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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Community Representatives for Police Use of Force Events Board : Submitted

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

☒ Begon Heights

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

Interests & Experiences

Question applies to multiple boards

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

I was very glad when the people of Washington decided through the initiative process to increase accountability and bring greater transparency to the investment of uses of deadly force. I believe this committee has the potential to bring fairness and consider community involvement to actions by police - who are also members of, and serve, the greater community. I'm thankful it's a great step forward, and I'm excited about the opportunity to be part of that process.

Question applies to multiple boards

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

I believe my skills as an attorney would be valuable to this committee because much of my work requires understanding and applying a legal standard to a set of facts. I-940 changed an existing legal standard, and I hope my experience interpreting and analyzing such standards would benefit the committee's work monitoring independent investments.

Question applies to multiple boards

3. Describe your involvement in the Olympia community.

I moved to Olympia with my wife in 2017, and we have every intention of staying. I have volunteered regularly in the past 3 years with Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services on housing law and other civil cases, and my wife is a boardmember of the organization. We've volunteered as well with GRUB, building garden boxes and trees for our neighbors. We donate our time and money to local charities to help the underserved in town, and are supporters of our wonderful local businesses, buying local whenever possible. We are also big patrons of the local libraries. I say "we" in all of this because being part of the Olympia community has become so important to us as a family.

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

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

☒ 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.

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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

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 *

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17. Please share any experience or training you have had around understanding and recognizing implicit bias and how it works.

I have taken Implicit Association Tests in both academic and professional settings within the last five years. My current work is grounded in principles of racial equity, which recognize the effects that implicit bias can have on outcomes even where policy is race-neutral.

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18. As a non-law enforcement community representative on an Independent Investigation Team you may be exposed to stark and disturbing crime scene information and/or images that show moments of crisis or violence. How does your background prepare you to process and cope with such information?

I am solely a civil attorney, but I have worked with many formerly or currently incarcerated people, many who were just involved as victims of crimes, and many survivors of other traumatic experiences. My work has sometimes required me to learn intimate details about people's experiences of crisis or violence. It's work I have had practice processing and coping with and that I am ready to take on in the context of this committee.

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EDUCATION

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO SCHOOL OF LAW, Chicago IL

Juris Doctor, May 2017

Journals: International Law Review, Associate Editor
Public Interest Law Reporter, Executive Editor

Publications: -*Use and Abuse of Pre-trial Detention in Council of Europe States: A Path to Reform*, 13 LOY. U. CHI. INT'L. L. REV. 159 (2015)
-*Who's in the Sights: Fighting the Illegal Effects of Legal Gun Ownership in Chicago*, 21 LOY. U. CHI. PUBLIC INTEREST LAW REPORTER 35 (2015)
-*The 'Traditional' Narrative and the Problem of Definitional Conflation in the Banishment Literature*. First place winner of 2017 Chief Justice John B. Doolin Sovereignty Symposium Writing Competition

Organizations: Washington State Bar Association
Thurston County Bar Association

EXPERIENCE

COLUMBIA LEGAL SERVICES, Olympia, WA

Staff Attorney, October 2018 – present

- Use tools of class-action litigation and legislative advocacy to advance community-led efforts to dismantle the systems of mass incarceration and immigration.
- Advocate in state legislature for passage of legislation benefiting and protecting vulnerable people, including tenants, houseless people, low-income consumers, criminal justice-involved people, and farmworkers.
- Advocate in state legislature against passage of legislation that harms vulnerable groups or strengthens unjust systems.
- Join community efforts to effect legislative change on the municipal and county level—including preventing the zoning of expanded prison facilities, and advocating against the adoption of ordinances intended to exclude and punish unsheltered citizens.
- In 2018-2019, as advocate in Basic Human Needs project group, partnered with civil legal aid providers and grassroots organizations to provide community-centered advocacy for unsheltered people living on public land in Thurston County.

THURSTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER LEGAL SERVICES, Olympia, WA

Volunteer Attorney, October 2017 – August 2018

- Advise low-income clients in landlord/tenant disputes. Represent clients in unlawful detainer hearings. Provide additional support outside of clinic hours.
- Partner with local attorney to provide full pro bono representation in property dispute. Draft pleadings, motions, and briefs, develop case theory, and present oral argument at appellate level.

POTTER BOLAÑOS, LLC, Chicago, Illinois

Law Clerk, May 2016 – February 2017

- Draft, prepare, and submit court documents in teacher dismissal, labor arbitration, and federal false claims cases.
- Prepare clients, witnesses, exhibits, and documents for arbitration, and assist supervising attorneys during hearings.
- Perform legal research and prepare memoranda to develop case theory and prepare pleadings and briefs.
- Conduct client intake and communicate with clients, counsel, and Chicago Teachers Union to develop cases.

PROJECT BEACON: NATIVE TRAFFICKING PROJECT, Chicago, Illinois

Legal Outreach Director, May 2016 – May 2017

- Develop initiative to provide direct legal services to Native victims of sex trafficking in the Midwest.
- Lead outreach to Chicago victims services organizations and Midwest tribal communities to provide a full spectrum of medical, social, and legal services to clients.
- Draft intake documents and legal forms for use in provision of legal services.