



**City of Bellingham**  
**City Council Special Meeting Agenda**  
October 1, 2018, 6:00 PM

Mayor Kelli Linville  
Council Members April Barker, Gene Knutson, Daniel Hammill,  
Pinky Vargas, Terry Bornemann and Michael Lilliquist

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All meetings are held in the City Hall Council Chambers at  
210 Lottie Street, Bellingham, WA, unless otherwise noted.

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

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**Adjournment**

**Agenda Information:**

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**There will be no public comment.**



# City Council Agenda Bill

22077

Bill Number

Subject: **Selection and Appointment of an Interim At-Large City Councilmember**

Summary Statement: As outlined in a City Council Resolution passed on September 10, 2018 the City Council is holding a special meeting for the purpose of selecting and appointing an interim At-Large City Councilmember. During this meeting, each applicant will be given three minutes to present their qualifications, after which time, the Council will adjourn to closed executive session to evaluate the qualifications of the candidates. Following the executive session, the Council will vote in open session to appoint the interim councilmember.

Previous Council Action: **A Resolution establishing the appointment process to fill the vacancy due to the resignation of At-Large Councilmember Roxanne Murphy on September 10, 2018**

Fiscal Impact: **None**

Funding Source: **N/A**

Attachments:      1. RESOLUTION 2018-23  
                             2. ADDENDUM  
                             3. APPLICATIONS

Meeting Activity	Meeting Date	Recommendation	Presented By	Time
Special Meeting Full Council	10/01/2018	Vote to Appoint	N/A	60 minutes

**Recommended Motion:**

**Council Committee:**

**Agenda Bill Contact:**

Monea Kerr, Legislative Assistant, 778-8202

**Council Action:**

Reviewed By	Department	Date
<i>Monea J. Kerr</i>	Council Administration	9/25/2018
<i>Peter M. Ruffatto</i>	Legal	9/25/2018
<i>Kelli J. Linville</i>	Executive	9/25/2018



**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-23**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS TO FILL THE  
VACANCY DUE TO THE RESIGNATION OF AT-LARGE CITY  
COUNCILMEMBER ROXANNE MURPHY**

**WHEREAS**, Roxanne Murphy, At-Large councilmember, has made public her intention to resign her office effective at the conclusion of the Council's September 10, 2018 meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, this resignation will leave a vacancy in the At-Large Bellingham City Council Position as of the time of her resignation; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.06 of the City of Bellingham Charter states that a vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term, if any, at the next municipal general election; but the Council, or the remaining members thereof, by majority vote, shall appoint a qualified registered voter to fill the vacancy until the person elected to serve the remainder of the unexpired term takes office; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.06 of the City of Bellingham Charter provides that a vacancy in a ward council position shall be filled by the appointment of a qualified registered voter of that ward; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the interest of the citizens of Bellingham that the Council facilitate an efficient, equitable process to appoint, upon vacancy, a qualified person in as timely a manner as possible;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM:**

**THAT** the selection and appointment of an interim Council Member shall follow the process set forth herein:

1. The application period shall open immediately upon passage of this resolution, and an announcement inviting applications will be printed in the Bellingham Herald as soon as possible to notify the public of this process and the application period.
2. The application period shall close on September 25, 2018, at 5:00 PM.
3. On October 1, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., a special meeting will be held during which each candidate will be allotted three minutes in open session to present his or her qualifications. The actual time allotted and the order of presentations will be determined by the presiding City Council member.
4. The Council will adjourn to executive session in order to evaluate the qualifications of the candidates.

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5. Following the executive session, the Council will vote to appoint the interim Council member. Any Council Member may nominate a candidate and nominations do not require a second.
6. As soon as one candidate receives an affirmative majority vote, the presiding member will declare him or her to be appointed to the vacancy, and there will be no vote taken on the remaining candidates.
7. If, after 30 days following the effective date of the vacancy, the City Council cannot agree on an appointee, the Mayor shall select from those candidates nominated by members of the City Council.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the person appointed to the interim City Council At-Large Ward position will serve until the person elected in the November 2019 election takes office, at which point the person so elected to fill the vacancy, after the election is certified and the oath of office is taken, shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term.

**PASSED** by the Council this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

  
Roxanne Murphy, Council President

**Dan Hammill, council president  
pro Tempore**

**APPROVED** by me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

  
Kelli Linville, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Brian Henshaw, Finance Director

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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**PROPOSED ADDENDUM TO RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE APPOINTMENT  
PROCESS TO FILL THE VACANCY DUE TO THE RESIGNATION OF AT-LARGE CITY  
COUNCILMEMBER ROXANNE MURPHY**

The presiding member will open the floor to nominations. Nominations will be recorded in the order made. The nominations will be closed by motion and vote.

After the close of nominations, a vote will be taken on each of the nominees, in the order of nomination. Council members may vote for only one nominee per round of voting. As soon as any nominee receives four affirmative votes, voting will cease and that nominee will be appointed to the vacancy. If no nominee receives four votes, then the Council will adjourn to executive session to further discuss the qualifications of the candidates before voting again in open session.



## Application for Appointment to Interim City Council At-Large Position

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**Name**

Lisa Anderson

**Street Address**

**Do you have a mailing address different than your street address?**

**Home Phone**

**Work Phone**

**Email**

**Are you a resident of Bellingham?**

Yes

**Are you a registered voter?**

Yes

**How many years have you lived in Bellingham?**

25

**Which neighborhood do you live in?**

York

**Describe your interest in this interim position**

Please see my cover letter.

**Education**

M.Ed. - Student Personnel Administration Western Washington University 2001

B.A. - Recreation Western Washington University 1994

A.A.S. - Whatcom Community College 1991

**Professional / Community Activities**

City of Bellingham Community Development and Planning Commission 2016 - present

City of Bellingham Shoreline Committee	2016 - 2017
WA State SBCTC GED Advisory Committee	2012 – 2013
York Neighborhood Board: Treasure 7 years, President 1 year	2009 – 2015
Continue to volunteer coordinating special events to build community and connection amongst residents.	

**Qualifications Related to Position**

Please see my cover letter.

**Occupation**

Program Specialist II- Testing Services

**Resume and Cover Letter**

Lisa A. Anderson council cover letter.docx

Lisa A. Anderson resume.docx

**Conflict of Interest**

**Signature**

Lisa A. Anderson

**Date Signed**

9/21/2018

**NOTE: As a candidate for appointment, the above information will be available to the city council, mayor and the public.**

**Lisa A. Anderson**

September 24, 2018

Bellingham City Council  
City Hall, 210 Lottie Street  
Bellingham, WA 98225

Dear City Council Members:

I am pleased to submit my application for the appointment as the Interim City Council At-Large Position. I have been a Bellingham resident and community volunteer for over 25 years. I currently serve on the City of Bellingham Community Development and Planning Commission. Previously, I served as an elected neighborhood association president. My employer is Whatcom Community College. My professional experience and volunteer work make me an excellent choice for your appointment; however, my long-term commitment to serving our city is what motivates me.

A little about me: I grew up in poverty, until my late teens, and crashed back down as a single parent of a two-year-old while working two jobs to pay for college. As a young single parent I experienced homelessness, poverty, and hunger as well as personal growth, expanded insight and success. I have worked hard to provide a home for my family, and I never take for granted that an unfortunate circumstance could take that away. Those early days formed my drive to serve my community. I am dedicated to make an impact to assist those who are currently struggling as I had before. I believe we cannot expect change if we do not help to lead forward.

My activism started when I was a student at Whatcom Community College in 1989. There I helped begin a recycling program; I lobbied Olympia to ban the use of open cyanide ponds for gold extraction; and later, as a student at Western, I was active in organizing for environmental causes.

I am an avid home gardener and put my skills to good use by growing and preserving food for low-income families. I volunteered with our county and city parks and the Bellingham School District. From 2006 to 2015, I served on the York Neighborhood Association's Board and was the Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Committee representative. I helped rewrite our neighborhood plan, advocated for historic preservation, and learned the details of zoning, infill, and transportation issues. I am proud to say that much of the neighborhood's work and vision led to the opportunity for the Eleanor Apartments to be built, instead of a drive-up pharmacy. This was my first experience with planning issues, and I became intrigued with the challenge of identifying future density opportunities, while preserving historic housing. I believe it is possible.

As York's President I worked to collaborate with the Sehome Neighborhood for a common goal: to end the criminal activity at the Aloha Motel and bring about much needed change to begin the re-development of the Samish Way Urban Village. In November 2013, I held the first of many meetings at my home to discuss how we should address Samish Way problems. Soon our two neighborhoods were meeting with church groups, non-profits, police, Health Department, Planning Department and the Mayor's office. Today, we are anticipating the Bellingham Housing Authority's new apartment and office complex to be built in place of the Aloha Motel. This will



Lisa A. Anderson

create much needed safe, affordable housing. I could not have wished for a better outcome from that first call to action five years ago.

With my growing advocacy for safe housing and safe neighborhoods, and concerns about the lack of family living wages, it was only natural to want to serve on the City of Bellingham Community Development and Planning Commission, to which I applied and was appointed by the Mayor in 2016. I also served on the City of Bellingham Shoreline Committee from 2016 – 2017.

My experience on the Planning Commission has helped prepare me for the next step in a leadership role as a City Council member. I have learned the complexities of planning issues. I know how much time it takes to read meeting materials, conduct research with a critical eye, and prepare for meetings. I have always invested the time needed to be prepared and ready to contribute. My professional experience has given me the skills to develop budgets and ensure they are implemented correctly and balanced. I also believe in strong customer service. I am emotionally intuitive, a compassionate listener, yet analytical and highly organized. I keep an open mind to hear residents' concerns.

My ideal community is a place that creates an environment that fosters wellbeing, strives to meet the basic needs of our residents, encourages open participation in governance, values diverse perspectives and approaches to problem solving, and remembers our history while embracing the possibilities of our future. A good community leader listens to all perspectives and takes action knowing they will not always make everyone happy. I believe at times we must compromise to move forward. I do not represent any special interests. I am not a member of a coalition or advocacy group. I would not be swayed out of concern for maintaining a support base or future electability.

Much of the work plan for the Council in the coming months addresses issues I have reviewed and worked on as a Planning Commissioner. I believe I have the skills to hit the ground running. I don't offer to give up my family time, recreation, or sleep for any other reason than I love my city; and, I want to continue to offer my compassion, knowledge, and skills in its service.

What makes this all possible is the support of my employer, who will work with my schedule, and the unending support of my family.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my qualifications.

Sincerely,

Lisa A. Anderson

# Lisa A. Anderson

## Testing and Placement Specialist

Twelve years' experience managing a fast paced testing environment that demands strong organizational, technical, and interpersonal skills. Discerning and efficient in completing projects and able to multi-task effectively. I am recognized for my dependability, commitment to excellence, and providing a high level of customer service. I effectively collaborate with all levels of campus, community, state, and corporations to meet the evolving needs of our clients.

## Education

M.Ed. Student Personnel Administration Western Washington University 2001	B.A. Recreation Western Washington University 1994	A.A.S. Whatcom Community College 1991
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## Professional Experience

### Program Specialist II

2014 - Present

Whatcom Community College

Testing Services- Testing Center

I continue to perform the duties of my previous position level with expanded autonomy and oversight of Testing Services: placement testing, Access and Disabilities Services (ADS) course exams, faculty make-up exams, GED testing, ESLA (international) testing, and community proctoring.

- ALEKS math placement administrator: implementing, training and managing this new testing platform for campus
- Implementation and monitoring for compliance testing contracts and service agreements for state, federal and corporate paper and computer based testing
- Utilize MS Office software to initiate data collection, analysis, and reports to administration to ensure resource levels needed are predicted in advance or adjusted to meet the needs of our institution, students and community
- Update testing platforms for new versions or software fixes
- Create and update department web page, handouts, and publications
- Update Whatcom's ESLA (QUIA Platform) test content and graphics
- Document unauthorized use of materials, including video capture, for student conduct reports
- Use exceptional interpersonal skills to assist students to make good decisions to succeed

### Program Coordinator

2005 - 2014

Whatcom Community College

Testing Services- Testing Center

I coordinate all services for the Testing Center: determine staff and service schedules to meet college and client needs; provide all staff training; collaborate with departments to identify needs and implementation of new testing platforms; implement data collection for informed decision-making. All procedures, forms and systems currently in place I developed to provide a highly organized and efficient department.

- Chief GED Examiner: implement contracts, train examiners, process billing, provide transcripts, maintain test security, and ensure compliance with all jurisdictional policies and procedures
- Implemented and manage computerized placement tests
- Primary contact for information regarding testing policy and procedures



- Hire, supervise and train employees on all job functions
- Purchasing materials, billing of services, process collected testing fees
- Implement and track technical and facility maintenance requests

**Program Assistant**  
**Western Washington University**  
**Woodring College of Education – Special Education**

1997 - 2005

I coordinated and implemented all programming and support for the Student Summer Educational Clinics and Special Education Teacher Conferences including participant recruitment, registration, budgets, and contracts. I managed budgets and purchasing for assistive technology grants that exceeded \$70,000. In addition to special projects, I provided daily staff support for faculty and students that include the following:

- Responded to inquiries from students, university administrators, and the public
- Developed and maintained complex electronic and manual records systems including the development of Woodring's Data Warehouse
- Coordinated and processed purchasing, contracts, travel, and reimbursements
- Coordinated arrangements for program activities: meetings, space requests, department courses
- Developed, wrote, edited, and proofread department educational and publication materials
- Forecasted, tracked, and reconciled budgets, submitted service billings, collection of fees with cash handling and cashier deposits
- Provided statistical information and wrote reports

## Budget experience

Power of Attorney - 2010-2016: Responsibility for estate that exceeded 1,000,000.: managed investment accounts, liquidation of property and investments, insurance filing for payments, filed quarterly IRS tax payments, Social Security filing and provided evidence of care expense reports, provided family quarterly statements for income and expenses, signed contracts for services, monitored costs and issued payments, worked with banks and their legal team to establish control of accounts.

Grants and Departmental budgets - 1997-current: Responsibility for cost analysis, revenue projection, expenditures, service contracts, and compliance reports throughout my career for grant projects up to 2,000,000.

NASPA regional conference treasure - 2004-2005: Responsible for establishing and managing bank account that exceeded 120,000., initiated venue, services and speaker contracts and payments, tracked purchase requisitions, processed credit cards, cash and PO payments, deposits, wrote final reports, and transferred revenue to close accounts.

## Professional Committees / Community Volunteer

City of Bellingham Community Development and Planning Commission	2016 - present
City of Bellingham Shoreline Committee	2016 - 2017
WA State SBCTC GED Advisory Committee	2012 - 2013
York Neighborhood Board: Treasure 7 years, President 1 year	2009 - 2015
Student Success and Retention Committee	2010 - 2012

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**From:** Tom Barrett  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 20, 2018 4:30 PM  
**To:** CC - Shared Department  
**Subject:** Deliberations for Open City Council Position; Letter of support for Lisa Anderson

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to convey my strong support for Lisa Anderson to fill the City Council position left vacant by Ms. Murphy's move to Alaska. Lisa has served well on the COB Planning Commission. Her very effective work on city planning and community development matters has prepared her to be quickly effective on Council planning matters and many other city-wide concerns. The Planning Commission is not for the faint of heart. Lisa has been outstanding in her work while serving on the Commission. She listens well, prepares thoroughly, treats all with respect, is fair and has a deep knowledge of a vast array of City and resident concerns.

Lisa was early involved in working with the Sehome neighborhood and the City on the Aloha property purchase. She lives in the inner city and daily sees the needs and concerns on our streets. Her professional background is impressive and it would be valuable to the City to have a Whatcom Community College professional staff person serving on City Council.

Lisa is a long term Bellingham resident who has shown care for our citizens and dedication to neighborhood and city-wide efforts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Tom Barrett  
[barretttom@comcast.net](mailto:barretttom@comcast.net)



## Application for Appointment to Interim City Council At-Large Position

City of Bellingham Charter  
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**Name**

Greg Arnold

**Street Address**

**Do you have a mailing address different than your street address?**

**Home Phone**

**Work Phone**

**Email**

**Are you a resident of Bellingham?**

Yes

**Are you a registered voter?**

Yes

**How many years have you lived in Bellingham?**

3

**Which neighborhood do you live in?**

Barkley

**Describe your interest in this interim position**

Bellingham has been my home for the past 3 years, and as a member of the local LGBT community, I have found it warm and welcoming. Between that and the ample opportunities for activities with my young children, it didn't take long for me to fall in love with this city. The city council has invested in the social architecture that made that possible. I believe that my professional experience in social services and administration could be helpful in the current priorities of the city, including justice innovation and affordable housing. Taking on the interim at large City Council position and completing the remainder of the term feels like a perfect way to contribute.

**Education**

Masters Certificate in Health Administration  
Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology  
Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Philosophy

**Professional / Community Activities**

I began my career working in the homeless shelter in downtown Seattle while working on my counseling degree. My career focus has been in non-profit and government work to improve the communities I live in. I was recently approved by the council for the Bellingham Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) and am active on both the North Sound Accountable Community of Health (ACH) Program Council and Fund Allocation Committee.

**Qualifications Related to Position**

I have experience working directly with homeless community members and with severe behavioral health conditions. My education in both mental health and administration, including healthcare finance, policy analysis, and program evaluation could be useful to the council. I have direct experience as both a current renter in Bellingham and dealing with scarcity in local childcare. As a father to 3 and 4-year-old kids I am actively using community parks, playgrounds, splash pads, biking paths, the aquatic center and children's museum.

**Occupation**

Integrated Health Analyst - Child Mental Health  
Therapist

**Resume and Cover Letter**

GArnoldResume9-21-18.docx

GArnoldCoverLetter - Bellingham City Council  
Final.docx

**Conflict of Interest**

**Signature**

Greg Arnold

**Date Signed**

9/25/2018

**NOTE: As a candidate for appointment, the above information will be available to the city council, mayor and the public.**



**Gregory L. Arnold MA, LMHC, CMHS**

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September 22, 2018

Dear Bellingham City Council Members,

Bellingham has been my home for the past 3 years, and as a member of the local LGBT community, I have found it warm and welcoming. Between that and the ample opportunities for activities with my young children, it didn't take long for me to fall in love with this city. Taking on the interim at large City Council position and completing the remainder of the term feels like a perfect way to contribute to this community.

I am currently employed full time as the Integrated Health Analyst at the North Sound Behavioral Health Organization (North Sound BHO). My existing working relationships with community leaders across sectors make me a strong candidate for a City Council position. I was recently approved by the council for the Bellingham Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB), and am active on both the North Sound Accountable Community of Health (ACH) Program Council and Fund Allocation Committee.

While my current role has allowed me to learn the local healthcare system, my previous Program Manager position at Friends of Youth (FOY) helped me connect with the community through leadership of a team of therapists and creation of new community partnership programs. I was directly responsible for the supervision of 21 therapists, providing both clinical and program supervision. Empowering the committees and teams I work with is important to me, and I created taskforces that were led by staff to improve crisis planning, assessment procedures, and treatment planning. I firmly believe that the best leaders view themselves as facilitators and create a framework to provide needed information and direction.

My skills and experience in the following areas will assist the council in moving forward on multiple priorities.

- Experience working directly with homeless community members with severe behavioral health conditions.
- A Master of Arts degree in Counseling Psychology and a Master's Certificate in Health Administration with business finance, policy analysis, and program evaluation experience.
- Child Mental Health Specialty with both a personal and professional interest in supporting healthy families.
- Direct experience navigating both the tight rental market in Bellingham and scarcity in local childcare.
- Father to a 3 and 4-year-old - actively using community parks, pools, splash pads and biking paths.
- Seven years of experience facilitating cross-sector planning at North Sound BHO, Friends of Youth, and Sea Mar Community Health Center.

My attached resume provides additional details about my education and qualifications. I welcome the opportunity to learn more about the council's goals and how I can help keep Bellingham vibrant as it grows. I look forward to speaking with you on Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sincerely,  
Greg Arnold

## **Gregory L. Arnold MA, LMHC, CMHS**

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### **EDUCATION**

Masters Certificate in Health Administration	University of North Dakota Grand Forks, North Dakota
Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology	Argosy University Seattle, Washington
Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Philosophy	University of Wisconsin Eau Claire, Wisconsin

### **CAREER PROGRESSION**

**Integrated Health Analyst** **January 2016 - Present**

North Sound Behavioral Health Organization

#### **Duties**

- Support and develop healthcare integration program capabilities in the North Sound region through cross-system coordination with behavioral health providers, medical providers, managed care organizations, and state agencies.
- Project management for WA State Medicaid Waiver efforts to integrate physical health and behavioral health care in partnership with the North Sound Accountable Community of Health.
- Provide behavioral health program expertise in the transition to integrated managed care funding of services for the region.

#### **Achievements**

- Created successful care coordination meetings between the North Sound BHO and three state managed care organizations (MCOs).
- Chaired the statewide MCO/BHO co-occurring services workgroup to establish the clinical model for a joint Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder program.
- Revised contracts to expand the Geriatric Transition Program target population to include the stabilization of existing placements.
- Facilitated the increased use of PreManage data sharing program with in high intensity behavioral health programs.
- Modified legal contracts to create a transition year in 2019 for integrated managed care that covers existing regional behavioral health services.

**Program Manager of Counseling and Family Support**

**January 2014 – January 2016**

Friends of Youth

**Duties**

- Provided regular clinical supervision to 21 counseling staff.
- Recruited and selected staff members and provided staff orientation, training, and evaluation.
- Collected and analyzed client, staff, billing, and program performance data to report trends
- Remained current and accountable for contract requirements, accreditation, and licensing.
- Represented FOY on interagency task forces and networks and met with other providers to coordinate services.

