

# Application Form

## Profile

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## Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Planning Commission

Bigelow Highlands

Select Your Neighborhood

If you choose "other" please write in your neighborhood here:

## Interests & Experiences

Question applies to multiple boards.

Please keep answers concise and informative. You are introducing yourself to the Olympia City Council and sharing with them why you are interested in being considered for appointment. Olympia residency is not required; however, it is a primary consideration. You may attach a resume. An Olympia map with your residence clearly marked MUST BE SUBMITTED with your completed application. Yahoo, Google, or other similar maps are acceptable.

Question applies to multiple boards.

**1. Briefly describe why you wish to serve on this advisory committee.**

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In my professional life I work with Planners to help them design healthy communities. I would like to bring this expertise to my city in the spirit of public service.

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**2. Describe your qualifications and/or skills which would benefit this advisory committee.**

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My educational background is below but my strength is that I have strong data analysis and communication skills so I can bring relevant health and environmental data to the table and present it in a way everyone can understand. I am good with statistical packages and geographic information systems software such as GIS and Google Earth Pro. I also believe strongly in equity in the planning process. I have also been a bicycle commuter since my junior year in high school, even in Equatorial Guinea and Los Angeles.

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**3. Describe your involvement in the Olympia community.**

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I have lived in Olympia for 4 years with my wife and two children and I own a home in the Bigelow neighborhood. I have attended meetings and work sessions on the redevelopment of Capitol Lake and the greening of Capital Way and plan to serve on the PTA of roosevelt elementary once my children begin school there.

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**4. List your educational and professional background and area of study.**

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I hold a masters in public health and a masters in public administration from the University of Washington. I have worked as an aid worker in sub-saharan Africa, a policy analyst at a non-profit in Los Angeles, and currently as an Environmental Epidemiologist specializing in healthy community design at the Washington State Department of Health.

Question applies to multiple boards.

**5. Appointment to this committee will require your attendance at evening meetings. How many hours per month are you willing to commit as a volunteer?**

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Question applies to multiple boards.

**6. If you are not appointed to this committee at this time:**

Question applies to multiple boards.

**6a. Do you wish to be considered for appointment to another advisory committee?**

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Yes  No

Question applies to multiple boards.

**If you answered yes to 6a, please identify what other Advisory Committees you would be interested in being considered for.**

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Question applies to multiple boards.

**6b. Do you wish to be considered for future appointment to this committee?**

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Yes  No

Question applies to multiple boards.

**6c. Would you be willing to volunteer for other City activities?**

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Yes  No

Question applies to multiple boards.

**7. Some appointments require that applicants reside within Olympia city limits. Even though your mailing address may be Olympia, you may reside in the County or another jurisdiction. Are you a resident of the City of Olympia?**

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Yes  No

Question applies to multiple boards.

**8. Citizens appointed to advisory committees are assigned and required to use a City email address for all advisory committee business.**

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**Do you agree to comply with this expectation?**

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I Agree \*

Question applies to multiple boards.

**9. How did you learn about this advisory committee recruitment?**

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Facebook

[Rad\\_Cunningham\\_Resume.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

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Applications are accepted for the calendar year only. The Olympia City Council's General Government Committee recommends appointments to the full Council. Recommendations are made following review of applications and an interview of qualified candidates.

For further information, contact Susan Grisham, Executive Assistant, 360.753.8244, sgrisham@ci.olympia.wa.us

When filed with the City, your application and attachment documents are public records and may be subject to public release.

**The City of Olympia is committed to the non-discriminatory treatment of all persons in employment and the delivery of services and resources.**

Question applies to Planning Commission.

**10. In your own words, what is the role of an Olympia Planning Commissioner?**

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The Olympia Planning Commissioner should equitably solicit input from the community on their hopes and dreams for the future of Olympia. Once they have a clear vision of the needs and desires of their constituents they should use their leadership and professional planning abilities to craft a plan to make those hopes and dreams a reality.

Question applies to Planning Commission.

**11. What interests you most about community planning?**

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Planning, more than almost any other discipline has the opportunity to impact the social determinants of health. As a public health practitioner I know that education, commute mode choice, housing, and the local economy have an enormous impact on health outcomes. I am interested in making Olympia a place where everyone has easy access to the community resources that will help them reach their potential.

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**12. What skills would you bring to the work of the Planning Commission and what do you hope to learn?**

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I have a good grasp of health and equity data that are available in Washington state and would be happy to provide that data to the commission as a decision support tool. I definitely have a health focus and would like to develop a more balanced understanding of what shapes planning decisions.

Question applies to Planning Commission.

**13. Have you ever taken a Short Course in Local Planning, read an OPC packet or attended a meeting?**

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Yes, I have taken the short course in local planning from Anne Fritzel at the Department of Commerce.

Question applies to Planning Commission.

**14. What is your knowledge of the City's Comprehensive Plan and how it relates to planning?**

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The Olympia comprehensive plan describes the communities values and vision and supports the Thurston County comprehensive plan that in turn must meet the requirements of the Growth Management Act of 1990.