

Homeless Strategies Workgroup

Appointment of Member representing a Homeless Advocate

August 7, 2019 Whatcom County Council Meeting

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. AB2019-429 Appointment to the Homeless Strategies Workgroup, representing a homeless advocate

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Additional information from Jennifer Mansfield

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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO WHATCOM COUNTY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY and COMPLETE ALL ITEMS

Name: (JC) Jennifer Christine Mansfield Date: 7/26/19
Street Address: 2621 W Maplewood Ave Apt 313
City: Bellingham Zip Code: 98225
Mailing Address (if different from street address): _____
Day Telephone: 360 441 2601 Evening Telephone: 360 223 9818 Cell Phone: (Same)
E-mail address: Countrygirlinnw@gmail.com

- Name of board or committee-**please see reverse**: Homeless Strategy Work Group
- You must specify which position you are applying for.
Please refer to vacancy list. Homeless Advocate
- Do you meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation requirements of the position for which you're applying?
(If applicable, please refer to vacancy list.) yes () no
- Which Council district do you live in? () One () Two () Three () Four () Five
- Are you a US citizen? yes () no
- Are you registered to vote in Whatcom County? yes () no
- Have you ever been a member of this Board/Commission?
If yes, dates: N/A () yes no
- 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?
If yes, please explain: N/A () yes no
- Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055, see instructions) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county? yes () no

You may attach a résumé or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions.

10. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education.
(Please see attachments)
"Homes Now Not Later" Local artist, volunteer, and
"Hearts and Homes" long-term BUCHA housing recipient.

11. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this board or commission: I recognize the immediate needs we can address which our County is in a position to facilitate; vast network of volunteers to consult!

References (please include daytime telephone number): Billy Muñoz 360 820 9018
Bea Acland 360 319 2601

Signature of applicant: J Mansfield

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If you are applying for one of the following boards, committees, or commissions, please send this application to the

Whatcom County Executive's Office:

311 Grand Avenue, Suite 108
Bellingham, Washington 98225
Phone:(360) 778-5200 Fax:(360) 778-5201

- Agricultural Advisory Committee
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance Committee
- Behavioral Health Advisory Committee
- Bellingham-Whatcom County Commission Against Domestic Violence
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Boundary Review Board
- Civil Service Commission
- County Appeals Board
- Developmental Disabilities Board
- Development Standards Technical Advisory Committee
- Ethics Commission
- Food System Committee
- Housing Authority of Whatcom County
- Housing Advisory Committee
- Lodging Tax Advisory Committee
- Marine Resource Committee
- North Sound Mental Health Administration
- Northwest Senior Services Board
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Point Roberts Community Advisory Committee
- Public Health Advisory Board
- Purchase of Development Rights Oversight Committee
- Rural Library Board
- Salary Commission
- Veteran's Advisory Board

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- Acme/VanZandt Flood Control Sub-Zone Advisory Committee
- Address and Road Name Citizen Appeals Committee
- Birch Bay Watershed and Aquatic Resources Management Committee
- Board of Equalization
- Business and Commerce Advisory Committee
- Climate Impact Advisory Committee
- Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District Advisory Committee
- Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee
- Forestry Advisory Committee
- Horticultural Pest and Disease Board
- Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force/Law and Justice Council
- Jail Stakeholder Workgroup
- Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility Advisory Committee
- Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee
- Lynden/Everson Flood Control Sub-Zone Advisory Committee
- Noxious Weed Control Board
- Open Space Advisory Committee
- Planning Commission
- Portage Bay Shellfish Protection District Advisory Committee
- Solid Waste Advisory Committee
- Sumas/Everson/Nooksack Flood Control Sub-Zone Advisory Committee
- Surface Mining Advisory Committee
- Wildlife Advisory Committee

• *Homeless Strategies Workgroup*

RCW 42.17A.005

(7) "Candidate" means any individual who seeks nomination for election or election to public office. An individual seeks nomination or election when he or she first:

- (a) Receives contributions or makes expenditures or reserves space or facilities with intent to promote his or her candidacy for office;
- (b) Announces publicly or files for office;
- (c) Purchases commercial advertising space or broadcast time to promote his or her candidacy; or
- (d) Gives his or her consent to another person to take on behalf of the individual any of the actions in (a) or (c) of this subsection.

