage and train a crew of 5. Oversee nursery and field operations of over 300 varieties. Sow, plant, weed and harvest vegetables. Farmers market set up and customer service.

Education

The Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA 2008-2009

Studied the global food system, organic gardening, and community building

Volunteer

WHATCOM COUNTY FOOD SYSTEM COMMITTEE 2019-PRESENT

LOCAL SALES FARMING REPRESENTATIVE: Attend meetings monthly. Collaborate with group to draft, implement, provide oversight for, and regularly update a county-wide food system plan to strengthen our local and regional food system.

BELLINGHAM COMMUNITY FOOD CO-OP, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 2016-PRESENT

Attend board meetings monthly, review co-op policies and evaluate compliance. Active on 2 committees, Farm Fund (serves as chair) and Member Affairs Committees; brainstorm ways committees can best serve mission, delegate grant funds to eligible applicants

TWIN SISTERS MARKET, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 2015-2019

Attend meetings monthly. Active member since year 1, helped develop and build market. Collaborate/ cooperate with other group members to create functioning market. Brainstorm funding ideas/ host fundraisers and community meals

References

Scout Urling (360) 303-8196
Owner/operator, Flying Bird Botanicals

Jean Rogers (360) 734-8158, ext. 311
Board Facilitator, Community Food Co op board

Ali Jensen (360) 303-7840
Committee facilitator, Whatcom County Food System Committee

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

I have been involved in the farming community in Whatcom County since 2008. First working on organic vegetable farms, I then started my own small scale vegetable farm; Grateful Bounty Farm and operated it from 2013 to 2017. Presently I am Co-operator of Sunseed Farm and Nursery.

I have 10 years experience selling vegetables at the Bellingham Farmers Market. I helped develop and participated in the collaborative farmers market Twin Sisters Market (located in east whatcom county) from 2015-2019. I served as the manger, and board member of this market.

I have been on the board of directors at the community food co-op since 2016, and am the chair of the of the farm fund committee.

I attended public school in Bellingham and graduated from Bellingham High School. I completed 4 quarters at the Evergreen State College, where I studied the global food system, and organic gardening.

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

I am passionate about strengthening our food system, building local resilience, and providing access to healthy food. I have built my livelihood around growing local produce for this county. My background in farming has helped me to recognize the connection between soil health, plant health, and personal health. For each of these areas to thrive, a vibrant local food system is necessary. My work allows me to be very connected

to our local food system, I will be able to apply my knowledge to contribute to the work of this committee. I see serving on this committee as an opportunity to help catalyze positive movement in the area that is very important to me.