**Achievements**

- Transitioned diagnosis and medical records to the DSM-5.
- Created a new school-based mental health program in the Issaquah school district.
- Created a new program to bring mental health services to the YWCA transitional housing facilities.
- Collaborated with key IT staff to develop and launch an electronic medical records system, including directly creating service forms, developing a complex Medicaid service coding and billing system, creating intake procedures, and training staff to use the program.
- Discovered a double billing error for psychiatric services that recovered just under \$10,000 for Friends of Youth.

**Program Manager – Healthcare Integration Program**

**October 2009 – September 2013**

Sea Mar Behavioral Health Center

**Duties**

- Supervised and reviewed six Care Coordinators in northern Washington.
- Trained new care coordinators and mental health therapists.
- Facilitated integration of the Care Coordinator position into the medical clinics.
- Analyzed data regarding program compliance and effectiveness.

**Achievements**

- Managed quarterly all-day trainings for clinical staff from around the state to maintain program consistency and improve clinical skills.
- Guided the program through the elimination of the State Medical Care Services (MCS) funding and modified the program workflow to match a new population

**Mental Health Therapist III**

**March 2009 – September 2013**



Sea Mar Behavioral Health Center

Duties

- Provided mental health assessments, treatment planning and psychotherapy to both child and adult populations.

**Mental Health Case Manager**

**September 2008 – March 2009**

Downtown Emergency Service Center

Duties

- Provided ongoing case management, individual therapy, and crisis response services for adults with severe and chronic mental health illness.
- Completed psychosocial assessments and treatment plans with clients.

**LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS**

Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC) – LH60206321	Expires April 2019
Child Mental Health Specialist (CMHS)	Issued March 2016
Washington State Approved Mental Health Supervisor	Issued April 2013
Mental Health Professional (MHP)	Issued March 2009

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE EXPERIENCE**

City of Bellingham Community Development Advisory Board	September 2018
North Sound Accountable Community of Health – Fund Allocation Committee	January 2018
North Sound Accountable Community of Health – Program Council	February 2017

**SELECTED TRAININGS**

Short Course on Local Planning	September 2018
Designing Powerful Presentations	February 2017
Quality Management Training	November 2016
High ER Utilization Washington State Learning Collaborative	September 2016
Motivational Interviewing	April 2016
7.01 American Indian Policy	March 2016
ASAM Criteria for Substance Related and Co-Occurring Conditions	January 2016
Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk	September 2014
Clinical Supervision: Theory and Practice	April 2013
Integrating Primary Care with Behavioral Healthcare	April 2013
HIPAA for Healthcare Professionals	March 2013
Washington State: Health Care Reform Update	November 2012





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**Name**

Jamie Bennett

**Street Address**

**Do you have a mailing address different than your street address?**

**Home Phone**

**Work Phone**

**Email**

**Are you a resident of Bellingham?**

Yes

**Are you a registered voter?**

Yes

**How many years have you lived in Bellingham?**

6

**Which neighborhood do you live in?**

Roosevelt

**Describe your interest in this interim position**

While I was not expecting this vacancy to occur, I absolutely have enthusiasm for the opportunity this vacancy provides.

I have strong feelings about the very politics of appointment itself, and am glad that multiple women have applied. I very much felt represented by the person vacating the council to create this opportunity, and as many of you are, was sad to hear of her departure.

From ADU's, to the needed shelter, I have a voice that I'd like to put to use in service to my neighbors, using real world solutions to tackle the problems with a growing city that needs infrastructure updates. Additionally, I think I'd be a good fit with the existing balance of the council, operating with aligned goals. I have put my name forth on the ballot once before, in 2016. This was for what is one of the most

progressive precincts in Bellingham, to become a precinct officer, and I won against a well-known member of the community.

I have a strong interest in social justice, and in seeing diversity in representation.

I'm absolutely ready to step up and take on the workload of a council member and serve my community.

#### **Education**

B.A In Studio Art, WWU 2016

#### **Professional / Community Activities**

Young Democrats

Whatcom County Democrats, Precinct 230 Precinct Officer (2017-2019 and 2019-2021 terms)

Gold Member, American Association of Political Consultants 2015-2016 and 2017-2018

Licensed Washington State Real Estate Broker

Licensed HCA (By WA DOH)

SEIU 775 member

#### **Qualifications Related to Position**

I am a lifelong learner, as I believe we all should be. I became politically active in college. In the years since, I have become very informed as to the issues the city faces. To put myself through the final years of college, I opened my own business.

As a recent graduate of WWU that has entered the professional force and remained in Bellingham, I see challenges. I see the challenges faced in the job market that my friends encounter as they graduate, and I see the housing challenges they face even as they land themselves a job. If appointed, I am interested in running to be retained for the seat.

#### **Occupation**

Licensed HCA

#### **Resume and Cover Letter**

Jamie Resume for COB.docx

#### **Conflict of Interest**

#### **Signature**

Jamie Bennett

#### **Date Signed**

9/25/2018

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# Jamie Bennett

## Education

Western Washington University

2016 B.A. in Studio Art

- BRAVE award for political artwork (awarded for Audience Favorite) 2015, 2016
- Published in WWU's student publication Labyrinth twice

## Experience

Broker, Danmark Oliver Real Estate

February, 2018-Current

In February, I obtained my Washington State Real Estate License

Owner, Political Consultant, Savant Studios | Bellingham, WA

April 2015 – December 2017

During this period I focused on digital advertising, financial reporting for political campaigns, and boutique data projects involving the modeling of voter outcomes from polling. Within months of launching, my firm had written a case study for a campaign that we won without any canvassing or direct mail - using a purely digital strategy, which at the time was unheard of. The strategy was born from a candidate with an injury that precluded going door to door, and a budget that would not support direct mail. This way of winning was an "industry prediction" as of January 2015 and I accomplished it that election cycle while filling the role of general consultant and campaign manager to the client.

My demographic and poll weighting work was additionally used in both 2014 prior to the firm's formation and in 2016 for races with a national focus, including statewide races.

My work has been used by not only candidates but by other consultants as well.

Further, I was honored to be allowed to serve as a judge for the 2016 American Association of Political Consultants' (AAPC) Pollie awards prior to graduating Western Washington University. Additionally, I was fortunate to serve as one of the 24 globally selected jurists for the 2017 European Association of Political Consultants' Polaris awards. I again served as a judge for the AAPC Pollie Awards in February 2018. I have executed the windup of this business despite achieving multiple goals, in order to shift focus into local involvement instead of national involvement.

Licensed Home Care Aide, Private Client | Bellingham, WA

February 2017 – Current

In this role, I provide a range of services to a single client. This client sometimes needs help with mobility, and I do their shopping for them as well. I absolutely intend to continue in this role (I have permission to make this disclosure). Helping build independence in individuals with





developmental disabilities is a passion of mine. My client is a wonderful person to work for and my schedule for them affords a lot of flexibility. I'm able to do this and historically (though no longer, see above) run a consulting firm at the same time.

#### Campaign Technician

August 2013 - November 2014

In college, I obtained an internship with a political consultant who was having severe health problems. Beginning with graphic work, I ended up assisting with the analysis of several dozen districts throughout the nation, and trimming a repeated task's processing time from 8 hours to 1 hour while maintaining the billing rate.

During this period I was fortunate to receive training in: Field targeting, Polling, Demographics, Fundraising, Digital targeting, messaging and communications. Prior to leaving, I was assigned additional duties requiring increasing amounts of client contact, digital media planning both hands on and programmatic, and research.

The resultant work from this internship, combined with the decline in health of the consultant, led to the mentored formation of my own firm in 2015 at the age of 20.

#### Artist, Mixed Media

April 2009 – Current

Although of course I have been an artist since I could pick up a crayon, I have taken art seriously since I was in high school, and chose to pursue my college degree in Studio Art. I have experience in glassblowing, woodworking, sculpting, painting with both oil and acrylic, etc. My concentration in the work I primarily have done is Mixed Media, utilizing the inherent uniqueness of each material and method to produce a harmonious unity.

I have shown my art locally in more than a few Bellingham Art Walks, at different showing locations such as Goat Mountain Pizza, Third Planet, Casa Que Pasa, and Lettered Streets Coffeehouse over the last year or so.

I mostly coordinate my own showings, and do my own installations to ensure there are never problems. If there are any problems, my presence allows me the flexibility to address them myself expeditiously.



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**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO INTERIM CITY  
COUNCIL AT-LARGE POSITION**  
(Please Type or Print Clearly)

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Name: ERIC BOSTROM

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a resident of the City of Bellingham? YES ☒ NO ☐

Are you a registered voter? YES ☒ NO ☐

How long have you lived in Bellingham? \_\_\_\_\_

Neighborhood in which you reside Downtown Precinct 225

Occupation (If retired, please indicate former occupation): Retired / Pastor

Education: \_\_\_\_\_

Professional / Community Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Qualifications Related to Position (also attach resume and cover letter): \_\_\_\_\_

Describe why you are interested in this interim position: \_\_\_\_\_

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 the City of Bellingham? YES ☐ NO ☒

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date 9/25/18 Signature of Applicant [Signature]



Eric Bostrom

## Statement

1 message

### Elections

To: "Eric Bostrom"

Wed, Sep 12, 2018 at 1:31 PM

**Elected Experience:** Elected Precinct Committee Officer

**Other Professional Experience:** Pastor and Pioneer of four churches, Bible College Teacher, Sales and Marketing of Recreational Properties, Social Worker, and Counselor.

**Education:** Two Masters degrees: (M.Div. and M.A.) George Fox Seminary, Bachelors degree (B.A. Sociology/Psychology) Western Washington University.

**Community Service:** Basketball Coach, Boys and Girls Club of Bellingham; Soccer Coach, Whatcom County Youth Soccer and Whatcom FC Rangers; Chaplain, Light House Mission; and Community Outreach.

**Statement:** I am running for Whatcom County Council at Large because I sincerely believe that together we can build a better Whatcom by offering a more diverse representation for the people of this county. I believe that all people should be treated equally with the same opportunities and laws.

Issues needing attention are *homes and homeless*. In Whatcom County the average earnings per job are lower than many other places, yet housing costs continue to escalate both for the owner and renter. Working together we can enact policies that are friendly to Home Owners, Builders, Renters, the Environment, First Nations People, Higher Wage Job Producers, the Elderly, and the Disabled.

As the homeless problem continues to worsen, people are regularly sleeping and camping in our communities: doorways, sidewalks, parks, and many other places. New solutions needed are: enforcement of codes, mental health assistance, substance abuse treatment, and job training. It is time to *stop enabling* homeless people and help them become productive citizens.

My great-grandfather came here from Sweden. I am the fourth generation of my family to live and work in Whatcom County. I greatly appreciate your vote.



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**Name**

Elizabeth Boyle

**Street Address**

**Do you have a mailing address different than your street address?**

**Home Phone**

**Work Phone**

**Email**

**Are you a resident of Bellingham?**

Yes

**Are you a registered voter?**

Yes

**How many years have you lived in Bellingham?**

18

**Which neighborhood do you live in?**

Alabama Hill

**Describe your interest in this interim position**

I strongly believe that each of us needs to contribute to our greater community and one way I can continue to do that is tapping into my leadership experience by serving on the Bellingham City Council. I'd love to bring even more people together to strengthen our beautiful city of Bellingham. I think my roles of small business owner, community activist, and mother to two teenage boys would be excellent additions to the strong leadership currently on the City Council.

I am especially excited by the opportunity to work on issues related to small business development, housing, homelessness, and youth.



**Education**

I received my bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a Marketing concentration from West Virginia University. At WVU, I enjoyed an excellent academic education and especially appreciated the leadership opportunities that I embraced. I was honored to be elected by a student body of 26,000 to serve on a 12-person Board of Governors responsible for influencing campus wide decisions. I also served in many leadership positions within my sorority and the overall Greek system.

After graduation, my education continued as I immediately started work on my dad's WV gubernatorial campaign which rapidly expanded my understanding of people. This experience gave me an intimate look at the vast needs within a community such as the small businessperson struggling to make it work or the parents worried about their child's future. The time on the campaign trail was the first of many life long learning experiences including serving as a grass roots campaigner, a teacher, a community activist, and a small business owner.

**Professional / Community Activities**

I've been incredibly fortunate to work alongside fantastic people in both my professional life and in my community involvement. One of my most interesting professional activities was being chosen to serve on a 10-person board for the International Craft and Hobby Association as the only representative of independent craft stores. I learned how to advocate for my segment while understanding and balancing the needs of the other stakeholders.

I'm a strong believer that businesses can play a key role in influencing positive change in our community. While owning my retail store, we hosted an annual large fundraising event that invited our customers to be part of something bigger and make a difference in the lives of children. This event benefitted Seattle Children's Hospital and raised impactful funds while also broadening awareness of the tremendous needs within our greater community.

As a volunteer, one of my favorite things has been my involvement with various PTAs (Parent Teacher Associations). PTAs can play a unique role in our community as all public-school children and families are impacted by the leadership and effectiveness of their PTA. We can open opportunities for all children and play a key role in positively influencing a child and family's experience with the school system. I served as President of the PTA at both Roosevelt Elementary and again at Whatcom Middle School. Along with other leaders, we helped reshape various programs and broadened involvement. One outcome from my PTA experience was helping to champion our school district's shift toward a shared fundraising model for all of Bellingham's middle schools. This experience was a perfect example of people coming together to create something equitable and wonderful for everyone.

Another community effort I'm especially proud of is the formation and success of "Our Year of Wellness" for the year 2017. This was a passion project of mine that ignited from countless conversations with women about our hopes and dreams. While it often seemed that we had these amazing dreams, we needed additional tools, confidence, or clarity to move forward. Throughout the year, I invited local experts to speak at our monthly community workshops to help us embrace wellness in all areas of our lives. It was inspiring to watch a room full of people gather, and to see the amazing connections and strengthening of each other. On average, 30 highly motivated women gathered for each session to be challenged to be their best self.

Both my professional and community activities have always been about the people and working together, learning from each other, and then making amazing things happen.

**Qualifications Related to Position**

All my life, I've been a leader. I define a good leader as someone who inspires others to believe that greatness is possible and that each of us can and needs to play a role in improving our community. In my professional and personal life, one of my strengths is my desire and ability to bring groups together. There



is something so magical about bringing people together, listening to their dreams, and then helping them make those dreams a reality.

I have limited experience around some of the issues facing Bellingham, but what I do have is a willingness to listen, an ability to quickly understand complex issues, and a track record of developing realistic solutions. There are people who deeply understand the issues important to Bellingham. By engaging them in the process, we can together work towards an even more beautiful future. Based on my past accomplishments, I know I can be instrumental in this process.

My experience as a small business owner and my newest opportunity with the Bellingham Public Schools Foundation has direct benefit to the City Council. As a business owner for over 18 years, I know firsthand the unique challenges of balancing a healthy business, creating a positive work environment, and serving as a contributing member to the community. Small business owners are such a special part of Bellingham and I would love to work with them to support their success.

At the Bellingham Public Schools Foundation, I'm honored to learn from and work with all the people and organizations helping to strengthen our community. It's inspiring to see the amazing progress, and how we can help support these individuals to continue their transformational work. By investing in our youth, we are helping to secure a happier, healthier future for everyone.

Bellingham's future is dependent on us understanding what is necessary for all of us to not just to survive, but to thrive. It's complicated, it's long range, and it's vital that we invest resources to support all segments of our community.

**Occupation**

Small Business Owner

**Resume and Cover Letter**

Elizabeth Boyle Resume.pdf

Elizabeth Boyle Cover Letter to City Council.pdf

Elizabeth Boyle Personal Stories City Council Application.pdf

**Conflict of Interest**

**Signature**

Elizabeth Boyle

**Date Signed**

9/24/2018

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## ELIZABETH BOYLE

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September 24, 2018

Dear City Council,

Thanks so much for the opportunity to apply for the open at-large seat on the Bellingham City Council. I so appreciate all the countless hours that each of you have shared with our city and am honored to have the opportunity to potentially join you on the Council.

I think my roles of small business owner, community activist, and mother to two teenage boys would be excellent additions to the strong leadership currently on the City Council.

Among the many pressing issues facing the City Council, I'm especially interested in working on small business development, housing, homelessness, and youth.

I look forward to the opportunity to meet each of you.

My best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'E' followed by a cursive 'B'.

Elizabeth Boyle

# ELIZABETH BOYLE

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*I'd love to share two personal stories which I think illustrate three of my key characteristics: building community, willing to take risks, and achieving measurable results:*

My first story is about my 40<sup>th</sup> birthday when I decided to run 40 miles as my big celebration! Beyond the challenge of running on the actual day was the commitment to six months of preparation. Another challenge for me was sharing this "grand" idea! Part of me wanted to keep it a secret just in case it didn't pan out! What would people say if I didn't end up doing it? Thankfully, I abandoned the "what ifs" and decided the community of support from my friends was as important to me as the running itself.

For six months, I checked off my daily runs and exercise. I got to run with so many friends, deepening friendships along the way. And then finally, the big day arrived. I awoke that morning eager and excited. We walk outside ready to run and I'm blown away by a dozen friends that are wearing matching tees (printed up just for today's event!)...even the trails were peppered with beautiful, hand-drawn, supportive, hysterical signs!

Along the way, I was joined by so many friends which brought new waves of energy and smiles! With each new friend to join us, I felt so loved and supported that they took time out of their busy lives to be with me on this exciting day. And then mile 39, my favorite mile...."This is going to happen!" Suddenly there were kids of all ages with endless energy and so many dear friends...all running together down the path towards my home. As we approached home, a group gathered in front of my home holding a banner for me to run through officially marking this race completed!

This celebration of 40 years, this testament to dedication, and more than anything, this beautiful showing of love and support from my fantastic community...it was here and so very real. And wouldn't you know it, I finished the journey with a HUGE smile on my face and whenever I think of the day, that huge smile returns (along with tears of happiness!).

*My second story is focused on my first business and emphasizes the same qualities referenced earlier: building community, willing to take risks, and achieving measurable results.*

Upon moving to Bellingham in 2000, I briefly worked with the Lummi Cedar Project. Then one day, I ventured into a large papercraft store, "Treasury of Memories," and it caught my attention. I was ready for a change and I loved all the potential this store showed, AND it was for sale!

I had never worked a day of retail in my life, I was new to the area, and I had limited resources. But like other times in my life, those all seemed surmountable and soon, I was the proud owner of the store. This store was sadly heading in the wrong direction with an absentee owner and was losing thousands of dollars every month. I dove in headfirst learning all I could about trends in the industry, new products, and most importantly, I focused on getting to know my customers. Life is all about community and connection, and it was so evident in my relationships within the store.

Soon, our customer base grew and within 6 months, our sales were increasing rapidly. Within three years, we were recognized nationally as a "store to watch" with visitors from around the country coming to see what we were doing. We continued to grow and diversify for another 7 years. After an amazing 10-year ride, we decided to change course and focus on our growing wholesale line we had started within the store. Switching to a wholesale operation while parenting two young children made a lot more sense. But I will always value my beautiful years at Treasury of Memories.



# ELIZABETH BOYLE

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*Passionate about inspiring individuals and groups to fully utilize their gifts and to embrace new possibilities.*

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

- BELLINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION (June 2018–current): Development Director  
Strengthens relationships within our community and secures a wide network of financial support. Reaches out to new potential donors and activists to broaden our reach, coordinates communication with key donors.
- DECORATING YOUR LIFE (November 2009–current): Owner  
Leads wholesaling and manufacturing business that produces and distributes vinyl lettering for resale to craft stores around the country. Responsibilities include managing the direction of the company, steering the creative process, building relationships with key stores, overseeing financial management, and most importantly, ensuring our team's needs are being met while also providing outstanding service to our customers.
- TREASURY OF MEMORIES (November 2000–October 2009): Owner  
Through improved customer experience, heightened marketing, and sheer tenacity, turned around a struggling paper crafting retail store to become a successful, widely recognized regional destination. The 4000-square foot store boasted one of the largest selection of paper crafting products and trend-setting classes, eventually resulting in being recognized as a leading paper crafting store in the country.

## **RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- FAIRFAX BREWSTER ACADEMY, Fairfax, VA, Teacher: Educated sixth grade students in Math, Science, and Social Studies. Learned how to apply my strengths of leadership, connection, and enthusiasm to actively engage students and their families.
- ALLIANCE TO SAVE ENERGY, Washington DC, Assistant Development Director: Worked hand in hand with the director to develop and implement large fundraising events that involved Congresspersons and celebrities.
- COALITION AGAINST BIGGER TRUCKS, Washington, DC, Development Director: Developed a comprehensive fundraising program to support legislative efforts focused on highway safety. Traveled around the country to develop relationships with key donors, managed all correspondence and fundraising records.
- MCKINLEY FOR GOVERNOR, Wheeling, WV, Grassroots Coordinator: Created statewide connections through a 55-county network of volunteers ensuring enthusiastic wide spread grass roots support.

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- YEAR OF WELLNESS (2017): Developed and launched a year-long personal passion project with monthly events bringing together area wellness leaders with women in our community.
- SQUALICUM HIGH SCHOOL PTSA (current), Class Co-Chair: Building connection with fellow parents by enthusiastically leading the Class of 2021.
- WHATCOM MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSA (2014–2017), Co-President: Strengthened involvement and relationships between parents and school through better communication and leadership. Championed a new middle school fundraising model that fosters equity between the four middle schools.
- ROOSEVELT ELEMENTARY PTSA (2010–2013), President: Developed new programs and strengthened existing programs to better meet the needs of our students and families. Increased parent engagement and communication.

