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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) *

☒ South Capitol

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 wish so serve as a member of the Olympia Planning Commission because I have a passion for and knowledge of land use and housing issues, and want to participate in making my community a safer, more inclusive, prosperous place for current and future residents. My previous job allowed me to work with members on the community on a regular basis on issues of direct importance to its citizens. My new position has removed me from that direct community involvement, and see service on the planning commission as a way to remain involved in my community.

Question applies to multiple boards

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

My most relevant qualifications to serve on the advisory commission include recently serving as the Government Affairs Director for the Olympia Master Builders, and currently as a Policy Analyst, in the Washington State House of Representatives, staffing the local government committee. These position have given me a strong understanding of land use, housing, economic development and city planning, from both the private business/citizen and local government perspective. My involvement on similar issues in neighboring counties will allow me to also bring a beneficial perspective to Olympia's role in the regional community.

Question applies to multiple boards

3. Describe your involvement in the Olympia community.

My involvement in the Olympia community includes past involvement on the Thurston County Chamber of Commerce Business and Economic Development Board, serving as a representative of the local homebuilding industry, personally supporting campaigns and causes, and work on policy issues with a diverse number of stakeholders in Olympia and throughout Thurston County.

Question applies to multiple boards

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

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Washington State University (2006 - 2010) Legislative Assistant to State Representative Drew Stokesbary, WA State House of Reps (2015 -2016) Government Affairs Director, Olympia Master Builders (2016 - 2017) Policy Analyst, Local Government Cmte. and Business and Financial Services Cmte., WA State House of Reps (2018-)

Question applies to multiple boards

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+

Question applies to multiple boards

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.

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?

The Hon. Jessica Bateman

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 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 vet long range planning proposals before they are heard by the city council. A planning commissioner should review information provided by city staff and anticipate questions or issues which may arise upon that issue being sent to the council. Upon receiving any desired clarification, a commissioner should recommend to the council how best to proceed, paying particular attention to how policies line up with guiding documents, such as the city's comprehensive plan.

Question applies to Planning Commission

11. What interests you most about community planning?

With community planning, there are a limitless number of paths to take to achieving a municipalities stated objective. The outcome of community planning is tangible and can have incredibly beneficial or detrimental effects on the well being of residents. The need to think creatively and far down the road in anticipation of a projected future is complicated, and I find that to be the most fascinating aspect of community planning.

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 am a strong communicator and I work well with groups of people, including those who do not always share my point of view. I hope to learn more about the intricacies of land use and city planning and better understand how implementation of various policies impact residents and the city on a local level.

Question applies to Planning Commission

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

I have never taken a course on local planning, but I have read countless OPC packets and attended numerous planning commission meetings.

Question applies to Planning Commission

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

I am generally familiar with the city's comprehensive plan, which serves as the city's guiding document to planning. When developing a recommendation for the city council, the planning commission should be comparing the policy to how it aligns with and balances the direction and objectives enumerated by the city in the comp plan.

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Legislative/Policy Experience

WASHINGTON STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Olympia, WA

Policy Analyst for the House Republican Caucus

January 2018 – Present

- Tracking, researching and analyzing legislation for the caucus and its members, relating to the Local Government Committee and Business and Financial Services Committee.
- Assisting members in drafting amendments and legislation that will best help them achieve their policy goals.
- Serving as a liaison between stakeholders and members during policy discussions in order to reach consensus on complicated pieces of legislation relating to a wide spectrum of issues.

THE OLYMPIA MASTER BUILDERS, Olympia, WA

Director of Government Affairs

August 2016 – January 2018

- Tracking, researching and analyzing policy proposals related to the building industry across 5 counties and 25 municipalities
- Briefing association members and the executive director on proposals and advising them on potential legislative strategies and effects to the industry
- Developing member opinions into coherent policy arguments and lobbying elected officials and stakeholders on behalf of the association

WASHINGTON STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Olympia, WA

Legislative Assistant to State Rep. Drew Stokesbary

January 2015 – August 2016

- Serving as office liaison; building relationships with hundreds of constituents, members, staff and lobbyists
- Conducting policy research, seeking legislative solutions to constituent casework and helping to coordinate capital budget proposals for cities in the 31st LD
- Responsible for all scheduling and front of office relations, taking constituent meetings, responding to emails, and interacting with people visiting the Capitol

Campaign Experience

AB HAYS, Tacoma, WA

Project Manager/Campaign Manager

August 2014 – December 2014

FRIENDS OF DAVE REICHERT, Issaquah, WA

Campaign Manager

February 2014 – July 2014

WORKING FAMILIES, Gig Harbor, WA

Technical Field Specialist

June 2013 – August 2013

VOTERS FOR DICK MURI, Lakewood, WA

Campaign Manager

August 2012 – November 2012

- Responsible for managing daily campaign operations, staff and interns
- Created and executed campaign and communications plans of multiple campaigns
- Responsible for creating and implementing \$1 million+ campaign budgets
- Oversaw development of a new campaign website
- Responsible for recruiting and coordinating hundreds of volunteers
- Writing and managing completion of dozens of voters pamphlet statements, and endorsement questionnaires for major organizations, PACs and Newspapers
- Developed and oversaw various successful GOTV strategies
- Coordinating execution of Mail, Phone, Online and TV voter outreach efforts for multiple, high-profile state legislature campaigns
- Analyzing voter data and past election results, establishing persuasion and GOTV voter universes for clients

Other Experience

THE VELVET UNDERGROUND DINING EXPERIENCE, Seattle, WA

Event Coordinator

January 2013 – June 2013; August 2013 – February 2014

- Responsible for planning and managing logistics for high-end dining events and private event rentals, featuring many of the best chefs in Seattle
- Developed detailed planning processes to track the progress of multiple events at a time and successfully meet tight deadlines with precision and extreme attention to detail
- Creating and executing marketing campaigns, for “pop-up” dinners and for recruiting patrons, through the use of our website, email, and numerous social media tools
- Responsible for the recruiting and hiring staff to work events, as well as recruiting and marketing the event space to caterers, chefs, event planners and other potential clients

SKILLS

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| • Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Publisher | • GOP Datacenter, Voter Vault, Ground Game |
| • Constant Contact, Mailchimp, Word Press | • Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and LinkedIn |
| • Piryx and Paypal online fundraising | |

EDUCATION

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY, Pullman, WA

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Graduate of RNC Campaign Management School, Washington D.C., March 2014
- Board member of the Mainstream Republicans of Washington, 2012 - 2017
- Member of the Discovery Institute, 2013 Center for Civic Leadership Roundtable
- Graduate of the Action for Washington Leadership Development Program – Fall 2011