Online Form Submittal: Board and Commission Application

1 message

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Thu, Jul 25, 2019 at 8:59 PM

To: Countrygirlinnw@gmail.com

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	Jennifer
Last Name	Mansfield
Today's Date	7/25/2019
Street Address	2621 W Maplewood Ave Apt 313
City	Bellingham
Zip	98225
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	360-441-2601
Secondary Telephone	360-223-9818
Email Address	Countrygirlinnw@gmail.com

Step 2

1. Name of Board or Committee	Homeless Strategies Workgroup
2. Do you meet the	Yes

residency, employment,
and/or affiliation requirements
of the position for which
you're applying?

3. Which Council district do
you live in? *Field not completed.*

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? Yes

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 AAS Legal Admin Asst. Volunteer office support for Homes
NOW Not Later. Citizen outreach winter 2018/2019.

10. Please describe why
you're interested in serving
on this board or commission It is important to identify public access points and method of
public communication for our at-risk populations.

References (please include
daytime telephone number): Bea Acland 360-319-2601

Signature of applicant: Jennifer Christine Mansfield

Place Signed / Submitted Bellingham, WA

(Section Break)

Jennifer Christine Mansfield

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OBJECTIVE

Administrative assistant for a local office with virtual assistant capabilities.

EDUCATION

Bellingham Technical College, Bellingham, Washington

Administrative Assistant Associate of Applied Science Degree 2018

3.63 GPA

QUALIFICATIONS

- Website Design and Social Media Marketing
- Computer Operations—MS Word, PowerPoint, Outlook, Excel, Access Database
- Manual and Computerized Financial Accounting
- Technical and Interpersonal Communications
- Records Management, Data-Entry, Keyboarding—60 wpm
- Business Law and Human Resource Management

EXPERIENCE

Artist – Artwork by JCM Image Reproductions, Bellingham WA 1990 to present
Conceptual art, image enlargement, use of acrylic paint, pastels, ink, charcoal, paper, canvas.

Childcare – Student at Whatcom Community College, Bellingham WA 2007 to 2011
Early Childhood Education classes, in-home childcare age 5-12, and after-school transportation.

Bookkeeper – The Velvet Rope Hair Studio, Bellingham WA 2004 to 2007
Scheduling clients, phone service, bank reconciliation, quarterly end year tax reporting.

Accounting Associate – Wal-Mart, Mt. Vernon 1999 to 2001
Cash pulls, weekly consolidation, data-entry, deposits, safe access, and loss prevention.

Assistant Manager – United Artists Movie Theater, San Angelo TX 6 months 1996
Ads, box office reports, deposits, scheduling, inventory, vending, booth, projectors, concession.

COMMUNITY

Organizer, March Against Monsanto, Bellingham WA 2014 to present
Advocacy of food transparency regarding omissions that jeopardize consumer rights and health.

Volunteer, Homes NOW Not Later, Bellingham WA 2017 to present
Social media support and online petitioner for Homes NOW objectives to end homelessness.

REFERENCES

Amy Glasser, Social Worker 360.820.0633
Bea Acland, Project Connect Volunteer 360.319.2601
Douglas Hayes, Skagit Valley Hospital 360.820.9017
Billy Munoz, Velvet Rope Hair Studio 360.820.9018
Mark Stidham, Open Carry Hammers 360.393.8289

Whatcom County Courthouse
311 Grand Avenue, Suite 105
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WHATCOM COUNTY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Re: Vacancy on Homeless Strategies Workgroup

Dear Sirs and Madams,

My name is Jennifer Christine (JC) Mansfield and I am hoping to fill the vacancy on your Homeless Strategies Workgroup to contribute to solutions for our unhoused population—not only during severe and inclement weather, but also by recognizing any opportunities that can provide housing stability. My experience the past year involves real-time action and responsiveness to address human need.