## **EDUCATION**

West Virginia University, B.S. Business Administration, Marketing Concentration, 1995

*Elected to a 12-person Governing Board to represent 23,000-person student body and honored as the Outstanding Greek Woman of the Year.*



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**Name**

Dana Briggs

**Street Address**

**Do you have a mailing address different than your street address?**

Yes

**Mailing Address**

**Home Phone**

**Work Phone**

**Email**

**Are you a resident of Bellingham?**

Yes

**Are you a registered voter?**

Yes

**How many years have you lived in Bellingham?**

12

**Which neighborhood do you live in?**

**Describe your interest in this interim position**

The current Council does not reflect the economic, housed, or political diversity of the Bellingham population. My interest is in advocating for the marginalized whether by ethnicity, economics, politics, identified protected classes or any other identification not represented on the Council. I believe that I can offer a conduit for others and their perspectives on all aspects of the Bellingham community which have been ignored or dismissed.

**Education**

USAFA, BS Geography, 1978

Central Michigan University, MA Management, 1981

University of Washington, Certificate Nonprofit Management, 2005

University of Washington, Certificate Fundraising Management 2005

**Professional / Community Activities**

Active community member advocating for homeless and environmental issues

Moved back to Bellingham in 2016 by choice after a 13 year absence

**Qualifications Related to Position**

Management, project management, human and civil rights advocacy, environmental advocacy, homeless advocacy, non-property owner, working class poor, able to solicit all perspectives to issues for discussion and potential resolution

**Occupation**

Cook

**Resume and Cover Letter****Conflict of Interest****Signature**

Dana L Briggs

**Date Signed**

9/24/2018

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**Name**

Elizabeth Darrow

**Street Address**

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**Home Phone**

**Work Phone**

**Email**

**Are you a resident of Bellingham?**

Yes

**Are you a registered voter?**

Yes

**How many years have you lived in Bellingham?**

19

**Which neighborhood do you live in?**

Lettered Streets

**Describe your interest in this interim position**

I am committed to addressing the needs of underrepresented groups in our community. This includes farm workers, people of color, indigenous people, undocumented people, houseless people, and people living in poverty. I am interested in meeting with constituents and finding out what their needs are. The most important way to address the needs of underrepresented people in our community is to listen to the impacted people and to follow their lead on solutions. Currently I do not feel that the city council is adequately addressing the needs of underrepresented communities.

**Education**

BA, Fairhaven College - concentration in Political Science, Film, Dance, and Theater

**Professional / Community Activities**

media consultant and volunteer - Community to Community Development  
founding board member - Sunday Assembly Bellingham  
board member - Lettered Streets Neighborhood Association

**Qualifications Related to Position**

I believe strongly in listening to the needs of the people in my community. This includes farmworkers, houseless people, indigenous people, low income people, and most recently, families affected by the ICE raid in Bellingham. I believe in the power of the people to lead themselves, particularly the folks who are not currently represented by the Bellingham City Council. No one knows better how to solve problems than the people most impacted and least represented. I am dedicated to listening to and following the leadership of the people, whether I am appointed to the city council or not.

**Occupation**

video editor

**Resume and Cover Letter****Conflict of Interest****Signature**

Elizabeth Darrow

**Date Signed**

9/25/2018

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**Name**

Jamie K. Donaldson

**Street Address**

**Do you have a mailing address different than your street address?**

**Home Phone**

**Work Phone**

**Email**

**Are you a resident of Bellingham?**

Yes

**Are you a registered voter?**

Yes

**How many years have you lived in Bellingham?**

10

**Which neighborhood do you live in?**

Fairhaven

**Describe your interest in this interim position**

I would welcome and enjoy the opportunity to further my 10 years' of civic engagement and volunteer service to the City of Bellingham and its residents, by completing the term of departing at-large Council Member, Roxanne Murphy. Moreover, it would be an honor to carry on her orientation towards social justice in the work of Bellingham city government. The one-year tenure of this position fits my professional and volunteer career path.

**Education**

Masters Degree from University of California, Los Angeles

Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Washington, Seattle

Ongoing professional development and training in areas such as "Implicit Bias," inter-cultural communication, conflict resolution, nonviolence, community organizing

### **Professional / Community Activities**

#### **Current**

- Part-time employment with University of British Columbia Extended Learning, co-managing professional certificate program "Aboriginal Health and Community Administration"
- President, Board of Directors, Bellingham Food Bank
- Member, Historic Fairhaven Association Tree Committee
- Ongoing participant, Whatcom Peace Vigil
- Volunteer for Lydia Place, Whatcom Peace & Justice Center, Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association, Bellingham Parks and Recreation, Whatcom Literacy Council

#### **Past**

- Founding Director, Whatcom Peace & Justice Center, Bellingham
- Program Coordinator Volunteer Lawyers Program, Spokane County Bar Association
- Program Manager, Opportunities Industrialization Center Farmworker Investment Program, Mt. Vernon

### **Qualifications Related to Position**

Within certain circles here in Bellingham, I am viewed as a community leader with integrity, who has extensive life and professional experience, cultural competency, and a commitment to diversity and equity. I am a clear-headed and strategic thinker who understands that there are both large and small matters that require the attention of elected leadership, as exhibited in my current position as President of the Board of Directors of the Bellingham Food Bank.

An attentive listener, I take the time for careful discernment before weighing in matters of importance. These skills were particularly useful during my four years of leadership at the Whatcom Peace & Justice Center, recognized last year by the Mayor and Bellingham City Council for its 15 years of service to the community.

In all my professional and volunteer positions, I've exhibited a collaborative and respectful work style. Fairness and fair play are important to me. In addition, I have worked to develop effective communication skills both as a public speaker and persuasive writer. On a personal note, I would bring to this position my bilingual Spanish ability, as well as my neighborhood engagement as an environmental advocate and renter.

### **Occupation**

Education Management

### **Resume and Cover Letter**

JKD Resume\_COB.pdf

JKD Cover Letter\_COB.pdf

### **Conflict of Interest**

### **Signature**

Jamie K. Donaldson

### **Date Signed**

9/23/2018

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September 23, 2018

Dear Bellingham City Council Members,

While hoping to avoid appearing pretentious, it would be both an honor and a pleasure to complete the term of outgoing at-large Council Member, Roxanne Murphy. I, too, have a social justice orientation and this, along with solid professional and community leadership skills, is what I would bring to Bellingham City Council.

On two different occasions, each for five years including the present time, I've lived, worked and volunteered in Bellingham. I consider myself an engaged citizen who would enjoy the opportunity to contribute further on City Council. For the past three years I have served as elected President of the Board of Directors of the Bellingham Food Bank and it is in this capacity that I've had ample opportunities to exercise my skills in fiscal oversight, building partnerships, community outreach, networking, and strategic planning. I have a particular interest in equity and diversity which I bring to my leadership role at the food bank.

Currently I work part-time for the University of Columbia in Vancouver as co-manager of the professional certificate program, "Aboriginal Health and Community Administration. I support the online and classroom learning of 22 First Nations adult learners from throughout the province of B.C.

I'm proud of having been the founding director of the Whatcom Peace & Justice Center (WPJC) back in 2002, a non-profit organization recognized last year by the Mayor and Bellingham City Council for its 15 years of peace and social justice activism throughout Whatcom County. As director of the WPJC, I was responsible for initial fundraising and budgets, program development, event organization including the city's first commemoration of International Day of Peace, community outreach, as well as the day-to-day operations of the organization.

For ten years I have volunteered with a variety of local organizations including the Historic Fairhaven Association, Lydia Place, the Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association and the Whatcom Literacy Council. My work style is collaborative and respectful, and I am committed to fairness and fair play.

On the personal side, I am a renter here in Bellingham and have followed with interest the ongoing discussions about affordability and housing issues in general, particularly homelessness. In addition, I am proficient in Spanish and a keen listener.

Thank you for reviewing my application package.

Sincerely,  
Jamie K. Donaldson



## JAMIE KATHLEEN DONALDSON

### SUMMARY

I am a highly productive and compassionate professional who's worked in a variety of non-profit, educational, and volunteer settings. In everything I commit to, I bring integrity, attention to detail, cultural competency, clear thinking, and effective communication, both written and verbal.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Program Co-Manager**, The University of British Columbia, Vancouver *2010 - present*  
UBC consistently ranks among the 40 best universities in the world. I was hired by Extended Learning to overhaul and manage two professional certificate programs serving First Nations adult learners, and immigration law professionals.

- Currently supporting 22 First Nations adult learners enrolled in professional "Aboriginal Health and Community Administration" program, both in-class sessions and online learning
- Received Program Excellence Award from the Canadian Association for University Continuing Education for making the immigration law program more accessible to non-native English speakers

**President, Board of Directors**, Bellingham Food Bank *2015 – present*  
The Bellingham Food Bank is the second busiest food bank in Western Washington, serving over 13,000 customers monthly. It serves as a distribution facility for 20 other food programs throughout Whatcom County.

- Currently leading the organization through its three-year strategic planning process and facilitating monthly board meetings
- Introduced new program area of education on the roots of hunger in Whatcom County and advocacy to address them

**Mentor/Publicist**, SelfDesign High, Nelson, B.C. *2008 – 2013*  
SelfDesign High is an innovative high school with headquarters in Nelson, BC, and online degree programs for learners throughout the world. I was hired to help kick-start a major expansion of the school while also mentoring students from throughout the province of British Columbia.

- Doubled enrollment in less than one year by implementing promotional, media, and community outreach campaigns



- Successfully fundraised to send students to an international peace conference to meet and engage with Nobel Peace Prize laureates

**Program Coordinator, Spokane County Bar Association** *2006 - 2007*

Volunteer Lawyers Program, Spokane, WA is part of a state-wide network that provides access to justice for low-income individuals. Through my efforts, we increased clients served by 20% without a budget increase.

- Created agency's procedure for tracking and acknowledging *pro bono* lawyers' hours
- Produced agency's first marketing and informational materials in Spanish

**Founder and Director, Whatcom Peace & Justice Center, Bellingham** *2002 – 2005*

Catalyzing the energy of other activists, I created this non-profit organization which is now in its 16th year offering multiple programs throughout Whatcom County.

- Organized the city's first annual commemoration of the International Day of Peace
- Received 2015 Howard Harris Lifetime Peacemaker Award
- Received 2005 Whatcom Human Rights Task Force Award

**Program Manager, Instructor, 2000 - 2001**

Opportunities Industrialization Center Farmworker Investment Program, Mt. Vernon, WA. This program helps farmworkers transition to higher paid work. I oversaw a case management portfolio of 42 farmworker clients, determining barriers to employment, and taught career preparation courses at Skagit Valley Community College

- Identified creative placements and apprenticeships for hard-to-serve farmworker clients
- Helped women workers displaced from factory work prepare for re-entering the labor force in other capacities

## **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

**Master of Arts**, (Latin American Studies), University of California, Los Angeles, CA

**Bachelor of Arts**, (General Studies, Phi Beta Kappa), University of Washington, Seattle, WA

"Implicit Bias" and nonviolence training, Bellingham, WA

"Foundations and Skills in Intercultural Communication" courses, University of British Columbia

"Aboriginal World Views and Education" course, University of Toronto



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**Name**

Matthew Endrizzi

**Street Address**

**Do you have a mailing address different than your street address?**

Yes

**Mailing Address**

P.O. Box 2724, Bellingham, Washington 98227

**Home Phone**

**Work Phone**

**Email**

**Are you a resident of Bellingham?**

Yes

**Are you a registered voter?**

Yes

**How many years have you lived in Bellingham?**

2

**Which neighborhood do you live in?**

City Center

**Describe your interest in this interim position**

I would like to use the experience I have gained over the years to assist Council in grappling with the challenges of managing our Cities growth and development.

**Education**

Mt. Vernon High School Diploma 1973

Western Pentecostal Bible College Pastoral Studies Degree 1976

Whatcom Community College 1992

**Professional / Community Activities**

Sole Proprietor of The Betty Pages Cascadia's most Inclusive Alternative Lifestyle Tabloid.  
Member and twice Empress of ISCEE. Bellingham's chapter of the nations oldest LGBTQ fraternal organization. Past member of Bellingham Pride Committee. Host of The Betty Desire Show for 25 years.

**Qualifications Related to Position**

My experience entertaining as Betty Desire in Bellingham and beyond for the last 25 years has enabled me to build bridges and relationships with people that cross over much of the mosaic of social subgroups that all call Bellingham home. I will be able to tap into those relationships and bring their input to Council. My Sole Proprietorship of Matt's Place Ferndale and Matt's Place Bellingham have provided an understanding and empathy for the small business community that is the backbone of our Cities economy.

**Occupation**

Publisher of The Betty Pages. Entertainer

**Resume and Cover Letter**

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**Conflict of Interest**

**Signature**

Matthew Endrizzi

**Date Signed**

9/25/2018

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## Hello

**I'm Matt Endrizi, aka Betty Desire!**

## Objective

To take my community service to the next level by representing Bellingham on its City Council, at-large position.

## About Me

I have been doing community outreach and advocacy work in and around Bellingham and the Northwest for 25 years both in drag as Betty Desire and as a local business owner, publisher of an inclusive alternative lifestyle tabloid, and unofficial ambassador to Bellingham's LBGQT community. My unique life experiences would bring a fresh voice to the at-large position vacant on Bellingham's City Council.

Over the years, Betty's character has resonated with many of the diverse community and social sub groups that call Bellingham home. This has provided me a unique opportunity to build bridges of understanding between disparate groups of people, a quality I believe will enhance and assist city government in representing ALL of its residents. As a noted Bellingham icon, I would also be a voice for many who feel like they don't have a voice or have a connection to city government. Bringing the creative insights from these groups into play would benefit all of us who love our mosaic of free-thinking souls otherwise known as Bellingham.

## Experience

2003 - PRESENT

### **The Betty Pages, Bellingham** – *Founder & Publisher*

The Betty Pages is a monthly alternative lifestyle tabloid I created in 2003 to help facilitate communication within the various alternative lifestyle communities in Bellingham and the northern part of Puget Sound. The paper is supported solely by advertising and is available at over 100 locations in Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish and King Counties.



2000

**Brentwood Slide Memorial Scholarship, Bellingham – *Founder***

As Empress of The Imperial Sovereign Court of the Evergreen Empire in 2000 I got the necessary paperwork to start the Brentwood Slide Memorial Scholarship through the Western Foundation. The Societies Board agreed and it remains the ONLY LGBTQ-dedicated scholarship at Western Washington University.

2007 - 2015

**Bellingham Pride Parade Committee, Bellingham – *Board Member***

While serving on the Bellingham Pride Committee, I facilitated the beginning of the Pride Parade through procurement of necessary permits. I was also responsible for planning and organizing the annual Pride Family Picnic. While not currently on the board I remain a staunch advocate and promoter of what has become the second-largest Pride celebration in Washington State.

1990 - 1998

**Matt's Place, Ferndale & Bellingham – *Owner & Operator***

Local coffee house with an all-inclusive atmosphere.

## Education

1973

**Mt. Vernon High School, – *Diploma***

1976

**Western Pentacostal Bible College, British Columbia – *Pastoral Studies***

1992

**Whatcom Community College, Bellingham – *Associate's Degree***

## Awards

- Best of Bellingham's Best Character, 2012
- KOMO Bellingham's Best Person, 2012



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**Name**

Gabe Epperson

**Street Address**

**Do you have a mailing address different than your street address?**

**Home Phone**

**Work Phone**

**Email**

**Are you a resident of Bellingham?**

Yes

**Are you a registered voter?**

Yes

**How many years have you lived in Bellingham?**

3

**Which neighborhood do you live in?**

Happy Valley

**Describe your interest in this interim position**

I'm passionate about urban planning, affordable housing, small business development and tackling homelessness. I have experienced firsthand the difficulty of purchasing a home in Bellingham and affording day-to-day living expenses. I'm impressed with the number of small businesses downtown and I want to expand opportunities for small businesses to thrive downtown. I am a bicycle commuter and I'd like to see more work done to protect bikers' safety.

**Education**

Master's Degree in Public Administration- University of Utah, Salt Lake City. 2006  
Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Studies- Middlebury College, VT. 2003

**Professional / Community Activities**

Farm conservation, habitat conservation, park conservation with Whatcom Land Trust. I worked on the recent Galbraith Mountain Conservation Easement and the Governor's Point Nature Preserve Acquisitions with the City. I attend Bellingham Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (BUF). I volunteer for NSEA and the Land Trust on salmon habitat restoration efforts.

**Qualifications Related to Position**

I have a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Utah and I'm experienced in local government management, land use and transportation planning and conservation. Prior to moving to Bellingham I was a Certified Land Planner (AICP) and a member of the American Planning Association (APA). I managed and co-owned a small-scale development company in Salt Lake City focusing on affordable housing and commercial building renovation for local businesses. I managed and founded a non-profit land conservation organization- Wasatch Canyons Foundation. I'm experienced in land transactions and land conservation. I have led numerous community-involvement planning projects in Utah and led trainings in regional planning in Detroit, Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Newark.

**Occupation**

Conservation Director, Whatcom Land Trust

**Resume and Cover Letter**

Gabe Epperson\_Bellingham City Council.pdf

Gabe Epperson\_Resume 2018.pdf

**Conflict of Interest**

I or my spouse have a financial interest in, or are employed or are an officer of a business or agency that does business with the City of Bellingham

**Conflict of Interest Explanation**

My employer- Whatcom Land Trust- has engaged in land transactions with the City of Bellingham for conservation purposes. Examples include the recent acquisition of the Galbraith Mountain Conservation Easement and the Governor's Point Nature Preserve. Whatcom Land Trust holds Conservation Easements in the Lake Whatcom Watershed and has received funding to monitor and protect those easements.

**Signature**

Gabe Epperson

**Date Signed**

9/25/2018

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Re: Bellingham City Council Interim At-large Position

September 25, 2018

Dear Members of the Bellingham City Council,

I have lived in Bellingham for over three years in the Happy Valley neighborhood with my wife and two kids. I have been civically-engaged in the City as well as the County, primarily through environmental conservation work. I'm the Conservation Director for Whatcom Land Trust and have completed numerous farm conservation, park development and habitat protection projects throughout the County. I have been involved, behind the scenes in two major acquisition/conservation projects in partnership with the City of Bellingham- the recent Galbraith Mountain Conservation Easement acquisition and the Governor's Point nature preserve acquisition.

My background is in regional land planning with a focus on affordable housing, transportation planning and economic development. I was the Planning Director for the regional planning non-profit in the Salt Lake Metro area- Envision Utah. As the Planning Director I managed numerous community led, grassroots planning efforts to develop neighborhood plans, regional transportation plans and regional environmental protection plans- including Wasatch Canyons Tomorrow (17,000 participants statewide) and Blueprint Jordan River (3,000 participants in three Counties). Envision Utah was awarded a major grant during the Economic Stimulus of the Obama era to train other urban areas to do long-term regional scenario planning. I led trainings in Detroit, Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Newark on how to facilitate community-driven planning using various growth scenarios to model resource use, infrastructure costs and traffic/transit use. Having led numerous regional planning efforts, I believe that urban growth and infill-- when done well-- is the most effective approach to large-scale conservation. In my mind smart urban growth and infill are two sides of the same coin.

The three primary areas that I am interested in with regards to joining the City Council are 1) affordable housing, 2) homelessness and 3) small business development. Unsurprisingly, these three topics are also overlapping. I'm supportive of implementing the infill toolkit that was developed by the planning department. I've experienced firsthand the difficulty in purchasing a home in the rapidly increasing residential market. I'm waiting anxiously to see if the numerous new apartment complexes that have been built around the downtown area will have an impact on the rental market and residential home sales. After my stint with Envision Utah, I started a company that focused on affordable infill housing and renovating older commercial buildings for local businesses. I believe that I have a well balanced approach to encouraging the right kinds of development in our City, while protecting the character of our existing neighborhoods and the downtown district. I look forward to introducing myself to you all at the upcoming Special Meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sincerely,





## Gabe Epperson, MPA

### Experience

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June 2015- Present

Whatcom Land Trust

Bellingham, WA

#### **Conservation Director**

- Manage Conservation Department, including land acquisitions, conservation planning & outreach.
    - Hire and supervise interns and part-time staff supporting Conservation Program.
    - Oversee annual average expenditures on Conservation Program of \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 (mostly towards land acquisition costs).
  - Write and manage State and Federal Grants involving land transactions and public outreach efforts on long range conservation planning.
  - Developed and implemented public outreach program for Land Conservation Plan including on-line surveys and in-person presentations to approximately 300 Whatcom County residents.
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Oct 2012- May 2015

City Block LLC

Salt Lake City, UT

#### **Owner/Developer**

- Managed all aspects of small residential/commercial development company include land entitlement, contracts, permits, project management (coordinate with architects, engineers, realtors, banks, etc.), marketing and financing.
  - Built numerous single-family homes and town homes, and managed commercial renovation projects for clients in downtown Salt Lake City. \$1-\$3 million annual revenue.
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July 2008- October 2012

Envision Utah

Salt Lake City, UT

#### **Planning Director**

- Acquired \$100,000/yr in on-going funding for the Jordan River Commission; managed planning/public involvement projects *Wasatch Choice for 2040* (\$1.5 million budget), *Wasatch Canyons Tomorrow* (\$350,000 budget), and *Blueprint Jordan River* (\$300,000 budget)
  - Used innovative methods of public engagement through social media. *Wasatch Canyons Tomorrow* (17,000 participants); *Blueprint Jordan River* (3,000)
  - Supervised and managed 5-person Planning Department with \$500,000/yr budget
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Sept 2006- Dec 2007

Stone House Group

Bethlehem, PA

#### **Project Manager**

- Served as Facilities Director for the National Presbyterian Center in Washington: supervised LEED construction projects and a \$1 million+/year department budget; managed facilities contracts at two colleges in PA with multi-million dollar departmental budgets

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Feb 2003- Sept 2006

Envision Utah

Salt Lake City, UT

**Planner/GIS Specialist**

- Led production of *Economic Development Toolbox* and managed other land use/transportation planning projects and led GIS department

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**Education**

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2006

University of Utah

Salt Lake City, UT

**Master of Public Administration: Non Profit Administration/Public Policy**

- Master's Thesis: "Local government policies to promote redevelopment and diverse housing development."

