

Joy Gilfilen-Stakeholder Advisory Committee

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Board and Commission Application

Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

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Title	Ms.
First Name	Joy
Last Name	Gilfilen
Today's Date	1/7/2020
Street Address	5240 Graveline Road
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.
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Step 2

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| 1. Name of Board or Committee | Stakeholder Advisory Committee for Public Health, Safety, and Justice Facility Needs Assessment |
| Stakeholder Advisory Committee for Facility Needs Assessment | Citizen: Criminal Justice Advocate |
| 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), | Primary Qualifications:

As the Restorative Community Coalition President since 2010, |

qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education

Joy has been a driving force in the restorative justice, jail and justice system reform movement in Whatcom County.

The Coalition has worked with over 200 interns and hundreds more volunteers to research the complications of incarceration, and has worked with thousands of people who are justice system involved to find alternatives to building more jails and perpetuating the cycles of loss caused by trauma, addictions, failed practices and flaws in the system. We have hosted conferences, panels, seminars, work sessions, engaged law enforcement and service professionals, worked with judges, mental health providers and people from all arenas to understand the complexities to find solutions that could help us mitigate the issues that come after an arrest, and to prevent distress from causing crisis in the first place..

Our goal initially was to help the people who were arrested to reenter the work force as fast as possible after they did their time. It became a quest to understand the complex issues affecting behaviors, recovery, reentry, joblessness, homelessness, poverty, addictions, mental health and ultimately, the complicated nature of recidivism and to understand the complex business and economic issues that drive the mass incarceration industry locally and nationwide.

During this time, Joy wrote the 2015 Taxpayers Report: Stop Punishing Taxpayers, Start Rebuilding Community Report while a candidate for Whatcom County Executive to raise awareness and provide the public a new vision for tackling the issues of jail overcrowding, over incarceration and to build a stronger community safety net instead.

Joy did the research to understand the failings of the Whatcom County Jail Mailer, so that she could file the Noble Cause Corruption Report that showed how the County Council is caught in a double bind, Catch 22 pattern of not receiving enough accurate data to make good policy decisions - and revealed the problems that are caused when an inadequate Needs Assessment is not provided, and when the presumption of passing a tax biases the process.

Joy was a proxie on the Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force and participated in the Vera Institute mapping process and developed from that methods the Council can use to triangulate and unveil hidden failures in the justice systems that can be corrected to improve effectiveness in administration without provoking political traumas that confuse issues.

Joy has developed business models that show market trends that reveal local community business opportunities that can reduce demand on the jail by 50%. This includes job corps style solutions, sustainable business and recovery programs.

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

In 2018 Joy completed an in-depth ethnographic research study involving 79 people directly involved in the Whatcom County jail system. Published as the Blindspots: to understand the needs of the clients, to identify the gaps in services, and to comprehend the nature of the systemic biases that inevitably come with a fractured and siloed system. This is a goldmine to help us do prevention that works, restorative justice that works, and will enhance the effectiveness of programs in development by the IPRTF and others.

References (please include daytime telephone number):

Irene Morgan - 360-354-3653 is a primary source. I can provide many more on request.

Signature of applicant:

Joy Gilfilen

Place Signed / Submitted

Bellingham, WA

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