Project-based citizen outreach includes the following:

- **Sleep Out for Homeless Awareness** – December 2017 at City Hall with Homes NOW Not Later
 - Social Media
 - Public commentary for homelessness responsiveness at City and County
 - Online Change.org petition for City Council reforms
- **Internship with Homes NOW Not Later** – AAS degree 2018
 - Seattle University of Law (HRAP) *homelessness workshop*
 - hosted by Sara Rankin
 - primary session included *parking and vehicle homesteads in Seattle*
 - panel speaker Karina O'Malley
 - Rental and housing rights advocacy for local residents and volunteers
 - Attended presentation for Low-Income Housing Institute (LIHI) hosted by Sharon Lee
 - Attended Bellingham Tenant's Union (BTU) meetings
 - Attended County Council Jail Tour with Occupy Bellingham group
- **Shower truck with Homes NOW Not Later** - Volunteer
 - Provided log-in forms and database of unhoused residents
 - Volunteer shower truck attendant and orientation trainer
 - Meetings with Mission staff coordinator Bridgette Reeves
 - to address lice issue
 - to address public health concerns
 - Winter citizen outreach response – City and County public comments
 - Response to reports of overnight frostbite prior to storm
 - Distribution of hot water bottles and blankets to offset cold weather
 - Co-organized transportation of stranded people to and from shelters
- **Office support** – Volunteer database for reports
 - Logged all volunteers from WordPress to Access database and Excel for email list
 - Logged all local churches to network with over 100 congregations as potential resource
 - Contacted Red Cross for cots for Winter Haven set-up
 - Prepared draft copy of edited TC5 handbook by Doug Gustafson
 - Reviewed and edited ordinance for tiny home encampment for county and city
 - Attended multiple fundraisers and events to promote Homes NOW Not Later
 - Emailed City and County Councils of notable concerns

REFERENCES

- Homes NOW Not Later (HNNL) – Jim Peterson and Douglas Gustafson
- Cascadia Volunteer Advocacy (CVA) – Shelly Grant
- Bellingham Tenants Union (BTU) – Galen Hertz
- Law Advocacy – David Henkin
- Low-Income Housing Institute (LIHI) – Sharon Lee
- Occupy Bellingham Group – Ronna Loerch
- Community to Community (C2C) – Brenda Bentley
- Open Carry Hammers – Markis Dee
- PNW Safe Storage – Carmen Gilmore
- Lighthouse Mission Ministries – Bridgette Reeves

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Northwest Youth Services and Opportunity Council – *general*
- National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty (NLCHP) - *general*
- Western Regional Advocacy Project (WRAP) – *general (Paul Boden) Homelessness Bill of Rights*



Hearts and Homes (HH) is a new nonprofit hoping to assist Homes NOW Not Later (HNNL) local projects and connect church groups together with resources to help offset city homelessness crisis. We are organizing a toolkit to provide basic response measures that each congregation can easily implement during anytime of the year should they choose to assist with homelessness outreach independently or with our sponsorship program. We are concerned that economic oppression and rise in rental costs/ costs of living will continue to negatively impact local residents' ability to sustain their lives. We are challenging the status quo that homelessness is acceptable with real-time solutions.

Our group is *citizen outreach*. We are directly connected to over 200 volunteers and approximately 150 unhoused guests currently utilizing the local Shower Trucks. These points of contact are invaluable for direct consultation and compiling data regarding circumstances and resident needs. Data is used to identify feasible functional projects that can easily be promoted for city-wide assistance.

Please consider my application to assist the Homeless Strategies Workshop. Please consider **ANY** participating representative of **Homes NOW Not Later**. The community hope is one of mutual concern to assist with the Homeless Strategies Workgroup in any ways we are able.

Best regards,

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