2002

Middlebury College

Middlebury, VT

**Bachelor of Arts, Environmental Studies: Human Ecology**



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**Name**

Sarah Goodin

**Street Address**

**Do you have a mailing address different than your street address?**

Yes

**Mailing Address**

**Home Phone**

**Work Phone**

**Email**

**Are you a resident of Bellingham?**

Yes

**Are you a registered voter?**

Yes

**How many years have you lived in Bellingham?**

24

**Which neighborhood do you live in?**

Happy Valley

**Describe your interest in this interim position**

If appointed to this position, I would take this year as an opportunity to work in support of the city's progressive ideals and their practical application as outlined in the Council's existing plan, grow and develop community contacts and relevant knowledge base, to learn the scope of the responsibilities involved in council governance, and then take my experiences to the voters and run for the seat.

To this I would add that as a renter, a single parent, of the first generation in my family to graduate from a

four-year college, I would seek to speak not for, but in solidarity with some constituencies not represented in city government. It is my hope that my struggles to overcome the systemic limitations of poverty and underemployment and my resulting activation can inspire others in positions similar to mine to feel more represented, empowered and engaged.

### **Education**

I have a Bachelor of Arts in English from Western Washington University.

### **Professional / Community Activities**

Current: Campaign Manager, Cecily Hazelrigg-Hernandez for WA State Court of Appeals

Previous: Campaign Manager for Alex Ramel, State Rep. District 40

Volunteer: Initiative 1631, Bellingham Public Schools

Organizational Membership: League of Women Voters, Riveter's Collective, Bellingham Tenant's Union, Whatcom Democrats

Actively performing musician for 18+ years

### **Qualifications Related to Position**

I'm a capable professional with experience in community organizing, volunteer coordination, campaign management, communication strategy and content development, fundraising and public relations. I have an additional 15+ years professional experience in specialized administrative support services, focusing on efficiency development and data analysis. I have experience with accounting processes and budgets, developing systems that collect and interpret data for small business strategy. I also have powerful listening, communication and negotiation experience, and strong interpersonal skills. It is my hope that I can use these experiences in service to my community and this Council.

### **Occupation**

Campaign Manager

### **Resume and Cover Letter**

Resume for Sarah Goodin, September 2018 (1).pdf

Cover Letter to City Council.pdf

Sarah Goodin, Reference Letter.pdf

### **Conflict of Interest**

### **Signature**

Sarah Goodin

### **Date Signed**

9/25/2018

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Bellingham City Council  
210 Lottie St.  
Bellingham, WA 98225

September 25, 2018

Greetings;

My name is Sarah Goodin, and I'm applying for the at-large position on Bellingham City Council.

With my application, I've included a resume of my most recent work, list of my civil engagements and volunteer activities, and a list of professional references. I have also included a letter of recommendation from a previous employer. I will have a second letter in the coming day. My most recent employment has been in campaign management, work that includes community organizing, voter engagement, volunteer recruitment, fundraising, strategy and communications. Additionally, I have 15 years administrative staff and marketing experience. What I have found is that my professional life has been primarily about becoming a central resource for information, support and a trusted means in developing big picture solutions through implementation of step-by-step processes.

The challenges in helping run operations for local small business, in communicating broad visions for other folks in my public relations work and experience managing political campaigns has ultimately helped me realize that though there are enormous responsibilities in a commitment to leadership of this kind (in addition to endless research, communication and legwork that must be done), I have yet to face a challenge I was actually unqualified for.

Whether in approving noise ordinance variances for contractors or seeking public comment on the long-term social impacts of a Homes Now tent city, City Council work strongly requires the highest level of administrative function and implementation. Careful analysis, a critical eye for detail, powerful listening, communication and negotiation techniques, all while keeping in mind the bigger picture are all skills I've developed through many years of practical experience helping others in my professional life. It is my hope that I can use these experiences in service to my community and this Council.

I view an appointment to the City Council as a chance to learn the breadth and scope that the seat requires, in tandem with providing support to the Council's existing agenda: to work with you in service to our housing insecure and homeless populations as the city explores alternative housing options, while continuing to pursue existing development models; to learn more about the differences between a Countywide Health assessment versus a Bellingham specific health assessment, and the potential impacts that these differences have on families and individuals

living within city limits; and of course, to use my contacts and resources to whip up community support for whatever comes up. I'm here to help accomplish good work.

My intentions, if appointed to this seat, are to grow into the position as I work every day to better support Council proceedings, and then take my experiences in the seat to the voters and run for it.

I truly appreciate your work and your consideration for this position.

Thank you,

Sarah Goodin

# Sarah A. Goodin

## **Skills Summary**

Driven support professional with experience in community organizing, volunteer coordination, campaign management and fundraising. Additional 15+ years professional experience in specialized administrative work, focusing on efficiency development and data analysis.

## **Highlights**

Creative Problem Solving	Community Organizing	Content Marketing
Communications and PR	Team Building	Fundraising
Administrative Management	Efficiency systems	Data management and analysis

## **Employment**

Committee to Elect Cecily Hazelrigg-Hernandez to WA Court of Appeals: Campaign Manager

- Campaign strategy, development and implementation
- Fundraising through direct donor contact, targeted email campaigns and event organization
- Communications, PR strategy for 4-county race

People for Alex Ramel, WA State Representative, 40th district: Campaign Manager

- Volunteer coordination and recruitment -- community building
- Voter analysis and field plan implementation
- Communications, PR and Marketing strategy for district campaign
- Event planning and fundraising

Patti Rowles Consulting: Social Media Manager

- Use multiple online platforms and database systems to target, engage, create and organize communications for clientele
- Provide individualized engagement communications through social media platforms
- Create and schedule content for 12+ different small business clientele

Chuckanut Bay Foods: Sales Administration and Marketing

- Data collection and analysis to target new business opportunities and develop sales and marketing strategy
- First point of contact communications, compliance and company events logistics
- Create content for multiple social media platforms and visual marketing materials

## **Contract Work**

Campaign to Renew the Bellingham Home Fund:

Three month marketing planning and implementation, crafting original content to educate voters in the value of funding affordable housing levy.

Sara Holodnick:

Social media/brand consultant for new business, advising on social media campaigns, content and original outreach methods to increase community engagement

## **Education**

Western Washington University: Class of 2012, B.A. English

**Volunteer and Community Activities**

Volunteer: Initiative 1631, Bellingham Public Schools

Organizational Membership: League of Women Voters, Riveter's Collective, Bellingham Tenant's Union, Whatcom Democrats

Actively performing musician for 15+ years

**Professional References**

Alex Ramel

Extreme Oil Field Director, STAND.earth

Cecily Hazelrigg-Hernandez

Public Defender, Skagit Valley

Future Judge, WA State Court of Appeals

Galen Herz

Campaign Manager, Bellingham Home Fund

Carrie Blackwood

Barron Smith Law



Dana Hickenbottom

To whom it may concern:

Sarah Goodin was employed at itek Energy as an administrative assistance and Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) coordinator. As the manager of our technical support department it was my pleasure to oversee Sarah's duties as RMA coordinator.

Sarah is an incredibly hard working and motivated person. When the RMA coordinator responsibilities were passed on to her she took to her new duties with incredible vigor and passion. It was immediately apparent that she has an eye for systems and organization. She quickly noticed inefficiencies in the existing RMA process and we working closely together on redeveloping the entire system. I can say with confidence that without Sarah's valuable contributions we would not have the streamlined process we enjoy today. The RMA process also requires a high degree of time management, which is another strength Sarah possesses. Sarah skillfully managed the RMA process for hundreds of pieces of equipment, something that could have easily required a full time employee. Sarah managed to complete this significant amount of responsibility on a part-time basis without ever sacrificing the quality of her work.

Sarah was in constant communication with our most valuable customers. Her prompt, professional responses to customer's questions and requests maintained the high standard of customer support I expect from my employees. I would routinely receive positive feedback from our customers regarding their interactions with Sarah. Sarah was also a joy to have in the workplace. Her sense of humor and positive energy was a welcome addition to our small administrative team. She genuinely cares about the people around her and was quick to offer words of encouragement if she noticed a co-worker was in need of support. Sarah would be an amazing addition to any workplace.

If you have any additional questions about Sarah's qualification please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Dana Hickenbottom  
Application Engineer, itek Energy



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**Name**

Hollie Huthman

**Street Address**

**Do you have a mailing address different than your street address?**

**Home Phone**

**Work Phone**

**Email**

**Are you a resident of Bellingham?**

Yes

**Are you a registered voter?**

Yes

**How many years have you lived in Bellingham?**

19

**Which neighborhood do you live in?**

Cornwall Park

**Describe your interest in this interim position**

Over the two decades I've been a resident of Bellingham, I have paid close attention to the city council and the issues it has grappled with during that time. I feel my educational, employment and current entrepreneurial backgrounds, as well as my close association and leadership within the arts/music community, would lend a valuable perspective and diversity of viewpoint to the council. If appointed to the interim position, I plan to run for re-election.

**Education**

B.A. in Sociology from Western Washington, 2003

My focus within Sociology was Criminology, but I also found value in studying research methods, statistics,

demographics, media studies, and the sociology of aging.

### **Professional / Community Activities**

Co-owner and manager of The Shakedown, a music venue in downtown Bellingham

Consumer Loan Underwriter with WECU from 2003 to 2015

Board Chair for Make.Shift, an all-ages arts and music space

Co-chair for Bellingham Nightlife Association

Through owning a business and being on the board of directors for a non-profit, I have experience creating budgets and can read (and create) financial reports. I also have 12 years of banking experience.

I enjoy interacting with community members and attending public meetings. Over the past eight years I have frequented community meetings such as the Downtown Neighborhood Association, DBP Safety Meetings, and Hospitality Resource Alliance (now Bellingham Nightlife Association). I believe I would be an approachable and social council member and enjoy that aspect of the position.

I have been involved with the Bellingham arts and music community for almost two decades as a musician, music venue owner and board chair of an all-ages arts and music space. As the City of Bellingham values our creative community and supporting arts and music as a city, I would lend valuable perspective and connection in this area as well.

### **Qualifications Related to Position**

In short, I believe I can add value to the council as a young, female business owner involved in the local arts and music community who has a financial background and board of director experience with almost two decades of residency in Bellingham.

My sociology studies have influenced a belief that public policy should be heavily influenced by facts, data analysis, research findings and experts. I also value discussing issues with people who have a variety of perspectives and ideas to help form a well rounded understanding.

My banking and business backgrounds lend to an understanding of the factors involved with budgeting. I have also worked directly with the finances of a diverse spectrum of the community, giving me an understanding the variety of financial needs and considerations within our community.

I enjoy creating solutions and problem solving collaboratively. Even with people I disagree with. I am well practiced at making difficult decisions.

Over the last 19 years I have rented in the Puget, York, Sehome, Downtown, Alabama Hill, Roosevelt and Birchwood neighborhoods. Recently I was fortunate enough to purchase my first home, a diamond-in-the-rough house in the Columbia neighborhood near the border of the Sunnyland neighborhood. I also lease commercial space, which houses my business. I can add perspective as a resident of many of our fine neighborhoods, a renter and recent first time home buyer.

### **Occupation**

Business Owner

### **Resume and Cover Letter**

Hollie Huthman Recommendation (1).pdf

hollieletter.revised (2).docx

Resume - City Council.pdf

### **Conflict of Interest**

**Signature**  
Hollie Huthman

**Date Signed**  
9/25/2018

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## HOLLIE HUTHMAN

### Relevant Work Experience

#### Co-Owner and Manager, The Shakedown — 2011-Present

The Shakedown is a live-music venue in downtown Bellingham, established in 2011 and expanded to include "The Racket Bar and Pinball Lounge" in 2015. As co-owner and manager, my duties include overseeing the booking of all shows/events, promotion and marketing, bookkeeping, as well as, managing approximately 20 employees.

#### Consumer Loan Underwriter, WECU — 2003-2015

I was a Consumer Loan Underwriter for nine of my twelve years with the organization. Duties included analyzing credit reports and assessing risk.

### Relevant Volunteer Experience

#### Board Chair, Make.Shift Arts and Music, Bellingham, WA — 2015-Present

Make.Shift is an all-ages arts and music non-profit organization that has been in existence for 10 years. I joined the Make.Shift board of directors in 2015 and was elected to the position of Board Chair in 2016. During my time on the board I have been involved with creating budgets and analyzing financials, recruiting new board members, and hiring two Executive Directors.

#### Co-Chair, Bellingham Nightlife Association (Formerly H.R.A.) — 2011-Present

The Bellingham Nightlife Association (formerly the Hospitality Resource Alliance) is a sub-committee of the Downtown Bellingham Partnership, and led by a steering committee I help chair. This group is similar to a business or neighborhood association, bringing together bar and restaurant owners and managers with professional staff (COB, WWU, BPD, LCB, etc.) who contribute to conversations about Bellingham bar and restaurant interests and concerns.

### Education

#### Western Washington University — Sociology, 2003

While I had numerous interests within Sociology, I sustained a heavy focus on Criminology.

Bellingham City Council  
210 Lottie Street,  
Bellingham WA 98225

Dear Councilmembers,

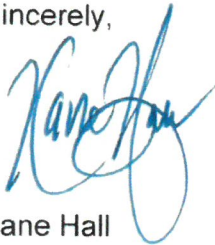
I am writing you today in support of Hollie Huthman's appointment to the upcoming vacancy on the City Council.

Hollie is reliable, dedicated, upbeat and well connected to the downtown business community. As a small business owner she will bring a needed perspective to the City Council. She is an active community member who often participates in the Downtown Neighborhood Association, safety meetings and Hospitality Resource Association. I have witnessed her develop solutions and problem solve collaboratively and I know she will be a very "accessible" council member.

Hollie has served on the board of a non-profit, has many years of banking experience and has lived in Bellingham for over twenty years. I respect Hollie as a leader and a mentor. She is a real team player who's enthusiastic embrace of change and unwavering commitment to exceeding expectations does not go unnoticed.

Thank you for your consideration and should you need any additional information regarding this recommendation please call upon me.

Sincerely,



Kane Hall

City Council Members  
City of Bellingham  
210 Lottie Street  
Bellingham, WA 98225



September 21, 2018

Dear Bellingham City Council Members,

I'm writing today to recommend Hollie Huthman for the Interim City Council At-Large position with the Bellingham City Council. Hollie has been an active citizen of downtown Bellingham over the past 10 years, benefiting both downtown and the Downtown Bellingham Partnership (DBP), and I believe she has the background and skills to be a great addition to the Council.

She has been a business owner since 2011 and was instrumental in creating The Shakedown, an important anchor music venue on State Street, enriching the music scene and generating excitement around the State Street entertainment district. She continues in the role today, acting as a voice and advocate for the district.

She has become involved in other aspects of the music scene by joining the Make.Shift board of directors, where she now leads as the chair. This nonprofit supports Bellingham musicians and artists in addition to hosting a community radio station, KZAX, which features local programming and music.

Hollie has also been a longtime participant in the Hospitality Resource Alliance, which formed to promote a safe and healthy nightlife for WWU students. In addition, she has served on the DBP's Safety Committee, bringing valuable insights to how to increase the perception of safety downtown.

I confidently recommend Hollie to join the Bellingham City Council. As a dedicated and engaged downtown business owner and committed volunteer, I know that Hollie will be a fantastic addition to the Council. I believe her thoughtfulness, intelligence and passion for our city are attributes that will benefit the Council as well as our community.

Respectfully,

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Alice Clark



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**Name**

Tip Johnson

**Street Address**

**Do you have a mailing address different than your street address?**

**Home Phone**

**Work Phone**

**Email**

**Are you a resident of Bellingham?**

Yes

**Are you a registered voter?**

Yes

**How many years have you lived in Bellingham?**

44

**Which neighborhood do you live in?**

Happy Valley

**Describe your interest in this interim position**

- An abiding interest in city planning and public policy
- Familiar with public process and procedures
- Familiar with major issues and options
- Available time and enthusiasm

**Education**

- Fairhaven College, WWU – BA, Community Systems & Structures

**Professional / Community Activities**



- International trade
- Diplomatic service
- Local business
- Numerous community boards and committees

**Qualifications Related to Position**

- Eight years prior Council service
- Decades of results-oriented community interest advocacy
- Some relevant experience and a few considered opinions

**Occupation**

- Information Manager and Equipment Broker

**Resume and Cover Letter**

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**Conflict of Interest**

**Signature**

Tip Johnson

**Date Signed**

9/25/2018

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## APPLICATION FOR INTERIM COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

September 24, 2018

To: Bellingham City Council  
210 Lottie Street  
Bellingham, WA 98225

From: Tip Johnson

### SUMMARY:

#### Preliminaries:

- Same street and mailing address
- Registered voter
- 44 years in Bellingham
- 43 years, same house in Happy Valley

#### Interest in position:

- An abiding interest in city planning and public policy
- Familiar with public process and procedures
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#### Occupation:

- Information Manager and Equipment Broker

#### Conflicts of Interest:

- None

(Disclosure: Nephew employed in Finance Department)

(See also résumé)

Honorable Council Members,

I have a long history of local, results-oriented community achievement - reducing pollution, preserving natural areas, creating recreational opportunities, and protecting public interests.

I am a strong proponent of neighborhood-based planning. Left to me, neighborhoods would have more to say about growth and development. Neighborhood plans would provide for zoning adjustments and overlays allowing residents to design their place in view of citywide needs. Low cost funds would be available for neighborhoods to invest in lasting improvements.

But for now, we have a housing crisis. After general poverty, much of the problem hinges around drug use and mental health issues. We need shelter, but we also need services.

There is some hope on the services side, at least for treatment. Beds are being added. That will help. But There's only so much to go around. Continuing criminal justice reform is the only way more humane and productive programs can gradually replace other costly conventional practices. I have followed this issue and believe better results can cost less.

Housing is complicated, but we need more of it. Building up instead of out has obvious advantages - if not many benefits for neighborhoods. Apartment blocks are efficient but not well suited to everyone. Mobile home and 'vacation' parks could fill important gaps. DADUs are a tiny step and we haven't yet even mentioned tiny homes! We must work toward a quality and diverse housing stock, but for now may need to explore all manner of creative solutions to temporary, interim, transitional housing - and just plain shelter. Public housing and stable neighborhoods should remain steadfast priorities. Neighborhoods are key.

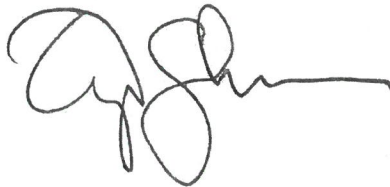
Housing and transportation are as hand in glove, and we should anticipate the need for a better fit. Transportation is costly and causes a lot of problems. We should be thinking well in advance about better modal separation, more electric vehicles, reducing petroleum, more transit, better air quality and how to stop polluting salmon streams. We should make sure usual practices don't paint us into a corner or end up costing more.

It's an exciting time in our country. A growing Bellingham faces many of the usual problems. As federal deficits trickle down to budget cuts, new problems will surface even as progress is slowed on the old. Our whacky republic demonstrates that self-reliance remains our most sustainable strategy.

As always, I stand for good government, an open public process, equitable opportunity and outcomes for the public good. I stand for clean air, land and water. I stand for social and economic justice. I'm here to work for sustainable neighborhoods in a vibrant, accessible city.

I appreciate your consideration.

Thank you,  
Tip Johnson

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## RÉSUMÉ

Tip Johnson

References readily available upon request

### SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE

(listed by category in reverse chronological order)

#### Most Recent:

- Equipment Brokerage, D'Angelo International - Web production, Database management, Procurement, Sales, Shipping logistics, Technical research and writing, Marketing, Customer service.
- Commercial Property Management, River Oak Properties - Web design and development, Marketing, Leasing, Document production, Customer service, Special projects (e.g. Street fair & Exhibits).
- Delegate, FTA/DOC International Mass Transportation Program - Trade and transit development missions to Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Nigeria, Independent research in London and Mexico.
- Program Development - Proposal for Transportation Opportunity Audits in Chad and Cameroon ancillary to World Bank project financing, FTA/TRB Study Proposal for Public/Private Partnerships.
- Managing Editor, [www.classicar.com](http://www.classicar.com) - All aspects of weekly web publication, Content management.

