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Question applies to multiple boards

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 interviews of qualified candidates.

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

Three absences from meetings in a year may result in removal from an advisory board.

Questions? Contact Susan Grisham, Executive Assistant, 360.753.8244, sgrisham@ci.olympia.wa.us

If you saved or submitted an application and did not receive a confirmation, please check your spam folder.

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

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

Fleet Manager
Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

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) *

Eastside

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

Interests & Experiences

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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.

I wish to join this committee in order to advocate for safer streets and pathways for pedestrians and bicyclists. Too many people are injured or killed by cars every year due to careless drivers and inadequate walking and biking infrastructure.

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

Six years as a bicycle and pedestrian commuter in Olympia has afforded me the opportunity to observe the challenges and opportunities of our pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure.

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3. Describe your involvement in the Olympia community.

I am homeowner in the Eastside neighborhood and an employee working in downtown Olympia. I am a graduate from the Evergreen State College and have grown to love this city since I moved here in 2013.

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

B.A. in Public Policy, Evergreen State College 2017 M.A. in infrastructure Planning and Management, University of Washington 2019

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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?

up to 25 hours per month

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

Internet Search

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Upload a Resume

SAMUEL GACAD-COWAN

SKILLS:

Has experience in policy research and writing. Possesses an understanding of basic planning theory and practice. Collaborative, creative, active, and optimistic.

EXPERIENCE:

Fleet Manager | Community Youth Services | 2018-present

Providing vehicle fleet operations and maintenance services to ensure safety, compliance and operational efficiency.

Green Power Representative | Puget Sound Energy | 3Degrees Sustainability Consultant | 2017

Provided outreach services for PSE, educating and enrolling customers in PSE's renewable energy program.

Policy/GIS Intern | City of Olympia | Community Planning and Development | 2016

Created maps in ArcGIS and graphs in Excel for an assessment of affordable housing in Thurston County.

Produce Sales | McGrath Family Farms, Ventura CA | 2009-2013

Transportation of produce from the farm to various farmer's markets in the region. Responsible for customer service, inventory tracking, and sales.

EDUCATION:

Bachelor of Arts | December 2016 | The Evergreen State College

GIS Certification | 2017 | South Puget Sound Community College

Master of Infrastructure Planning and Management | 2019 | University of Washington

OBJECTIVE :

To advocate for bicycle and pedestrian Infrastructure in my community



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VOLUNTEER :

Homework Tutor | CIELO Olympia WA | 2016

Tutored 2nd-4th grade students in a multicultural setting. I tracked individual student's performance and formulated curriculum to fit their needs.

