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Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Planning Commission: Submitted

If you applied for multiple boards or commissions, please rank them in order of interest below.

Select Your Neighborhood (you must live within Olympia City limits to serve on a board or commission) *

☒ Downtown

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.

Question applies to multiple boards

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

I would like to have a more active voice in Olympia city government and the future of this community. I think that it is important to have a voice of a Downtown resident because we will be shaped the most by zoning decisions made by the City.

Question applies to multiple boards

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

I have a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts with an emphasis in American History and Government from The Evergreen State College. My professional background includes numerous experiences in bringing diverse groups of people and divergent opinions together towards a common goal.

Question applies to multiple boards

3. Describe your involvement in the Olympia community.

I have resided in Olympia since 2013. I am currently the Chair of the Thurston County Young Democrats, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Olympia DNA (Downtown Neighborhood Association).

Question applies to multiple boards

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

I have worked in Democratic politics from 2004-2007, and again from 2016-present. I have 8 years in retail sales. I have a BA in Liberal Arts from The Evergreen State College.

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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?

10

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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?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to multiple boards

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

☒ 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 in order of interest.

Intercity Transit Advisory Board

Question applies to multiple boards

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

☒ 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?

☒ 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.

Do you agree to comply with this expectation?

☒ I Agree *

Question applies to multiple boards

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

Newspaper

[pol_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?

The role of a Planning Commissioner is to take the values of a city and translate them to recommendations and policies that shape the future. Planning Commissioners have a unique power to define the way our city will look for decades to come.

Question applies to Planning Commission

11. What interests you most about community planning?

Community planning is integrally tied to transportation planning, a personal interest of mine. I believe that our community will choose to lower its carbon footprint by switching to mass transit completely when offered the opportunity, and planning and zoning is a large piece of the puzzle.

Question applies to Planning Commission

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

I would bring the perspective of a transit rider. I think that a lot of the planning decisions that have been made have been decided by people who do not choose public transit. I think that these choices lead to negative effects like traffic gridlock and urban sprawl.

Question applies to Planning Commission

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

No

Question applies to Planning Commission

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

The Comprehensive Plan outlines our shared values and goals which drive the work of the Planning Commission. I support the goals of the Comprehensive Plan to density Olympia and am excited to work on this.

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Work Experience

Caseworker, Office of Governor Jay Inslee; Olympia, Wash. — 2017

Responded to constituent concerns about issues with all state agencies. Built understanding of government laws and regulations.

Intern, Office of Governor Jay Inslee; Olympia, Wash. — 2017

Assisted with international relations and protocol affairs of an executive elected official. Researched issues related to foreign trade. Assisted with other administrative functions.

Field Organizer, Jay Inslee for Washington; Olympia, Wash. et al — 2016

Organized a volunteer-driven campaign over a 3,000 sq. mi. area for a statewide progressive candidate. Built and maintained relationships with local party leaders in 5 counties in a geographically diverse portion of Washington.

Beauty Sales Associate, Macy's; Olympia, Wash. et al — 2008-2016

Provided magical customer service to a diverse clientele at a national department store. Built and maintained customer-client relationships in order to drive sales. Over 5 years, sold over \$1.1 million worth of cosmetics.

Field Organizer, Progressive Patriots Fund; Miami, Fla. — 2008

Implemented a bilingual field operation for a contested congressional race in South Florida. Solicited and directed volunteer support.

Field Organizer, 21st Century Democrats, Portland, Ore. — 2004

Directed a field canvassing operation aimed at improving voter turnout among young adults under age 30 at a local university. In one month, canvassers contacted over 3,000 voters.

Volunteer Experience

Chair, Thurston County Young Democrats — 2017

Development Director, Young Democrats of Washington — 2017

President, Oregon Federation of College Democrats — 2007

Skills

Spanish language - intermediate speaking, listening, writing

Typing - 80 words per minute, 11,000 keystrokes per hour

Valid Washington State drivers license

Education

The Evergreen State College, Olympia, Wash. — B.A. Liberal Arts, 2013-2017

Minneapolis Comm. and Technical College, Minneapolis, Minn. — 2010-2012

Portland State University, Portland, Ore. — 2004-2007

West Anchorage High School, Anchorage, Alaska — H.S. Diploma, 2004