#### Policy & Legislative

- TEA-21 Program Development - Federal Joint Partnership Program for Early Innovation - PublicTransit, Policy review of NAAQS and vehicle scrappage regulations.
- Special Project - New County Formation and "grassroots" lobbying, WS Supreme Court ruling.
- Water Rate & Hoag's Pond Referenda - Qualifying ballot issues protecting *public* rights and interests.
- Public Office (1986-'93) - Two four year elective terms, Budget, policy, legislation, GMA, etc.
- D.O.E. Hazardous Waste Siting Criteria - Special report on revisions to RCW 70.105, Facility closure.
- Connelly Creek Nature Area - CDBG priority analysis, 23 Acre floodplain preserve, Trail corridor hub.

#### Entrepreneurial

- Asia rain Hardwoods - Sourced certified sustainable Asian hardwoods from recycled railroad sleepers.
- Kwicken Industries - Research, technical writing, Government affairs, Internet services.
- Kitten Kwicken - Product development, Manufacture, Marketing and distribution.
- Fairhaven Boatworks, Inc. - Lease negotiations; All financial, regulatory, and promotional aspects of business start-up, development, management and operation in a multi-jurisdictional context.
- Maritron Inc. - Product development, Manufacture, Testing, Business planning.

#### General

- Alaska Petroleum/Skagit Petroleum - AMHS vessel fueling, sampling, containment boom deployment.
- Farjo/Mittet Associates - Construction documentation, detail drawings, specifications, site inspections.
- City of Seattle, Seattle Center - Crew supervisor, Special grounds projects, Equipment operation.
- Theo Mittet Associates - Research, writing, Project direction, Planning and documentation, Tribal liaison.

#### Boards & Committees

- Friends of Whatcom County - Community-based environmental information publishing.
- Whatcom County Opportunity Council Board, diversified social services.
- Bellingham/Whatcom County Joint Lake Whatcom Watershed Committee
- Port of Bellingham Marina Advisory Committee
- Whatcom Museum of History and Art Board
- Bellingham Public Library Board
- Bellingham/Whatcom County Health Board
- Happy Valley Neighborhood Improvement Association Board

#### Special skills

- Group presentation and process, General government affairs, Constituent services, Legislative and policy analysis, Web development, Creative and synthetic problem solving, Sense of humor, Practical.

### EDUCATION

- Western Washington University, 1981 - BA, Interdisciplinary community development planning thesis, "Community: Systems and Structures" - a systems approach to community achievement.

### PERSONAL

- Born 11-10-1953 (Seattle, WA), Many daughters, growing number of grandchildren. Enjoy writing, art, music, building and using small boats. Reasonably proficient on harmonica and mountain dulcimer.





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**Name**

Jennifer Christine Mansfield

**Street Address**

**Do you have a mailing address different than your street address?**

**Home Phone**

**Work Phone**

**Email**

**Are you a resident of Bellingham?**

Yes

**Are you a registered voter?**

Yes

**How many years have you lived in Bellingham?**

20

**Which neighborhood do you live in?**

Birchwood

**Describe your interest in this interim position**

My interest in this position is to ensure all voices of our city are heard with compassion and responsive proactive action to alleviate bias, conflict, suffering, and hazards that impact us all as a city. My hope is that council endorses best practices and seeks best practices in research when not readily available, as well as recognizing the feasible genius being spearheaded by local agencies and nonprofits making positive and progressive changes on behalf of the people.

**Education**

AAS Legal Administrative Assistant, AAS Administrative Assistant, Social Media Marketing Certificate (BTC June 2018 Graduation)

**Professional / Community Activities**

Consumer Awareness Advocacy (food transparency, marketing), Organic food movement and supporter of non GMO project, local contact lead for world wide March Against Monsanto in Bellingham, WA since 2013; Homes Now volunteer since December 2017.

**Qualifications Related to Position**

My life story as a military brat having relocated and visited various states, encountering various forms of communication styles and lifestyles, engaging with people of various financial conditions, myself experiencing both wealth and poverty, positions me to receive community feedback with a broad spectrum of understanding, as well as challenge ourselves to higher standards with grace as we undergo growing pains as a growing city.

**Occupation**

Mother. Recent graduate. Artist. Humanitarian and advocate for environmental reform, human rights, animal rights, and common decency.

**Resume and Cover Letter**

2018 Resume - Jennifer Mansfield.pdf

**Conflict of Interest****Signature**

Jennifer Mansfield

**Date Signed**

9/14/2018

**NOTE: As a candidate for appointment, the above information will be available to the city council, mayor and the public.**

# Jennifer Christine Mansfield

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## OBJECTIVE

Administrative assistant for a local office with virtual or telecommuting flexibility.

## EDUCATION

Bellingham Technical College, Bellingham, Washington  
Administrative Assistant Associate of Applied Science Degree pending 2018  
3.63 grade point average

## 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, and canvas.

**Childcare** –*Student at Whatcom Community College*, Bellingham WA 56 months 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 33 months 2004 to 2007  
Scheduling clients, phone service, bank reconciliation, quarterly and end-year tax reporting.

**Accounting Associate** – *Wal-Mart*, Mount Vernon 21 months 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, and 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.



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**Name**

Michael McAuley

**Street Address**

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**Home Phone**

**Work Phone**

**Email**

**Are you a resident of Bellingham?**

Yes

**Are you a registered voter?**

Yes

**How many years have you lived in Bellingham?**

20

**Which neighborhood do you live in?**

Cornwall Park

**Describe your interest in this interim position**

Michael McAuley

Interest

Bellingham is a city in transition. Having written about, studied served about or steered many of the issues and outcomes in the city I have begun to understand our history. I am uniquely suited to step in to support the city's current work and I am eager to help the council take big, bold steps to prepare our city for where we are headed. Although this is an interim position, my passions for transportation, housing and economic development issues will be an asset for the council.

After working for eight years in my role as Commissioner to restore the Port of Bellingham's mission to



both grow and preserve the working class sense of place in our community, I planned to move on to a different public service role that would allow me to address these issues from a new angle. I set my sights on running for the 42nd district Senate, and through the exploratory phase of that campaign, I came to realize that Olympia is not where would be most effective. I made Bellingham my home exactly 20 years ago because I feel like I fit here, it's important to me that I give back to this place through my public service.

While at the Port, I was in the minority for six of my eight years. Regardless, I was able to redirect the waterfront plan such that we reinvigorated the shipping terminal, added new facilities and equipment for marine trades, saved the Washington Egg Cooperative granary building from demolition, and updated the Waterfront Master Plan to codify those changes. I believe people know me best as a tenacious progressive willing to push the envelope while working to build coalitions that can make impactful, tangible change.

Being familiar with the council's systems and processes, I will be ready to get to work on day one. Staff at the Port of Bellingham know me to be a thorough study, who reads any and all research I can get my hands on, so my learning curve about the issues currently on the council's agenda is sure to be lower than other candidates. In conclusion, I am prepared to do the hard work needed over the next year to help this council achieve the little things that create the fabric of a great city while standing with you to take big, bold steps forward.

## **Education**

Michael McAuley

Education

Centralia High School, Class of '88

United States Marine Corps – radio operators school, 1988 (continuing education '88-'92)

Centralia Community College, 1993-1995

The Evergreen State College, 1996-1998

BS Urban Studies – environmental and public policy focus

\* Led student project on invasive grass species in Willapa Bay

\* Partnered a student project to create a Fats, Oils and Greases program for the City of Olympia Public Works Department

Western Washington University, 1998-2004

MS Geography – land use policy focus

Thesis: Whatcom County Growth and Growth Management. Available on request

\*Led Student project to create an Environmental Impact Statement on the City Center Master Plan, authored the transportation element

Chuckanut Builders - Continuing Education, building science for high performance homes

## **Professional / Community Activities**

Michael McAuley

Professional and Community Activities

Previous

Lettered Streets Neighborhood Assoc. - board member 2002-2009

Downtown Renaissance Network – transportation board 2 years

Recreation Northwest – founding board member 2012-2018

Whatcom Council of Governments – 4 time board member

Whatcom County Econ Development Investment Board – 3 time board member

Washington Public Ports Assoc. Puget Sound Partnership – interim board member

Washington Public Ports Assoc. - conference speaker 2015

Honorary member Commercial Fisherman's Assoc of Whatcom County

Port of Bellingham Commission President – 3 time

Current

Washington Woodland Cooperative – board member since 2018  
Working Waterfront Coalition – ex officio board member since 2018  
Precinct Committee Officer - since 2018  
Candidate's Committee - 42nd District Democrats since 2018

### Qualifications Related to Position

Michael McAuley	Qualifications related to the position
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Lettered Streets Neighborhood Assoc – MNAC Representative, 6 years

Port of Bellingham Commissioner – 8 years. Duties similar to City Council but with direct control of the organization with the director working for the commission. My personal focus was on countywide economic development and waterfront redevelopment. Budgets were a specific passion.

Small business owner: Bramleberry 1999-2006  
McAuley Builders 2006-2013

I have also been involved in many committee memberships since 2002. Notably on the Old Town Plan; the Downtown Renaissance Network transportation committee; hiring committees for a public works director, a parks director, the WCOG director, 2 port directors and an economic development director.

## Occupation

## Builder

## Resume and Cover Letter

council cover letter.odt

resume.odt

### Conflict of Interest

**Signature**

Michael A McAuley

**Date Signed**

9/25/2018

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Michael McAuley

Honorable Councilors,

I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to present myself as a candidate for appointment to the council.

I've been told that I am hard to categorize. As a graduate school educated combat veteran who works in the building trades, promotes progressive values and loves to puzzle over the story of urban life, I can certainly see why. Rather than focus on how I fit, I'd rather be known for what I achieve. In my two decades here I've moved from being a participant at my neighborhood meetings to many leadership roles, including at the Port of Bellingham representing the economic interests of Whatcom County. Service to my community has become ever more important to me, the more experience I have doing it. I believe my background, education, experience, interests and energy align well with the needs of our city and our city leadership.

Again, thank your for your time and consideration for this appointment. I truly look forward to sitting with you all to discuss further.

Most sincere regards,

Mike McAuley

## Michael McAuley

### Education

Centralia High School, Class of '88  
United States Marine Corps – radio operators school, 1988 (continuing education '88-'92)  
Centralia Community College, 1993-1995  
The Evergreen State College, 1996-1998  
    BS Urban Studies – enviromental and public policy focus  
Western Washington University, 1998-2004  
    MS Geography – land use policy focus,  
    Thesis on Growth and Growth Management in Whatcom County

### Work History

Pope Farms, labor 1981-1983, foreman 1983-1988  
United States Marine Corps, radio operator 1988-1992  
Washington Crab, line operator 1992  
Lewis County Solid Waste, intern, 1993-1995  
Newell Hoerlings Mortuary, assistant 1994-1995  
Moduline Home Builders, framer 1995  
St Helena Cyclery, master mechanic 1996  
Private property management 1996-1998  
WWU – teaching assistant 1998-1999  
Brambleberry, owner 1999-2006  
McAuley Builders, owner 2006-2013  
Chuckanut Builders, superintendent 2013- current

### Commendations

National Honor Society- Centralia High School 1988  
Varsity Letterman – Centralia HS, 7 awards –  
    Track '84. Cross Country '87,'88. Wrestling '84,'85,'86,'87  
National Honor Society – Centralia College 1994, 1995  
United States Marine Corps – 2 meritorious promotions 1988, 1990  
United States Marine Corps – 3 meritorious masts, awarded for exceptional duty  
Centralia College – 6 time Dean's List 1993-1995  
Nationally ranked mountain bike multi-state champion, cross country - 2004, 2005

### References

By request





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**Name**

Shovia Muchirawehondo

**Street Address**

**Do you have a mailing address different than your street address?**

**Home Phone**  
(678) 837-8304

**Work Phone**

**Email**  
2shovia@gmail.com

**Are you a resident of Bellingham?**  
Yes

**Are you a registered voter?**  
Yes

**How many years have you lived in Bellingham?**  
3

**Which neighborhood do you live in?**  
Happy Valley

**Describe your interest in this interim position**

I believe in the power of community. Community is everything to me. How we build our community shapes how we live, whether we survive or thrive. I understand that creating policy is a process and that process must include the community. With this understanding, with my educational background and with my professional experience, I feel that I will be instrumental in trying to implement policies that address the needs of my community. In order for our town to stay strong, resilient and prosperous, equity and diversity are important factors to keep central as we create economic policy. These factors need to be considered as we build local small businesses. Financial solvency is a prerequisite for long term prosperity.

**Education**

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Bachelors of Arts Degree in Sociology/ Minor: Political Science  
Villanova University- New York, - Six Sigma Certificates ( Project Management, learn, green and black belt)

**Professional / Community Activities**

League of Women Voters-board member/ Advocacy co-chair  
Whatcom Human Rights Task Force- board member/ Education committee  
Generations Forward team member

**Qualifications Related to Position**

2 Years of Service as a Legislative page  
4 Years of Service as a State Legislature Assistant  
11 years of Supervisory and team leadership experience  
Effective listener, communicator and collaborative problem solver  
Budget oversight experience

**Occupation**

Equity Consultant

**Resume and Cover Letter**

Shovia City Council Resume.pdf

Shovia's cover letter.pdf

**Conflict of Interest**

**Signature**

Shovia Muchirawehondo

**Date Signed**

9/21/2018

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Good evening Mayor and City Council,

My name is Shovia Muchirawehondo, I would like to tell you a little about myself. I am a person who is known as a bridge builder, an action taker, a problem solver, and have the ability to make people feel at ease.

What has motivated me to be a community builder is my knowledge and experience of living with challenges and, in facing those challenges, considering the choices that I have to make things better. One pathway I consistently choose is to work alongside others. I believe we can overcome many challenges if we commit to working together.

My community advocacy began during my undergraduate studies at University of Wisconsin where I earned my degree in Sociology. While attending, I was an elected member of the student government and the Diversity Director of Student Affairs. I spent 4 years working as a legislative assistant for the Wisconsin State Legislature. During that time, I provided support to the Office of Legislative Legal Services by reviewing legislative documents and conducting policy research.

I am a unique candidate. I bring my perspective as a single mom of three children, an unwavering Community builder, a board member of the Human Rights Task Force, and a board member the League of Women Voters.

I see this opportunity to fill the interim position for At-Large for the City Council as a part of my life's purpose and as a civic gift. My focus, if given this civic gift, will be to prioritize the following:

- the preservation, development and improvement of safe, affordable and quality housing,
- maintaining clean air and sustainable environmental practices
- and promoting equitable practices in workforce hiring and small business development.

I see these priorities as expanding the legacy and work of past and current City Council members. This legacy is what drew me to Bellingham and includes being able to:

- drink tap water from my faucet without the fear of contamination,
- feel safe while out in my neighborhood and other parts of the city,

- have stable, affordable housing, which gives me and my children the opportunity to save in order to move beyond our current circumstances,
- and breathe clean air so that my son, who has asthma, has fewer days using his inhaler.

I would like to take this moment to thank you for this opportunity to compete for this Bellingham City Council seat. If given this chance, I would use my time on the council to listen to our city's residents, build consensus on the issues that matter to them and work together with residents to develop policies that will improve our city. I want Bellingham residents to know that I will try to do more than just effectively listen but will also work as a team member on the Council to implement what the community wants.



**Shovia Muchirawehondo**

**Education**

<b>University of Wisconsin Villanova University</b>	<b><i>Bachelor of Arts Degree Certificates</i></b>	<b>Major: Sociology, Minor: Political Science Six Sigma Black and Green Belt</b>	<b>1996 2006</b>
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**Certificates**

Microsoft Outlook, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Word

**Relevant Experience**

2017 - Current

**League of Women Voters of Bellingham/Whatcom County Board Member**  
Advocacy Committee / Racial Equity / Healthy Democracy Committee

**Whatcom County Human Rights Task Force Board Member**  
Education Committee

**Wisconsin Student Government Association**  
Student Government Elected Representative

1988- 1996

**Diversity Director of Student Affairs**  
University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee

**Chief Editor of Student Newspaper:**  
Invictus News  
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

**Student Teacher**  
Academic Advancement Program  
University of Wisconsin-Madison

**After School Homework Instructor for all general subjects**  
Boys and Girls Club  
Madison, Wisconsin

**Substitute Teacher**  
Madison Metropolitan School District

**Professional Experience**

**Legislative Liaison, Community to Community Development**  
Bellingham, Washington

2017

- Participant in workshops and conferences
- Conducted policy research
- Committed to stop the use of pesticides and GMO use and work towards a healthier food system

**Coordinator, Chamber of Commerce**  
Bellingham, Washington

2016 - 2017

- Monitored membership recruitment and retention efforts
- Editor in chief of all publications
- Served as primary media spokesman

**Customer Service Supervisor, Wipro Technologies,**  
Atlanta, Georgia

2014 - 2016

- Provided expert advice, coaching, and counsel to leaders and employees on HR programs

- Provided highly effective leadership in decision making and problem solving
- Produced high quality work, took initiative, prioritized business demands, and anticipated needs while remaining flexible and proactive
- Responded to customer concerns around performance management, improvement, misconduct and employee safety and team work
- Provided leadership, coaching, direct reports, and full-service day to day management

**Legislative Assistant, Wisconsin State Government**  
Madison, Wisconsin

2011 - 2014

- Provided support to the legislature in several broad areas: administrative, research and analysis and public relation
- Handled scheduling, travel and other office related matters
- Tracked issue specific to our legislative district, attended meetings and other informational gathering

**National Account Analyst/ Team Leader/ Supervisor, Verizon Wireless Company**  
Alpharetta, Georgia

2001 - 2007

- Reviewed all national accounts and identified opportunities for improved revenue and services
- Demonstrated personal commitment by adhering to Verizon Wireless code of conduct and guidelines in all area of business
- Rewarded for innovative methods of retaining both customers and employees and for positively influencing Verizon as a family friendly company to work for without loss of revenue
- Identified and recommended areas for improvement, provided strategic direction and input regarding overall Human Resources strategies that support the culture of the company direction, and the growth needs of the business and employees
- Provided leadership, coaching, direct reports, and full-service day-to-day management

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**From:** Ane Berrett  
**Sent:** Monday, September 24, 2018 1:34 PM  
**To:** CC - Shared Department  
**Subject:** Shovia Muchirawehondp

I am writing in support of the nomination of Shovia Muchirawehondp to fill the at-large position of the recently vacated position of Council member, Roxanne Murphy.

I serve on the board of the Whatcom Human Rights Task Force where I have come to know the talents and strengths demonstrated by Shovia. She has outstanding leadership and communication skills and is dedicated to cultural inclusivity and the protection of human rights in our community. On the Task Force, she demonstrates the ability to effectively mediate differences of opinion and represent those most unrepresented. She is also a mother of outstanding, responsible and well educated sons.

As a woman of color, she would represent our community well and fill a much needed niche in county government.

Thank you for considering my nomination.  
Ane Berrett

Julie Mauermann

September 24, 2018

Bellingham City Council  
Mayor Kelli Linville  
210 Lottie Street  
Bellingham, WA 98225

Dear Mayor Linville and City Council Members:

I am writing to share my enthusiastic support for Shovia Muchirawehondo to be the city council member appointee to complete Roxanne Murphy's term. I have never met an individual who has embraced our community like Shovia has - and she has done this with such open arms, respect and high expectations that we live up to our ideals as citizens. She appreciates all the ways that Bellingham is a vibrant city, and in our increasingly diverse community we would also benefit from the experience, knowledge and insights that she would bring to the complex issues that our city, and the council, faces.

She demonstrates her commitment to being actively engaged as a citizen through her informed participation in the schools her sons attend, and through her knowledgeable participation as a board member of the League of Women Voters and the Whatcom Human Rights Task Force. She is also a thoughtful, reliable participant in the community engagement project called Generations Forward which is charging multiple agencies to envision a community in which ALL Whatcom County children and families thrive. I have lived and worked in Ferndale and Bellingham for almost 40 years, and I am so impressed by all the ways Shovia has worked in this community to support connections across organizations and systems and to raise important considerations in how we show up for each other to create a truly inclusive community. She is a true bridge-builder, who sees all the good in our community, knows about the issues we face, and believes that we have the capacity to address them.

I highly recommend that you appoint Shovia Muchirawehondo as your new city council member colleague. She is poised to jump in and participate, and will not be a place holder, but a true partner in your work.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Julie Mauermann



As a resident, tax payer, and registered voter of Ward 5 in Bellingham for 30 years, I encourage the Bellingham City Council to choose Shovia Muchirawehondo to fill the at-large position recently vacated by Roxanne Murphy.

I have collaborated with Shovia over the last year on a couple of different community projects. We have worked together on a subcommittee of the League of Women Voters examining the impact of racial inequity on democracy and the role the League can play in addressing these inequities to ensure a healthier democracy. She has also added her voice to the over 150 participants of the Generations Forward, a community collaborative working to ensure that all young children and their families in Whatcom County have equitable opportunities to thrive.

I admire Shovia's ability to be at ease in a variety of community settings and to engage people in open dialogue with a genuine desire to learn and understand issues. She has remarkable energy and curiosity, as evidenced by her wide-ranging participation in community organizations and forums, while ably juggling the responsibility of being a single parent to three children, each in a different school with the Bellingham School District.

I feel that she would serve me and other city residents well as a representative on the Bellingham City Council. She understands our need to focus on equity as a strategy to ensure community health and well-being as we shape policy on housing, long-range planning, and economic development.

Allison Williams

Dear City Council Members,

My good friend Shovia Muchirawehondo is competing for an opportunity to become a member of Bellingham's City Council. My name is Deauna Davis and I am a woman of color. I've been a member of the community since 1991. I have had the honor of serving on a board of director alongside Shovia. She is a bridge- builder and strongly believes in equality for all. She also brings a unique and diverse voice, that can be of great benefit to the community. Through her many involvements in community organizations conveys her concern for our community. Shovia works well with others and is indeed a team player. She is a great mom and balances her life remarkably well. Shovia brings a unique and diverse voice, that would be of great benefit to the community. I strongly believe that Shovia would be a great asset for the city council.

