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Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee: 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.

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

At my last professional position, I worked on a nonpartisan legislative study of land acquisition and regulations. From that study, I learned about the social and ecological impacts that local parks can have for the health of neighborhoods and its citizens. There are scientific articles that point to local parks providing ecosystem services and a safer place for the community to bond and hold events. I also personally use the City of Olympia parks for hiking and running and have benefited from the presence of multiple city parks. I want to serve on this advisory committee to promote Olympia's parks and contribute my environmental studies and research perspectives to potential recommendations made by the advisory committee.

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

I have experience being on several boards and committees, including The Evergreen State College Clean Energy Committee and Board of Trustees. I also held a leadership role with a nonprofit, the Washington Student Association, as Executive Board President for a year. I have an educational background with both qualitative and quantitative skills as well as working with surveys. From these experiences, I understand the importance and value that an advisory committee can contribute to future decisions that impact residents.

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3. Describe your involvement in the Olympia community.

I have lived in Olympia for almost four years and now that I have a permanent full time position with Washington State and live downtown, I want to become more invested in the Olympia community. Serving as a board member for the City of Olympia Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee would give me the opportunity to do so.

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

My area of study is Environmental Anthropology and Public Administration. I received a Bachelors of Arts in Environmental Studies and Anthropology from the University of California, Santa Cruz in June 2014. I graduated with a Master of Environmental Studies from The Evergreen State College in 2016. I am currently pursuing a Master of Public Administration degree with a Public and Nonprofit Administration concentration; class of 2018. I am also an Affiliate Researcher with Portland State University's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Anthropology Department.

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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?

40

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

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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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

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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 *

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

Councilmember Jessica Bateman mentioned the opportunity during The Evergreen State College's Return to Evergreen event.

[Hruska Olympia Advisory Committee 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.

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Formal Education

The Evergreen State College	Olympia, WA
Master of Public Administration	June 2016 – June 2018
Master of Environmental Studies	June 2014 – June 2016
University of California, Santa Cruz	Santa Cruz, CA
B.A. Environmental Studies and Anthropology	Sept 2011 – June 2014

Employment History

Washington State Auditor's Office	<i>August 2017 – Present</i>
<i>Associate Performance Auditor / K-12 School Safety Planning Audit</i>	
Washington State Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee	<i>March – June 2017</i>
<i>Research Analyst Intern / Outcomes of Land Acquisition & Regulation Study</i>	
The Evergreen State College	
<i>Masters Programs / Graduate Program Writing Assistant</i>	<i>September 2017 – June 2018</i>
<i>Clean Energy Committee / Chair</i>	<i>November 2017 – June 2018</i>
<i>Office Assistant / President's Office</i>	<i>November 2016 – March 2017</i>
<i>Administrative Assistant / Marketing and Communications</i>	<i>October 2016- December 2016</i>
<i>Residential and Dining Services / Sustainability Coordinator</i>	<i>August 2016 – October 2016</i>
<i>Residential and Dining Services / Sustainability Resident Assistant</i>	<i>Sept 2015 – August 2016</i>

Higher Education Advocacy

Graduate Washington / Board Member	<i>June 2017 - Present</i>
The Evergreen State College / Student Trustee	<i>July 2016 – June 2017</i>
Washington Student Association / President	<i>May 2016 - May 2017</i>