

Friday, October 18, 2024



City of Olympia Boards and Commissions Committee Application

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Friday, December 13th at 5:00 PM PST

Advisory committees are a structured way for individual community members to share their opinions and perspectives, study issues, and develop recommendations in a focused small group. Their primary purpose is to provide judicious advice, from a community member's perspective, to the Olympia City Council.

Committee activities may include study of critical issues, hearing public testimony, independent research, and reviewing staff reports and recommendations - all of which is intended so that the committee is prepared to discuss, formulate, and forward well-developed, thoughtful recommendations to the City Council in a timely manner.

The City of Olympia values participation from all perspectives and life experiences and looks for equity and inclusion in advisory board appointments.

To reduce barriers to community member participation, the City offers stipends of \$25 per meeting attended to Advisory Committee members. Those members who certify as low income are eligible to receive stipends of \$50 per meeting attended. Advisory Committee members may waive the stipend upon request.

The Olympia City Council's Community Livability and Public Safety Committee recommends appointments to the full Council. Recommendations are made following review of applications and interviews of qualified candidates.

All of this careful consideration takes time, please be aware that you will not be notified until February of 2025 of any next steps in the process.

The City of Olympia is committed to the non-discriminatory treatment of all persons in employment and the delivery of services and resources. Questions? Contact Dawn Carvalho, Executive Services Assistant, 360.753.8065, dcarvalh@ci.olympia.wa.us

If you saved or submitted an application and did not receive a confirmation, please check your spam folder. When filed with the City, your application and attachment documents are public records and may be subject to public release.

Name	Jessica Grubb
Email	[REDACTED]
Primary Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]

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?

No

Select your residential area (Olympia residency is not required; however, it is a primary consideration.)

Other

If you choose other please write in your area:

NE Olympia, Johnson Point

Which Boards and Commissions would you like to apply for?

Planning Commission

Interests & Experiences

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. You may attach a resume.

Briefly describe why you wish to serve on this/these Advisory Committee(s).

I have been a realtor in Thurston County for 16 years. I believe there needs to be an easier process for development within the City of Olympia and creating more housing is vital to the city's future for residents and businesses. We need more affordable housing and opportunities for ownership in the City of Olympia and all of Thurston County.

Describe your experience, qualifications, and/or skills which would benefit the advisory committee(s) you are applying to.

I have built 5 homes in Thurston County and have renovated 7 others. I have gone through the planning process several times and help assist my clients through the application process in multiple municipalities for residential construction. I already have an understanding of the need for critical areas, setbacks, mitigation fees, and coordination with utilities while working with land owners and developers to come up with a common sense solution to continue well thought out development within the municipality.

Share the ways you've been involved or have volunteered in the community.

I am currently serving on the Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Club of Thurston County and am their Board Chair for the Operations and Safety Committee.

List your educational and/or professional background and area of study.

I have a high school diploma and have had some college course work. I have been a small business owner for the past 25 years and a realtor for the past 16 years.

Appointment to an advisory committee will require your attendance at evening meetings, and undertake other work (reading, meeting preparation etc.). How many hours per month are you willing to commit as a volunteer?

10-20 hours a month

Question Applies to the Planning Commission: In your own words, describe the role of a Olympia Planning Commissioner?

Shape the future of the city by reviewing current plans and developing new plans and policies for growth and development.

Question Applies to the Planning Commission: What interests you the most about community planning?

I think we are in an interesting time that requires a lot of creativity and common sense to come up with solutions to the housing shortage in our area that not only provides more housing, but the ability to be a homeowner with affordable housing to purchase. I don't think enough is being done.

Question Applies to the Planning Commission: What skills would you bring to the work of the Planning Commission and what do you hope to learn?

I have taken 5 vacant parcels of land from raw land to a finished home. I understand permitting, inspections, and the construction process. I hope to learn more about the back end of the process and how decisions are made.

Question Applies to the Planning Commission: Have you ever taken a Short Course in Local Planning, read an Olympia Planning Commission meeting packet or attended a meeting?

no

If you are not appointed to a Board or Commission at this time:

Do you wish to be considered for appointment to another Board or Commission?

No

Do you wish to be considered for future appointment to your preferred Board or Commission?

Yes

Thank you for your interest in serving on a City of Olympia Advisory Committee!

Please hit the "submit" button below when you have completed your application .