Thank you,

Deauna Davis

September 23, 2018

Dear Council Members,

I am writing in support of Shovia Muchiraweho for the Bellingham City Council's Interim At Large position. I have only known Shovia for a less than a year but in that time I have had the pleasure of working with her in the Whatcom Human Rights Task Force and have been consistently impressed with the ways in which she interacts with others and works to effect systemic change. Shovia is an excellent listener and observer and is able to focus on core issues to move discussions forward. She works to make relationships with people in the community and moves to action in respectful and purposeful ways. Shovia is a woman of color that is deeply aware of the challenges of racism in our community and handles these situations with grace and honesty. She has collaborated with members of the Task Force to address the Bellingham School District regarding diversity training for staff and students. Whether she is speaking directly with someone regarding a difference of opinion or addressing leaders in the school district, Shovia leads with both her head and her heart. She makes connections this way and through these connections changes occur.

In addition to The Human Rights Task Force, I know that Shovia has supported the Birchwood Food Desert Fighters; Community to Community and Black Lives Matter. She has gone to work for our community.

Shovia is also the mother of 3 boys who are at the heart of the work she does.

This is a unique opportunity for the Council to take on a new perspective and I believe Shovia would be an asset to our city.

I hope that you will consider Shovia Muchiraweho for this Interim Council position.

Sincerely,

Colleen Semple

To the Council,

Re: Selection of a candidate to fill Roxanne Murphy's At Large Position.

I am so pleased my friend Shovia Mucherawehondo has applied for the City Council position vacated by Roxanne Murphy. Shovia is a great candidate to take Roxanne's place and will be an asset to the council. She is young, energetic and experienced working on legislative issues. She was a legislative assistant in the Wisconsin legislature for 4 years before moving to Atlanta to work in human relations for Wipro Technologies for several years. In her three years in Bellingham, Shovia has been involved in learning about and helping her community. At the present time she is a League of Woman Voters board member and also serves on the education committee on the board of the Human Rights Task Force. For the last 6 months she has served as a legislative liaison for Community to Community while doing research for them on pesticides and GMO's. Shovia helped gather signatures to put I-1631 on the ballot. She is the mother of two sons and also works part time as an equity consultant. And on top of all this Shovia has a great personality and works well with people, certainly a prime requisite for this position.

I know you will have a lot to consider but Shovia should be at the top of the list for this position.

Jayne Freudenberger



September 24, 2018,

Bellingham City Council  
210 Lottie St  
Bellingham WA 98225

Dear Council Members,

I am writing in support of Shovia Muchirawehondo's application for appointment to the Interim City Council At-Large position. I serve with Ms. Muchirawehondo on the Board of the Whatcom Human Rights Task Force and have worked closely with her on a variety of projects for the last 15 months. She is a strong leader, clear thinker, and articulate advocate for historically marginalized and underserved populations in our community. I consistently have found her to be well informed on a variety of issues that affect our city. She has consistently demonstrated the ability to pose viable, broad-based strategies to address challenges. Her recent work often has focused on issues of food security and food justice, racial and gender equity and immigration, however she also has previous experience and working knowledge of a broad range of issues addressed by the Council. As a single mother of three teenaged boys who attend Bellingham Public Schools and an outspoken advocate for children, Ms. Muchirawehondo has been directly involved in a number of projects of the Human Rights Task Force in support of equitable and safe schools. She has developed a positive and productive relationship with the Bellingham School District administration and is helping to create a collaborative process to ensure that all children attending public schools in Bellingham experience a safe, nurturing, and engaging school environment.

Bellingham would be well served by Ms. Muchirawehondo as a City Councilor and I urge the Council to appoint her to fill the vacant seat on the council.

With Kind Regards,

Victor Nolet, Ph.D.  
Professor of Secondary Education  
Western Washington University  
Member of Board- Whatcom Human Rights Task Force

September 24, 2018

Dear Bellingham City Council,

It is an honor for me to provide this letter of recommendation for Ms. Shovia Muchirawehondo for your open opposition in the Bellingham City Council. Before I even met Ms. Muchirawehondo, I learned of her courage and dedication in helping families. Since then I have seen her be instrumental in bringing impressive and constructive changes to our community through her insight, leadership, ingenuity and dedication. She is a selfless leader and a changemaker.

Shovia has a natural talent at building relationships with everyone she meets, and many people also looked to her for social-emotional support and help connecting with the resources they need. I cannot recall seeing that many people work more diligently for others. In a short time, Ms. Muchirawehondo has become a tremendous asset to the Bellingham community and I have such respect and appreciation for her work.

Ms. Muchirawehondo is a firm believer in change; she refuses to believe that cycles of poverty, low levels of education and poor health conditions have to be repeated. Her quick networking efforts in our community prove to our neighborhood partners that we can be hopeful for a collective impact in our community. I hold her in the highest respect for her dedication, and above all for her extraordinary heart. I give Ms. Muchirawehondo my highest endorsement to become a Bellingham City Council member.

Sincerely,



Isabel Meeker

September 21, 2018

City Council Members  
City Council  
210 Lottie Street  
Bellingham, WA 98225

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing in support of Shovia Muchirawehondo as a candidate for the open At-Large seat on the Bellingham City Council.

I have had the privilege and opportunity to work with Shovia on issues of equity, diversity and inclusion over the last year. Shovia's enthusiasm and commitment to these principles and understanding of the importance of this work have proved invaluable.

Her commitment to and engagement in our local community, and her work in state government before coming to Bellingham, have informed our work by enriching our conversations and guiding our efforts.

Further Shovia brings an energy, positive attitude and willingness to work with a variety of people of all ages, perspectives, backgrounds and attitudes, always keeping in mind the overarching goals. Shovia is committed to the fact that everyone's voice is not only important, but critical, if we are to achieve a truly healthy community.

Coupled with the personal and organizational talents noted above, Shovia's contributions on the Bellingham City Council will be an important acknowledgement that our community has taken an essential step toward engaging the talents, strengths and rich histories of all the residents in our community.

Thank you for considering this recommendation.

Sincerely,

Kay Ingram

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**From:** Karen Dade  
**Sent:** Monday, September 24, 2018 3:40 PM  
**To:** CC - Shared Department  
**Cc:** Shovia Muchirawehondo  
**Subject:** At-large Member Reference for Ms. Shovia Muchirawehondo  
  
**Importance:** High

To Whom It May Concern,

I am emailing this reference on behalf of Ms. Shovia Muchirawehondo. It is my hope and many other community members that you strongly consider appointing Ms. Muchirawehondo as an at-large member of the Council. Ms. Muchirawehondo is an incredibly involved member of the Bellingham community. About three years ago, I first met Ms. Muchirawehondo at a training held at Western Washington University. I was very impressed with her wisdom and insight, along with her kindness toward others. Since that time, we have either collaborated or worked together on WWU's campus, the Bellingham School District, Whatcom Human Rights Task Force, League of Women Voters, and other major Bellingham events. She is multi-talented, and I am honored that she has become a close colleague and friend.

In addition to her dedication to this community, she is a mother of three boys all of which attend Bellingham Schools. She is an outstanding mother, and is very involved in her children's education and community activities. Not only is she committed to the needs of her own children, she is committed to so many other children in the community as well. In closing, I must say that Ms. Muchirawehondo would be a valuable asset to the Council in a sundry of ways. In recognizing the exceptional person that Ms. Muchirawehondo is, I unequivocally support her in this appointment.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any further information.

Thank you kindly,

Dr. Karen B. McLean Dade,  
Professor  
Secondary Education  
Woodring College of Education  
Western Washington University



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**From:** William John  
**Sent:** Monday, September 24, 2018 1:01 PM  
**To:** CC - Shared Department  
**Subject:** Shovia Muchirawehondo

To whom this may concern,

I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Shovia Muchirawehondo who is applying for the city at large council seat.

I am William L. John, I am a retired Lummi language teacher of the Lummi nation. I have taught at Ferndale high school and Northwest Indian College. Currently a member of the Whatcom Human Rights Task Force. Shovia and I are board members of the task force. We have served the Whatcom community in capacities that reflect our indigenous and people of color.

We are both teachers, Shovia has been in our community for over a year, serving with women of color, Martin Luther King Conference 20017.

I don't like to waste words, because words in all languages are powerful and can be destructive. I use my Language, Lummi language to build bridges between our communities, of all faiths, skin color and protocol. I will vote of Shovia Muchirawehondo, please accept my words for the benefit of which the meant.

Hy'shqe Siam,

Wm. L. John (\*Xwelxwelat'se)\*

\*"There is a principle which is a bar against all information, which is proof against all arguments and which can not fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance-that principle is contempt prior to investigation."\*  
--HERBERT SPENCER

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**From:** Siv Spain  
**Sent:** Monday, September 24, 2018 12:07 PM  
**To:** CC - Shared Department  
**Subject:** City council vacancy - in support of Shovia Muchirawehondo

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing in support of Shovia Muchirawehondo for the city council at-large position.

I have gotten to know Shovia over the past year through our participation in Bellingham League of Women Voters. She proves to be a passionate person who advocates for all, but especially for those who historically have not had a voice in government decisions, and for those who are typically most impacted by those decisions.

She has been enthusiastically involved in the Bellingham LWV and is now on the board, worked as an advocate for food justice and farm workers at C2C, is active on the Human Rights Task Force and is also on the board of her neighborhood association.

As a woman of color, she would bring a much-needed and underrepresented perspective to our city council. She is committed to our communities who very much need their voices heard at the local government level, and is ready to work hard as a part of a team for our beautiful city. Through her work with C2C and Black Lives Matter Bellingham, she has established connections to communities that need to have more of a voice and representation in our city.

Shovia is friendly, outgoing, passionate and kind, and also brings her previous experience in politics, as well as her life experiences traveling and living abroad, to offer a well-rounded life and work experience that would benefit our city council. I very much recommend her for the at-large vacancy on the city council.

Thank you so much for your time.

Sincerely,

Siv Kristin Spain, M.A.  
Certified Secondary Ed. Teacher

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**From:** Geneva Blake <genevamlake@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 22, 2018 7:34 PM  
**To:** CC - Shared Department  
**Subject:** Letter of support for Shovia Muchirawehondo

To the City Council:

I am writing in support of **Shovia Muchirawehondo**, who is applying for the At-Large Council position vacated by Roxanne Murphy. I met Shovia not long after she moved to Bellingham and I deeply admire the ease and commitment with which she engages with matters of concern to her family within the context of the larger community. She works for equity and social justice with both passion and compassion, and is willing to listen and meet people where there are. If she does not know the facts about an issue, she makes it a top priority to do the research needed educate herself.

As a woman of color and a single mother of three school-aged sons, Shovia brings a much-needed perspective to the Council decision-making process. With limited means, she is creative and resourceful at making a comfortable and enriching home for her family. The Council has a rare opportunity to deepen and broaden its knowledge base by appointing Shovia to fill the vacant At-Large position.

Sincerely,  
Geneva Blake

KIRSTEN BARRON

Debbie Nelson, Paralegal

City Council  
210 Lottie Street  
Bellingham, WA 98225

KIRSTEN BARRON  
SALLYE N. QUINN  
ANDREW W. HEINZ  
ERIN CRISMAN GLASS  
OLIVIA J. BURKLAND  
CARRIE BLACKWOOD  
NOLAN DAVIDSON  
GRAHAM E. BUCHANAN

Re: Recommendation for Shovia Muchirawehondo

LARRY DAUGERT (Ret.)  
J. BRUCE SMITH (Ret.)

Dear Council Members:

I write to recommend Shovia Muchirawehondo for appointment to the Bellingham City Council At Large Position previously held by Roxanne Murphy.

I have gotten to know Shovia through our work together on the League of Women Voters – Bellingham – Whatcom County. We serve on the Board together, we are both members of the Racial Equity / Healthy Democracy Committee and we are co-chairs of the Advocacy Committee. I have had many, many opportunities to interact with Shovia in a variety of circumstances.

I believe she would make an excellent public official. She is effective, reliable and committed. Her skills and talents, personality and experiences bring a unique and diverse perspective to the Council.

She is an excellent communicator, patient and direct. She is level headed. Despite the intensity of the conversation around her, she is able to stay focused and clear in her communication. She does not lose her cool. I think this is especially important for this role.

Shovia does what she says she will do and always finds a way to participate and add value to whatever we are working on. She has a wonderfully positive energy that is authentic.

Shovia's experiences and personality will bring a different and much needed perspective to the Council. She is raising three boys as a single mom. This is an experience that many in the City face, yet it is unusual to find an individual with this experience serving as a public official. Our life experiences shape and inform our ability to understand and work with other people.

Shovia is a very thoughtful and kind person. Through our work, we have become friends. If there is someone in the room who is not talking or finds themselves on the



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edge of the circle, you can count on Shovia to bring them in – it is one of my favorite things about her.

Shovia has relevant work experience as a legislative assistant in Wisconsin. She can begin work as a Council Member with an understanding of government process.

In my experience, Shovia is almost always the only person of color in the room. I imagine that this is not an easy experience. I bring this up because she has been willing to reach out to us and to make connections with others in the community so that the League can do our work in a way that better reflects our community – the way it is as well as the way we want it to be.

It is hard to imagine a person who could better represent the citizens of the City of Bellingham. We would be so very lucky to have her serve in this role.

Sincerely,



Kirsten Barron



# Application for Appointment to Interim City Council At-Large Position

City of Bellingham Charter  
2.05 Eligibility To Hold Elective Office

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To be eligible to hold elective office the person must be a registered voter of the City and a resident of the City for one year next preceding the election. Residence and voting within the limits of any territory which has been included in, annexed to, or consolidated with the City is construed to have been residence within the City. No City elected officer shall hold any other office or employment within the City government.

**Name**

Ralph Myers

**Street Address**

**Do you have a mailing address different than your street address?**

**Home Phone**

**Work Phone**

**Email**

**Are you a resident of Bellingham?**

Yes

**Are you a registered voter?**

Yes

**How many years have you lived in Bellingham?**

9

**Which neighborhood do you live in?**

Cordata

**Describe your interest in this interim position**

Currently I am the president of the Cordata neighborhood association and I feel it is critical that every citizen be involved with the activity of their governments. It matters not at what level of government you are involved with, local, state or federal, I feel voting is critical but not enough. If I am appointed in the interim position I hope to encourage, and get more people involved in government affairs. Without involvement by the citizens, their advice and consent, there can be no government accountability.

**Education**

High School and some college

**Professional / Community Activities**

Current President of the Cordata Neighborhood Association. On the Board of Directors of the Corona Court Neighborhood Association, past Chairman of the Board of the California Moving & Storage Association. Also I publish the Cordata and Corona Court newsletters. I am an author, having written and had published six books.

**Qualifications Related to Position**

As a former business owner I know how to successfully run an enterprise. I have served on various boards of directors not only in business but also in Victims Rights groups in California advocating for victim's rights. I have been instrumental in helping to establish a Crisis Response Team for the LAPD after my 25 year old son was murdered in 1993. I have worked closely with California Senator Diane Feinstein, Arizona Senator Jon Kyl in the 90's when they introduced a "Crime Victims Rights Amendment to the US Constitution. Also, I worked as a victim's advocate with Senator Feinstein and California Representative Brad Sherman on behalf of a young Korean woman whose husband was murdered before they were married the required 2 years and she was going to be deported back to her native country. Senator Feinstein introduced a Private Relief Bill in the U.S. Senate, and Congressman Sherman, in the U.S. House of Representatives that was for the exclusive benefit of the young woman I was advocating for allowing her an exemption to the then INS rules and regulations. After two years of lobbying and many setbacks the Bill finally passed and was signed into law by former president Clinton, I have supplied copies of my activities and achievements along with this application.

**Occupation**

Retired, Former owner of a moving company in Los Angeles.

**Resume and Cover Letter**

My application letter for City Council  
Appointment.docx

Ralphs Experience and  
AchievementsRevisedSept2017.docx

**Conflict of Interest****Signature**

Ralph L Myers

**Date Signed**

9/14/2018

**NOTE: As a candidate for appointment, the above information will be available to the city council, mayor and the public.**

September 12, 2018

Bellingham City Council

City Hall, 210 Lottie Street

Bellingham, WA 98225

Re: My application for the open "At-Large" position on the council

Dear City Council Members:

My name is Ralph Myers and I am applying for and hope to be selected as the replacement council member for Roxanne Murphy.

I would make a good member of the City Council because; even though I am not a professional politician I am not a novice. In my 77 years on this earth I have always been active in the local, state and national political process. Currently, I am the President of the Cordata Neighborhood Association, and as a part of that (our) neighborhood I believe it is of vital importance to advocate on behalf of its residents.

I believe each of you have had the chance to review my life experiences, some that were tragic, but I felt the correct approach to problems and societal tragedies was to deal with them head-on in a proactive and helpful manner, rather than withdrawing, complaining and becoming bitter and disillusioned. It is with this mind-set that I will serve the people of Bellingham by representing them in City Hall.

The resume I supplied lists my lifetime involvements and as one can see they are probably different than what other hopefuls applying for this job have. I have successfully worked with/for both Democratic and Republican sides of the aisle and learned firsthand the inner-workings of government and can work in a positive, polite and a consensus achieving way that will help provide leadership and aid to the council and to the citizens of our wonderful and beautiful city of Bellingham.

I look forward to my three minutes before the council on October 1, 2018 and feel certain that you all will agree that I am a viable, valid and experienced candidate to be considered for the replacement position.

Respectfully yours,

Ralph L Myers



**Ralph L Myers**  
**Experience and Achievements**

**Military Service**

I enlisted and served in the U.S. Army for three years from 1960-1963. I was honorably discharged in March of 1963 after spending most of the three years in Germany. I was assigned to the ASA (Army Security Agency) as a Countermeasures Search Specialist.

**Private Sector**

Served on the Board of Director's of the California Moving & Storage Association from 1976 until 1987. I was elected by my peers in the moving and storage industry as Chairman of our state association serving as Chairman of the Board for the one-year term.  
I currently have a copywriting business RFTM Copywriting Services that I am trying to get off the ground and running. It is licensed in the State of Washington. From 1985 until 2004 I was the owner and president of a Los Angeles, CA based moving & storage business. (Diversified Moving Systems, Inc.)

**Experience with Victims**

I became a crime victim as a survivor when my 25-year-old son Tom was murdered in July of 1993.

I became a member of Parents of Murdered Children, Inc. in 1993 after my son's murder, serving as a Chapter Leader and Board of Director's member. I attended Leader Training at POMC's national headquarter office in Cincinnati, OH in 1998.

I am a past member of the Advisory Board of Director's for two California based victim's organizations "Justice for Homicide Victim's and the "Nicole Parker Foundation."

I served as a charter member of the Los Angeles Police Department's West Valley Division' crisis response team. I also graduated from the 10 week LAPD's Community Police Academy.

I graduated from a 40 hour crisis response team training course sponsored by "NOVA" (the National Organization of Victims Assistance) located in Washington, DC.

I was a Volunteer Speaker for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office of Victim's Assistance. I have given speeches to wards (inmates) of the California Youth Authority's Norwalk and Ventura, CA facilities about the impact their criminal actions have not only on their victims, but also on the survivors and the entire community.

As a crime victim survivor I served as a member of a Juvenile Crime Task Force committee established by former Los Angeles County District Attorney Gil Garcetti.

Ralph L Myers (Continued)

I was appointed by California Congressman Brad Sherman as Chairman of a Youth Violence Task Force and traveled to Washington, DC with the two essay winners for a conference on teen violence.

As a crime victim I hosted a press conference with California Senator Dianne Feinstein along with other victims as she introduced the "Victim's Right's Amendment" to the US Constitution that she and Arizona Senator Jon Kyl were sponsoring.

I have worked passionately as an advocate for a victim survivor whose husband of eleven months was murdered during a robbery at a Denny's Restaurant in Reseda, CA. The victim survivor was going to be deported back to her native country of South Korea because her marriage was ended before two years as was then required by INS regulations.

I worked with Senator Feinstein and Congressman Sherman who introduced "Private Relief Legislation" in Congress allowing her to remain in the United States. After more than two years of hard work and lobbying as a private citizen with the clout and influence of Senator Feinstein and Congressman Sherman congress enacted a Private relief Bill on her behalf which passed both Houses of Congress and was signed by President Clinton on November 10, 1997.

**Personal Achievements**

After the murder of my son I started writing poetry as an outlet for my grief and have since become a published author of five novels and currently I am writing a sixth one. Writing has become a diversion for my grief. I just finished writing a book about the history of the Cordata Neighborhood Association as narrated by Co-Founder Julianna Royal Guy. The book was published by local publisher Village Books in Fairhaven. I donated my time and efforts at no charge to the Cordata Neighborhood Association. I also serve on that organizations Board of Directors, as its president.

**Position Sought**

I am retired and looking to offer my lifetime experiences, involvement and writing ability to the City of Bellingham to serve as the appointed At-Large City Council Member. I am 77 years old and have all health benefits and not seeking them, I merely want to serve Bellingham in a positive and constructive way.

**References**

References will be furnished upon request.

Respectfully yours,

Ralph L. Myers



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

*Office for Victims of Crime*

Washington, D.C. 20531

September 20, 1996

Mr. Ralph L. Meyers

Dear Mr. Meyers:

Last night we received your fax of a letter to Senator Feinstein with recommendations for a proposed change to the Immigration and Naturalization Act. I want you to know that this office shares the concerns of both you and Mrs. Salehi, and that we will do all that we can to work with the INS and Senator Feinstein's office to ensure a fair resolution of the critical issues that you have raised. Every crime victim deserves to be treated with dignity and fairness, and government agencies must understand and be responsive to the special needs and unique circumstances of victims of crime, especially survivors of homicide victims.

Please convey our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Salehi regarding the tragic and sudden loss of her husband and let her know that this office will do everything that it can to be her advocate within government. You have been an extremely effective advocate for her, and we look forward to working closely with you. I am trying to set up appropriate meetings with top INS officials in coordination with Senator Feinstein's office to help resolve this matter and will inform you on Tuesday of our progress.

This office has worked very closely with Parents of Murdered Children and Other Survivors of Homicide Victims (POMC) in the past and greatly appreciates the important work that you do on behalf of countless victims. I will be in Los Angeles in about two weeks and would like to meet both you and Mrs. Salehi in person if you are available. Perhaps we can set up an appointment when I call you on Tuesday.

Best regards,

Aileen Adams  
Director

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10/22/98

Ralph-

I just wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for all of the handwork and energy you have put into working for the passage of Jaramin's bill. Your dedication and thoroughness made my life a million times easier.

I cannot begin to comprehend the depth of the pain you and your wife have suffered after losing your son - the way you have worked to help others is truly inspirational. Jaramin is fortunate to have you in her corner.

I have enjoyed working with you and am so thrilled with our success. Please continue to stay in touch - it is always a pleasure talking to you. I look forward to meeting you all next week.

Take care,

Jen Mraz

Jennifer Mraz was on California Congressman Brad Sherman's Staff in 1998

EXHIBIT ■ O



## LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

WILLIE L. WILLIAMS  
Chief of Police



RICHARD J. RIORDAN  
Mayor

Ref # 7.2

July 1, 1996

Ms. Roi Holt  
Crime Victims' Assistance Section  
Department of Justice

Dear Ms. Holt:

The Los Angeles Police Department's West Valley Area is in the process of establishing a local and community Crisis Response Team. Mr. Ralph Myers will be an active member of this endeavor. Mr. Myers has a strong personal and community commitment and his experience as the parent of a murdered child will be very instrumental in developing the team. His participation in the Regional Crisis Response Team Training Institute would be invaluable in maintaining the professionalism and integrity of this team. I highly recommend Mr. Myers' participation in your program.

If you need any further information please contact me at telephone number (818) 756-8541.

Very truly yours,

WILLIE L. WILLIAMS  
Chief of Police

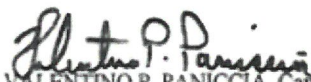
  
VALENTINO P. PANICCIA, Captain  
Area Commanding Officer  
West Valley Community Police Station

EXHIBIT C

AN EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER



**Ralph L. Myers**

*West Valley LAPD Crisis Response Team*  
*"If you want to change the world, be that change."*  
*- Gandhi*

*Volunteers reflect our city's positive change and hope. For this, the city of Los Angeles recognizes your efforts in making our city a better place to live. Your volunteer activities are seen in the improvement of city services to our residents and the overall energy of Los Angeles.*

*In appreciation for your volunteer endeavors, the City of Los Angeles presents you with this certificate of appreciation for enriching the quality of life in our city.*

1998

*Richard F. Riordan*

*Richard F. Riordan*  
*Mayor*

*John Ferraro*

*John Ferraro*  
*President, City Council*

*Karen Olsen Wegener*

*Karen Olsen Wegener*  
*Executive Director, Volunteer Bureau*

EXHIBIT E



CITY HALL  
100 ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012  
(213) 687-0400

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

RICHARD J. RIORDAN  
MAYOR

May 10, 1999

Ralph Myers

Dear Ralph:

As you know, we now have a citywide CRT program up and running. The program could not have been put in place without your continuous dedication and participation with the training sessions. Thank you so much for all of your hard work. You have been an integral part of the CRT training.

Once again, I greatly appreciate the time you took to participate as an instructor. Please feel free to contact me at (213) 485-4385 with any feedback or comments.

Sincerely yours,

*Thank to AGM SV MVID*

Jeffrey H. Zimmerman  
Crisis Response Team Program Manager

EXHIBIT H







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**Name**

Barbara Plaskett

**Street Address**

**Do you have a mailing address different than your street address?**

**Home Phone**

**Work Phone**

**Email**

**Are you a resident of Bellingham?**

Yes

**Are you a registered voter?**

Yes

**How many years have you lived in Bellingham?**

24

**Which neighborhood do you live in?**

Roosevelt

**Describe your interest in this interim position**

I believe I can add a vital and perhaps under represented voice and perspective to the Bellingham City Council.

**Education**

Bachelors of Arts in Art Western Washington University

Bellingham WA June 1999

AAS Olympic College Bremerton WA August 1994

**Professional / Community Activities**

Owner, Creative Muds Pottery  
June 2013 - present

Care provider, ResCare  
Aug 2014 - present

Bellingham/Whatcom county Housing Authority Board of Commissioners  
Board member March 2006 - Present  
Chair of Board October 2010 to October 2013

Home Care Assistant  
Oct. 2012 - Present

Americorps - Financial Stability VISTA, Opportunity Council  
Jan. 2012 - June 2012

Property Manager  
June 2007 - Present

**Qualifications Related to Position**

Board of Commissioners for HUD  
14 years experience working with low income elderly and disabled  
5 years owner operator Creative Muds pottery  
11 years as a proper

**Occupation**

Care provider and small business owner

**Resume and Cover Letter**

Copy of Barbara Resume.pdf

Cover letter.pdf

**Conflict of Interest**

**Signature**

Barbara Plaskett

**Date Signed**

9/25/2018

**NOTE: As a candidate for appointment, the above information will be available to the city council, mayor and the public.**

## **Barbara Plaskett**

September 25, 2018  
Bellingham City Council

I am here to ask for your support and appointment to the Bellingham City Council. My name is Barbara Plaskett, and I believe I can add a vital and perhaps under represented voice and perspective to the Bellingham City Council.

Housing affordability is one of top issues facing the city, my personal and professional experiences are strong in this area. For the last 15 years of my professional life, I have worked and volunteered in social services and housing services here in Bellingham and Whatcom County.

My work is mostly with low-income and elderly members of our community, and it frequently takes me inside public housing units and sometimes into the homes of people in need who've lived in this county their whole lives. I myself raised my own child on a limited income, in subsidized housing as a single mother. In addition, I am the longest serving commissioner for the Bellingham and Whatcom County Housing Authorities, having served over 13 years. In this role, I have helped to oversee the policies and finances of the agency. And in this role, I have been able to use my personal experiences to actually change the design of projects to suit the real needs of the people we serve to provide the voice and perspective that could have been missed.

I am uniquely positioned to understand and help shape ideas and projects coming to the City Council, so that our decisions can help benefit our whole community including the population I currently serve.

I would be honored and grateful if you chose to appoint me to serve on the council with you.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Plaskett

# RESUME

**Barbara J. Plaskett**

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## SUMMARY:

*I'm a local business owner with 15 years experience working and volunteering in social services and housing services in Bellingham and Whatcom County. This includes 13 years as commissioner for the Bellingham and Whatcom County Housing Authorities.*

## SUPERVISING EXPERIENCE

- 14 years experience working with low income elderly and disabled
- 5 years owner operator Creative Muds pottery
- 11 years as a property manager

## VOLUNTEER WORK

- Board of Commissioners for HUD
- Art Committee of the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance
- Dorothy House children's program - Coordinator
- Evergreen Aids Foundation Annual Art Auction
- Kitsap Humane Society - Community outreach volunteer

## RECENT JOB HISTORY

### **Owner, Creative Muds Pottery**

June 2013 - present

### **Bellingham/Whatcom county Housing Authority Board of Commissioners**

Board member March 2006 - Present

Chair of Board October 2010 to October 2013

### **Home Care Assistant**

Oct. 2012 - Present

### **Americorps - Financial Stability VISTA, Opportunity Council**

Jan. 2012 - June 2012



**Property Manager**

June 2007 - Present

**EDUCATION**

- Bachelors of Arts in Art Western Washington University
- Bellingham WA June 1999
- AAS Olympic College Bremerton WA August 1994

**ADDITIONAL EDUCATION**

- Adult, Infant and Child CPR / First Aid
- Workplace Training: First Aid
- HIV/Aids Red Cross Training

**AWARDS, SHOWS AND CREDITS**

- Blue Horse Gallery 2004
- Evergreen Aids Foundation Annual Art Auction 1999-2004
- Lynden Museum 2001
- Zanzara Inc. Philanthropy Magazine 2000
- Building An American Identity, book 1999
- Juror choice award Northwest International Art Competition 1998
- Double Eagle Scholarship 1998
- Art Merit Scholarship 1997

**PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES**

- Vanessa Martin (602) 501-3595 Executive Services Manager BWCHA
- Kathy Reed (360) 393-5573 - Retired Executive Services Manager
- Daniel Kirkpatrick (360) 820-8830 - Educational Design Associates

**PERSONAL REFERENCES**

- References upon request



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**Name**

Jean Ryan

**Street Address**

**Do you have a mailing address different than your street address?**

**Home Phone**

**Work Phone**

**Email**

**Are you a resident of Bellingham?**

Yes

**Are you a registered voter?**

Yes

**How many years have you lived in Bellingham?**

14

**Which neighborhood do you live in?**

York

**Describe your interest in this interim position**

I believe that public service is the best way to create the community we desire. We need to have all demographics on the council, from renters to homeowners. As a renter, small business owner, and teacher, I bring vital contributions to vibrant discussions.

**Education**

Bergen Community College: AAS in Hotel Restaurant Management

City College of NY: BA in Economics

National University of Naturopathic Medicine, Portland, Naturopathic Physician Doctorate

**Professional / Community Activities**

York neighborhood Representative to Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Commission - 1 Year  
York Neighborhood Association Treasurer 1 year  
York Neighborhood board member 2 years  
Girl Scout leader 7 years  
Bellingham Gluten Intolerance Group board member 12 years

**Qualifications Related to Position**

Small business owner  
Teacher and researcher  
Treasurer of York Neighborhood Association,  
Board member of York Neighborhood association  
Renter

**Occupation**

Naturopathic physician

**Resume and Cover Letter**

City Council.pdf

City Council.docx

**Conflict of Interest****Signature**

Jean Ryan

**Date Signed**

9/24/2018

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# Dr. Jean Ryan, ND

## **September 2001-Current**

Naturopathic Physician-Specializing in celiac disease/gluten intolerance, Dr. Ryan sees patients from infants to elders creating individualized treatment plans after intensive review of labs and history and research.

Created CleanThrive®, one on one therapeutic food program for individuals to eliminate food sensitivities and immune responses, setting the terrain to thrive, losing weight and inches.

## **September 2014-Current:**

Social Media Marketing Teacher at Whatcom Community College

Supporting small businesses to increase their sales through use of major social platforms including SEO for Google, Facebook Ads, Instagram Stories

## **September 2007-Current**

Culinary Class Instructor-Community Food Coop

Teaching hands on classes to community members from teens to adult - Always Gluten-free.

## **Publications:**

Gluten-Free Baking for Dummies, John Wiley and Sons

Guest writing on Huffington Post, Bob's Red Mill, Stemilt, many personal sites.

## **Prior careers:**

**Catering Coordinator/Chef – Event Manager** for high end New York City catering companies, exceeding the expectations of wealthy patrons on days of importance in their personal and business lives by coordinating the work of front and back of house to achieve the perfect event.

## **Macy's Northeast New York, NY**

Assistant Candy Buyer Responsible for all purchasing, budgeting and presentation of candy products in 40 stores in Northeast territory including the Macy's Herald Square store, all suburban NY stores and the Washington DC area.

## **Education:**

Bergen Community College: AAS in Hotel Restaurant Management

City College of NY: BA in Economics

National University of Naturopathic Medicine, Portland, Naturopathic Physician Doctorate

## **Volunteer Experience in Bellingham:**

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York Neighborhood Association Treasurer 1 year

York Neighborhood board member 2 years

Girl Scout leader 7 years

Bellingham Gluten Intolerance Group board member 12 years





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**Name**

Aaron Silverberg

**Street Address**

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**Home Phone**

**Work Phone**

**Email**

**Are you a resident of Bellingham?**

Yes

**Are you a registered voter?**

Yes

**How many years have you lived in Bellingham?**

2

**Which neighborhood do you live in?**

Columbia

**Describe your interest in this interim position**

I would like to serve on the Council because I see some particular challenges and opportunities that will require a balanced, well-researched and informed approach to create long-term successes for our citizens.

**Education**

Graduate work in Mathematics & Computer Science - University of Illinois

B.A. Philosophy - University of California at Santa Cruz

Professional Coaching Certification - Academy for Coach Training, Bellevue, WA

**Professional / Community Activities**

Board member (Treasurer) of the Columbia Neighborhood Association  
Volunteer for the Bellingham Food Bank  
Professional Life Coach - listening deeply and compassionately  
Teaching tennis professional (youth and adults)  
Educator/Outreach w/ Seattle Tilth (Master Composter and Recycler)  
Working poet - reading, teaching, publishing, inspiring  
Event Coordinator - People for Puget Sound

**Qualifications Related to Position**

Meditation - 10 years Vipassana - the ability to sit still and concentrate for long periods  
computer programmer/analyst professional 15 years - the ability to breakdown complex problems into constituent parts that lead to overall solution  
life coach (part-time 18 years) - the ability to listen profoundly, reflect and develop accountability procedures that work.  
sales (12 years) - the ability to state a persuasive case succinctly and to back that up with thorough information.  
homeowner and do-it-yourselfer fix-it person (21 years) - patience and perseverance

**Occupation**

Sales

**Resume and Cover Letter**

Bellingham City Council cover.docx

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**Conflict of Interest**

**Signature**

Aaron J. Silverberg

**Date Signed**

9/18/2018

**NOTE: As a candidate for appointment, the above information will be available to the city council, mayor and the public.**

September 18, 2018

Dear Bellingham City Council and our Esteemed Mayor,

I would like to serve our fair city to make well informed choices that result in flourishing communities.

As a sales, IT/IS, tennis and coaching professional, I have succeeded by co-creating win-win results for thousands of people.

As a citizen/homeowner I have exemplified sustainability through organic gardening, biking, electric transportation, energy and infrastructure remodeling,

I am committed to happy, engaged, mutually supporting neighbors through fair and democratic processes.

I have had the pleasure of working with both Pinky Vargas and Michael Lilliquist. Their enthusiasm and across-the-board dedication has inspired to contribute my utmost to the Bellingham City Council.

Please give me your support to make Bellingham an even better place to live and steward the great Pacific Northwest.

Thank you,  
Aaron Silverberg

# Aaron J. Silverberg

### Qualifications:

## Exceptional listening, articulate speaking

### Ability to suspend bias and understand multiple points of view

## Proven commitment to kindness and compassion as the basis of all human action

### Experience:

### 3 Degrees

### Sr. Outreach Associate IV

Dec 2014 – Dec 2017

**Educate and enroll utility (SCL and PSE) customers in Green Power programs and book homeowners with home energy audits. Promoted thrice.**

## Off the Map Enterprises

## Life and Tennis Coach

Nov 2011 – Nov 2015

Provide professional life and tennis coaching to wide range of clients.

## General Biodiesel

**Sr. Account Representative**

Oct 2009 – Nov 2011

Motivated hundreds of business owners to contribute used cooking oil for local biodiesel production, lowering carbon/pollution rates in Puget Sound, creating jobs and contributing to local sustainability.

## Lynch Resources

## Lead Fundraiser

Feb 2008 – Oct 2009

Lead fundraiser on seven campaigns – A Contemporary Theatre, Book-It Theatre, Seattle Children’s Theatre, Lifelong AIDS Alliance, (2), Seattle Language Academy and Arts West Theatre.  
Our teams raised well over \$1 million.

**Education:**

**P.C.C.** Professional Certified Life Coach

Academy for Coach Training - Bellevue

**Graduate work in Mathematics/Computer Science**

University of Illinois - Chicago

**B.A. Philosophy/Environmental Science**

University of California - Santa Cruz

### Community:

Member of the Shambhala Sangha (Buddhist)

Volunteer: Clean Energy Campaign 1631

Board Member – Columbia Neighborhood Association

Volunteer: Bellingham Food Bank/Community Gardens

author of “Thoreau’s Chair” and “Diamonds Only Water Can Wear” (poetry)





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**Name**

stan snapp

**Street Address**

**Do you have a mailing address different than your street address?**

**Home Phone**

**Work Phone**

**Email**

**Are you a resident of Bellingham?**

Yes

**Are you a registered voter?**

Yes

**How many years have you lived in Bellingham?**

51

**Which neighborhood do you live in?**

Silver Beach

**Describe your interest in this interim position**

I am willing to serve in this position as a placeholder until the voters select my replacement and the election is certified in late November, 2019. I do not intend to file to be elected to this position.

The Charter states that, whenever possible positions are to be filled by the voters. My filling this position as a placeholder assures that there is a level playing field for candidates to file and seek voter approval. I don't support the sitting council creating an artificial incumbency. I agree with the Charter on how positions should be filled.

**Education**

WWU (then WWSC) graduating with a BA in Education 1971, National Fire Academy Several courses over

the years and completing the Executive Development Program

**Professional / Community Activities**

25 years with Bellingham Fire Department, including 17 years as Division Chief of Services and Training Officer. Community include: United Way, (12 years ending as Fund Development Chair), Red Cross, (chaired local board in 80's and again in 90's), Bellingham Greenways Committee, Bellingham Parks Board, Silver Beach Neighbor Hood, 2007 - 2013 while on Council, Tourism Board, Hotel Tax Distribution, Opportunity Council Board, (2008 - 2016, Board President 4 years), WTA board (three years), many other council related duties and committee's including Council President, 2012

**Qualifications Related to Position**

Six plus years of Council experience. I will need updating on current council work load. My past experience serving on most committee's and outside assignments should help me be a quick study.

**Occupation**

Retired From Bellingham Fire Department, 1974 - 97

**Resume and Cover Letter**

**Conflict of Interest**

**Signature**

S. Snapp

**Date Signed**

9/17/2018

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**Name**

Robert Solomon

**Street Address**

**Do you have a mailing address different than your street address?**

**Home Phone**

**Work Phone**

**Email**

**Are you a resident of Bellingham?**

Yes

**Are you a registered voter?**

Yes

**How many years have you lived in Bellingham?**

21

**Which neighborhood do you live in?**

Cordata

**Describe your interest in this interim position**

I would love to gain new public servant experiences in Whatcom County. To be able to give back to this amazing community that i call home; and would like to see some positive change and collaboration within the council and community.

**Education**

Ferndale High school graduate 2004

WGU BA Business Management and Marketing 06/20

**Professional / Community Activities**

Active Volunteer with National Aids Council  
Active Volunteer St. Pauls Church Bellingham

**Qualifications Related to Position**

I have spent most of my entire life in Whatcom County in Bellingham, Ferndale, Blaine and Everson.  
I know the hospitality business of Bellingham and I know the tribal side of Whatcom County as well.  
I feel that my age would also help to bring a re freshness to the council and community.

**Occupation**

Director of Sales - Pacific Inn LLC

**Resume and Cover Letter**

RobertSolomon Resume CV.pdf

**Conflict of Interest**

**Signature**

Robert Solomon

**Date Signed**

9/21/2018

**NOTE: As a candidate for appointment, the above information will be available to the city council, mayor and the public.**



September 14, 2018

Bellingham City Council  
Re: Interim City Council AT-LARGE Position

To whom it may concern;

I would like to be considered for the Interim city council At-Large Position.

My high level of concentration and excellent organizational skills has helped me through my education and my job performance on a daily basis; which reflects my diligence and commitment to success. I would be an excellent addition to the Bellingham City Council. My valuable abilities to learn new things very quickly, Community minded and supporter. Not only am I a Bellingham city resident, As well as Nooksack Tribal member as well as Aleut, with family ties to Lummi nation and Sires/Huisman family in Lynden. In turn makes me a strong and responsible council candidate.

I have a great amount of love and respect for all the community members here in Bellingham. My desire to be on council is to help achieve and implement items that can ensure that our future generation will be proud to call Bellingham home. To ensure our families and future family's will be able to thrive and flourish in Bellingham for years to come.

Through my experience, I have developed a strong sense of responsibility, effective interpersonal skills and the ability to contribute to teamwork, even in high-pressure environments.

I am confident that I can make a profound contribution to Bellingham City Council. Applying all my Customer Service experience; Management, Safety; Clerical & Office management to work; included my close ties with Nooksack and Lummi tribal nations Enclosed is my resume for your review. I am enthusiastic about Interim City Council At- Large position; and look forward to what I can bring the city and citizens of Bellingham.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert S. Solomon", written in a cursive style.

Robert S. Solomon

# Robert Solomon

## Director of Sales

Nearly 17 years Hospitality/ Corporate Sales experience. Ability to direct complex projects from concept to fully operational status.

Goal-oriented individual with strong leadership capabilities and has worked in many team capacities for successive projects and maintained good relationships with all previous client companies

Authorized to work in the US for any employer

## Work Experience

### Director of Sales

La Quinta inn and suites - Bellingham, WA  
June 2018 to Present

Increased RN for corporate accounts/ portfolio property's

Increased Sales RFP 21%

collaboration with local sales managers at portfolio property's

plan and excute site tours

Follow up on new accounts

renew RFP

Indetify and purse new corporate accounts that fit guidelines

Devlop new sales approach for each client

Sales and rate negotiation

### Remote International Area Hotel Manager

International Hospitality Group - Chicago, IL  
September 2009 to June 2018

daily operations

Sales forecast and Hotel forecasting

Sales negotiating/ new hotel clients and markets

Hiring and managing a team of 110 employees.

Daily auditing

Daily reports to corporate team

with monthly spending, room blocking, and budgeting forecasts for monthly and weekly sales

Area coach/mentor Hotel Supervisors/Front End managers

Sales Forecasting Seminar Monthly training

Event management/Group Meeting Supervisor

Collaborating with vendors and owners

Vendor Billing and negotiations

Executive/personal assistant to Corporate management.

### **Area GM**

Sandman resort - Toronto

March 2004 to September 2009

2nd GM, Oversaw Supervisors for event staff and catering department

Maintenance, Housekeeping, Food and Beverage

Process inquiries and screen all calls and emails

Revenue management and operations

Reporting, forecasting,

Hiring and discipline employees

Promotions when needed

Customer care

General clerical

Forecasting

Vendor ordering, inventory, ordering

Training

Meeting note and distributing new information

Event Management/planning

Providing excellent product knowledge and advise

Managing email, reservations, phone support,

Travel planning and invoicing

P&L reporting

Auditing monthly and yearly

Marketing reporting

## Education

### **Bachelor's in Business Management and marketing**

WGU - Seattle, WA

May 2018 to June 2020

### **High School Diploma**

Ferndale High School - Ferndale, WA

## Skills

inventory management, auditing, forecasting, clerical duties, management duties, budgeting, training, hiring,, Sabre, GDS/APOLLO, Executive Administrative

## Awards

### **Volunteer of the year**

April 2017

St Paul's Episcopal Church

Bellingham, WA

Volunteer of year award

Homeless outreach, including weekly free meals, and emergency one time funds

## Certifications/Licenses

### **Event Management**

February 2012 to Present

Event Management Certificate

## Additional Information

- Exceptional listener and communicator
- Professional industry software, including Adobe Acrobat, publishing tools, MS Office, etc.
- Highly analytical thinking for improving the work process
- Flexible team player
- Proven interpersonal skills
- Goal driven to always meet performance standards
- Multicultural background
- Highly adaptable, patient risk-taker who is always looking to do his best





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**Name**

Hannah Stone

**Street Address**

**Do you have a mailing address different than your street address?**

**Home Phone**

**Work Phone**

**Email**

**Are you a resident of Bellingham?**

Yes

**Are you a registered voter?**

Yes

**How many years have you lived in Bellingham?**

13

**Which neighborhood do you live in?**

Columbia

**Describe your interest in this interim position**

Please See Attached Cover Letter for Additional Details

I seek appointment to serve as the interim at-large council member until Roxanne Murphy's unexpired term ends in November of 2019. Upon completion of the current term, I will seek election by Bellingham voters to serve in the at-large position.

**Education**

Please See Attached Resume for Additional Details

The University of North Carolina School of Law, Chapel Hill, North Carolina  
Juris Doctor, May 2005

Meredith College, Raleigh, North Carolina  
Bachelor of Arts, International Studies and Spanish Language, May 1998

**Professional / Community Activities**

Please See Attached Honors & Public Service

Bellingham Alive Magazine: Attorney at Law, Humanitarian at Heart, by Melissa McCarthy (Game Changer, June 2018 Edition) - available at <http://northsoundlife.com/lifestyle/attorney-at-law-humanitarian-at-heart/>

Bellingham Herald Article: Washington state officials preparing to defend DACA program, by Asia Fields (September 1, 2017) - available at <https://www.bellinghamherald.com/news/local/article170591557.html>

Bellingham City Club: Help Wanted: Keep Out! The Long History of Duality in the Immigration Policies of Our Country (October 26, 2016) - available at <http://bellinghamcityclub.org/help-wanted-keep-out-the-long-history-of-duality-in-the-immigration-policies-of-our-country/> (presentation begins at 46.17 minute mark)

**Qualifications Related to Position**

Please See Attached Resume for Additional Details

Registered Voter  
Resident of Bellingham, WA (13 years)

**Occupation**

Attorney at Law

**Resume and Cover Letter**

Cover Letter.pdf

Resume.pdf

Honors & Public Service.pdf

**Conflict of Interest**

**Signature**

Hannah E. Stone

**Date Signed**

9/25/2018

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# LAW OFFICE OF HANNAH E STONE

September 25, 2018

City Council  
210 Lottie Street  
Bellingham, WA 98225

Re: Applicant for Interim At-Large Position

Dear Bellingham City Council Members:

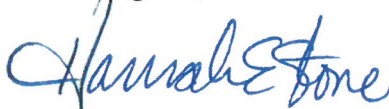
The purpose of this correspondence is to introduce myself and express my interest as an applicant for the at-large position left vacant by Councilmember Roxanne Murphy's resignation.

Public service has inherently been a position of privilege, only accessible to those who have time and money to spare. Although I have neither time nor money to spare, I am resilient, I have an amazing support network, and I recognize that serving on the council would be a privilege. My name is Hannah Stone and I believe that my education, experience and engagement in the community would make me a valuable addition to the Council. As a fellow council member, I would be responsive to the concerns of all constituents. One of my strengths is the poise with which I can discuss and debate contentious issues with a sound ear, earnest respect, and candor.

The City Council is responsible for setting public policies, adopting long-range plans, approving the budget and taxes, and passing laws that benefit and protect the residents of Bellingham. The high quality of life that Bellingham purports to offer is not currently accessible to all residents of our fine city. There is important work to be done and I am ready to roll up my sleeves, reach out to constituents, and engage with the community at-large.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Best regards,



Hannah E. Stone  
Attorney at Law

*Enclosures*

# HANNAH E. STONE

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## EDUCATION

**The University of North Carolina School of Law**, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

*Juris Doctor*, May 2005

- Admitted to the Washington State Bar, June 2006 (WSBA-ID: 37551)

**Meredith College**, Raleigh, North Carolina

*Bachelor of Arts*, International Studies and Spanish Language, May 1998

- Phi Omicron Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta (International Honor Society for History)
- Alpha Lambda Delta (Academic Honor Society)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Law Office of Hannah E. Stone**, Bellingham, WA

Attorney, July 2007 – Present

- U.S. Immigration and Citizenship Law

**Fairhaven College, WWU**, Bellingham, WA

Adjunct Professor, Fall 2015 / Winter 2018

- Advanced Topics in Law: Immigration Law & Policy (FAIR 412E)

**Chang & Boos, Attorneys at Law**, Bellingham, WA

Attorney, August 2006 – June 2007

- U.S. Immigration Law

**Center for Social Justice**, Seattle, WA

Legal Internship, July 2004 - August 2004

- Developed Community Outreach Database for the Pacific Northwest
- Areas of Focus Included: Criminal Justice, Diversity, Environmental Justice, Globalization, Indigenous and Immigrant Rights, and Youth

**Public Defender's Office District 15B**, Carrboro, NC

Legal Internship, May 2003 - August 2003

- Assisted with Representation in District Ct., Superior Ct., Community Resource Ct., and Drug Ct.
- Worked with Orange, Person, and Chatham Counties Mental Health Center (OPC), Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime (TASC), and Alternative Sentencing Programs

**Office of the President of the University of North Carolina**, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Assistant to President Molly Corbett Broad, January 2001 - April 2005

- Researched National, State, and Local Issues Pertinent to the University System

**Communities In Schools (CIS) of Durham, Inc.**, Durham, North Carolina

Director of Community Development, July 1999 - December 2000

- Facilitated Community Outreach and Development Efforts
- Recruited, Trained and Supervised 300+ Volunteers, Oversaw 6 Site Coordinators

**AmeriCorps\*VISTA, Communities In Schools (CIS) of Durham, Inc.**, Durham, North Carolina

Site Coordinator at CIS Academy, July 1998 - July 1999

- Developed and Instituted Community Outreach Programs for At-Risk Youth
- Co-wrote and Implemented a \$300,000 Grant for Comprehensive School Reform

**Telamon Corporation**, Raleigh, North Carolina

ESL (English as a Second Language) Facilitator, Seasonal 1998 - 1999

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

Spanish Proficiency

## INTERNATIONAL IMMERSION

Andorra • Belgium • Canada • Costa Rica • Ecuador • France • Iceland • Kenya • Luxembourg  
Mexico • Morocco • Netherlands • Portugal • South Africa • Spain • Switzerland • Tanzania



# HANNAH E. STONE

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## BAR ADMISSION & PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Active Member of the **Washington State Bar Association** since 2006 (Member No. 37551)

Active Member of the **American Immigration Lawyers Association** since 2006 (Member No. 23678)

## HONORS & PUBLIC SERVICE

### **Campaign Co-Chair (2018)**

*Citizens for Bellingham Schools*

- Community organizing to support the passage of Proposition 2018-1 to allow Bellingham School District 501 to borrow \$155,000,000 by issuing general obligation bonds

### **Superintendent Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Representative (2016-2018)**

### **Parent Teacher Association (PTA) President (2014-2016)**

*Sunnyland Elementary School (Title I)*

### **Chair of the State Government Committee (2011-2014)**

*American Immigration Lawyers Association Washington (AILA-WA) State Chapter*

- Advocate before the State Legislature for fair and reasonable immigration law and policy

### **Certificate of Appreciation (April 19, 2013)**

*Catholic Community Services of Western Washington & Skagit Immigrant Rights Council*

### **Pro Bono Award (March 22, 2013)**

*American Immigration Lawyers Association Washington State Chapter*

### **Abogada Excepcional / Extraordinary Attorney Award (January 18, 2013)**

*Latina/o Bar Association of Washington*

### **Certificate of Recognition (December 8, 2012)**

*Whatcom Community College*

- Spearhead pro-bono efforts to provide critical legal assistance for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) cases in Skagit and Whatcom Counties
- Coordinate with local nonprofits, attorneys, and American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) volunteers
- Enable Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP) and AILA to focus on other underserved regions of Washington State

### **Honor First (June 26, 2012)**

*U.S. Department of Homeland Security*

- Successful completion of U.S. Customs and Border Protection Citizens Academy

### **Certificate of Achievement (May 19, 2012)**

*Office of the Education Ombudsman*

- Completion of 20 hour Finding Your Voice Training Program with hands-on training experience

### **Seeds of Justice Award (March 31, 2011)**

*Community to Community Development (C2C)*

- Honor for cultivating movement

### **Outstanding Pro Bono Representation (February 2, 2011)**

*Board of Directors, Legal Assistance by Whatcom Advocates (LAW Advocates)*

### **Certificate of Appreciation (2010-2011)**

*American Immigration Lawyers Association Washington State Chapter*

- Recognition of extraordinary volunteer service

### **Chair of the Whatcom County Chapter of ACLU-WA (2010-2011)**

*American Civil Liberties Union of Washington (ACLU-WA)*

### **Certificate of Appreciation (April 1, 1999)**

*Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. on behalf of the State of North Carolina*

- Recognition of dedication and outstanding service to North Carolina as an Ameri\*Corps VISTA



## Application for Appointment to Interim City Council At-Large Position

City of Bellingham Charter  
2.05 Eligibility To Hold Elective Office

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To be eligible to hold elective office the person must be a registered voter of the City and a resident of the City for one year next preceding the election. Residence and voting within the limits of any territory which has been included in, annexed to, or consolidated with the City is construed to have been residence within the City. No City elected officer shall hold any other office or employment within the City government.

**Name**

Joe Timmons

**Street Address**

**Do you have a mailing address different than your street address?**

**Home Phone**

**Work Phone**

**Email**

**Are you a resident of Bellingham?**

Yes

**Are you a registered voter?**

Yes

**How many years have you lived in Bellingham?**

7

**Which neighborhood do you live in?**

Columbia

**Describe your interest in this interim position**

I am deeply interested in government and public service and am thrilled at the possibility of joining the City Council to work with fellow Council Members in addressing policy challenges and helping to improve the quality of life for all Bellingham residents. Please see application materials for additional details.

**Education**

Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Washington with a specialization in Social and Education Policy (graduated June 2011).

Bachelor of Arts degree from Western Washington University with a major in Political Science and minors in English and the Study of Religion (graduated June 2007).

Diploma from Meadowdale High School in Lynnwood, WA (graduated June 2003).

**Professional / Community Activities**

I currently work as Assistant Director of Government Relations at Western Washington University and serve on the City of Bellingham's Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB). I previously served on Bellingham's Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Commission (MNAC) and previously worked with Sound Transit, the King County Council and then-Congressman Jay Inslee's district office. Please see application materials for additional details.

**Qualifications Related to Position**

I am confident that my professional experiences working at the local, state and federal levels of government, my educational background and my experience on City of Bellingham boards and commissions help prepare me for the role of City Council Member. Please see application materials for additional details, and I would be happy to further discuss my qualifications.

**Occupation**

Assistant Director of Government Relations with  
Western Washington University

**Resume and Cover Letter**

Joe Timmons Resume.pdf

Joe Timmons Cover Letter.pdf

Joe Timmons Note with City Council Application.pdf

**Conflict of Interest**

**Signature**

Joe Timmons

**Date Signed**

9/25/2018

**NOTE: As a candidate for appointment, the above information will be available to the city council, mayor and the public.**

September 25, 2018

Dear Honorable Council Members:

Thank you for considering my application for the interim at-large City Council position.

I am disappointed that I cannot attend the Council's October 1<sup>st</sup> special meeting in-person and wanted to take a moment to explain the circumstances of my absence. After getting married in downtown Bellingham this past summer, my wife Heather and I are leaving for a long-planned honeymoon on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Due to this pre-scheduled trip, I am regretfully unable to attend the meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup> and I greatly appreciate the Council's flexibility in providing the opportunity to participate by video.

Sincerely,

Joe Timmons



September 25, 2018

Bellingham City Council  
210 Lottie Street  
Bellingham, WA 98225

Dear Honorable Council Members:

I am writing to apply for the vacant at-large position on the Bellingham City Council. As a proud Bellingham resident with experience working at the local, state and federal levels of government, I am excited about and humbled by the possibility of serving on the Council to help all neighborhoods and communities throughout Bellingham thrive. I am confident that my experience working with Western Washington University, my professional and volunteer experience working on local government issues, my educational background in public administration, and my commitment to public service uniquely prepare me to be a well-rounded and collaborative member of the Bellingham City Council.

After living in Bellingham while attending WWU from 2003 to 2007, I was thrilled to move back to the city more than three years ago to work for Western in my role as Assistant Director of Government Relations. Since relocating to Bellingham, my wife Heather (who grew up in Bellingham) and I have rediscovered our love for the city and active community we call home, and we were ecstatic to host our wedding at the downtown Depot Market Square this past summer with support from fantastic local businesses. I have had the opportunity to get more involved in our community by serving on two City of Bellingham boards and commissions: I represented WWU's administration on the Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Commission (MNAC) for two years until September 2017, and I have served on the Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) since July 2017 representing the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward. Both experiences have helped me learn more about our city's neighborhoods and local policy issues, including related to homelessness, housing, human services, and parks and recreation.

As WWU's Assistant Director of Government Relations, I have developed a deep understanding of and connection to the Western community, and gained skills that would help me be an effective member of the City Council. At Western, I have had the opportunity to work collaboratively with leaders within the University's administration on WWU's state and federal legislative priorities and strategies, as well as with student leaders, state and federal elected officials, and colleagues at other state universities. Through this role and others, I have strengthened my skills in policy analysis, community outreach, and communications, and greatly increased my knowledge around government and public policy.

While in Seattle, my roles in former King County Council Member Julia Patterson's office and with the Sound Transit Board of Directors both provided opportunities to work on diverse local government issues with non-partisan elected officials. Through these positions I gained experience interfacing with constituents and the public, and developed knowledge about critical local issues, primarily related to transit, land use, and public safety. Furthermore, my Masters in Public Administration (MPA) degree from the University of Washington's Evans School of Public Policy and Governance provided me with a foundational knowledge in economics, budgeting and public policy that I believe would serve me well on the City Council.

In addition to my professional experiences, educational background, and strong connection to the WWU community, I am confident that my personal experience would help me bring a unique lens to the Bellingham City Council. As renters with student loan debt who have hopes of owning a home in Bellingham someday, my wife and I understand firsthand the challenges our community is facing around housing affordability, and I am committed to working toward sustainable, equitable solutions to this crisis. If selected to fill the at-large vacancy on the City Council, I would prioritize listening to and

learning from all community members and to working collaboratively with my colleagues on the Council to shape public policy that helps improve the quality of life for the entire Bellingham community.

Thank you for considering my application and for your dedicated public service. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about my application and qualifications, and I would be happy to provide references upon request.

Sincerely,

Joe Timmons

# Joe Timmons

## EDUCATION

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**University of Washington, Evans School of Public Policy and Governance** **Graduated June 2011**  
Master of Public Administration (MPA): Specialization in Social and Education Policy

**Western Washington University** **Graduated June 2007**  
Bachelor of Arts (BA): Political Science major, minors in English and Study of Religion

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA** **December 2014 to Present**  
*Assistant Director of Government Relations and Federal Relations Coordinator*

- Build and maintain effective relationships with state legislators, congressional members and staff, university affiliates and other stakeholders to advance Western's state and federal budget and policy priorities
- Collaborate with WWU's Executive Director of Government Relations, operating and capital budget staff, faculty members, and colleagues at Washington's other public baccalaureate institutions to develop legislative strategies
- Research, analyze, track, and testify on state legislation pertaining to the University and higher education policy
- Draft succinct legislative booklets and one-pagers designed to summarize WWU's priorities for decision makers
- Manage Western's Office of Government Relations online presence to inform campus stakeholders, including the office's website, the Western Legislative Review blog, and the @WWUGOV Twitter account
- Track University-wide lobbying activity and file quarterly reports with the state's Public Disclosure Commission

**Sound Transit, Seattle, WA** **December 2013 to December 2014**  
*Board Coordinator/Policy Analyst*

- Collaborated with Sound Transit subject matter experts to create staff reports for the Board of Directors, consisting of local elected officials throughout King, Snohomish and Pierce counties
- Managed agency processes for ensuring that legislative materials and talking points were prepared in advance of Board and Committee meetings, including sending meeting updates and materials to more than 2,000 stakeholders
- Reviewed items pertaining to capital projects and provided direct staffing to the Capital Committee Chair in preparation of monthly Capital Committee meetings

**King County Councilmember Julia Patterson's Office, Seattle, WA** **May 2012 to December 2013**  
*Communications Coordinator and Policy Aide*

- Developed a variety of communications projects to advance Councilmember Patterson's priorities, including op-eds, social media posts, and paper and electronic newsletters, which were distributed to more than 9,000 readers
- Researched county legislation and provided strategic policy advice to Councilmember Patterson on the issues of transportation, public safety, land use, and the environment
- Wrote talking points, briefing memos, and news releases for Councilmember Patterson regarding county issues

**U.S. Representative Jay Inslee's District Office, Shoreline, WA** **December 2011 to March 2012**  
**First Congressional District of Washington** **March 2012 to May 2012**  
*Community Liaison*

- Established and maintained effective working relationships with diverse stakeholders, including constituents, community organizations, businesses, government agencies, and local government officials
- Represented Congressman Inslee and his office at meetings, forums, and speaking events regarding the environment, aerospace, maritime issues, housing, human services, the arts, and emergency preparedness
- Collaborated with DC and District staff under short deadlines to create formal letters, communications materials, briefing papers, and responses to constituents on behalf of Congressman Inslee



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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE CONTINUED**

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**Campaign to Elect Mary Alice Heuschel as Public Hospital Commissioner**      **July 2011 to November 2011**  
**Public Hospital District #1, King County, WA**

*Campaign Manager*

- Maintained daily operations of the campaign, including coordinating with the candidate and campaign committee to develop strategies and targeted messaging, managing campaign social media, and updating internal databases
- Managed volunteers and organized campaign fundraising and community outreach activities

**Center for Children & Youth Justice, Seattle, WA**      **July 2010 to June 2011**

*Intern, Washington State Supreme Court Commission on Children in Foster Care*

- Collaborated with state agencies to craft a quarterly report regarding improvements to the child welfare system
- Provided staff support to the Commission, including planning quarterly meeting agendas and drafting minutes

**Seattle Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs, Seattle, WA**      **January 2011 to June 2011**  
**Seattle Public Schools**

*Student Consultant/MPA Degree Project*

- Researched techniques that were implemented in arts education studies around the country, including examining surveys and reports, and conducting interviews with leading arts education researchers
- Analyzed qualitative data and created a 52-page report containing specific recommendations and measurable indicators for Seattle Public Schools to apply in their study to assess student access to arts education

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**OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

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**City of Bellingham Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB)**      **July 2017 to Present**

*Board Member, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Representative*

- Collaborate with fellow CDAB members to review Bellingham's community development and housing needs and provide recommendations to city leaders

**City of Bellingham Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Commission (MNAC)**      **September 2015 to September 2017**

*WWU Administrative Representative*

- Address concerns and provide updates to the Mayor and fellow MNAC members on behalf of Western regarding campus news, community events, and WWU academic trends

**Children's Campaign Fund**      **November 2013 to December 2014**

*Board of Directors Member*

- Work with fellow Board members in making endorsement decisions and carrying out fundraising activities to support the Children's Campaign Fund's non-partisan mission of helping elect legislators who will champion the welfare of children in Washington, especially those most at-risk and underserved