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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.

Registered Nurse

Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee: Submitted

Planning Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

If you applied for multiple boards or commissions, please rank them in order of interest below.

1. Planning Commission 2. Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

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

South Westside Olympia

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

SW Olympia

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.

Planning Commission: To gain experience in the development of policy and help inform decisions that affect me and my community. I have worked in Emergency Medicine for 15 years as a RN, EMT, and volunteer FF and seen the direct effects of poorly developed policy on the lives of Olympia residents. I am interested in engaging in productive discussions that aim to improve quality of life and address competing priorities from an equity and diversity lens. Bike and pedestrian committee: I am a current bike commuter from SW olympia to PSPH, extensive use of pedestrian walkways/trails, utilize public transportation. Dog owner. Unfortunately, people keep trying to squish me on my bicycle.

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

Ability to engage in respectful dialog with people representing diverse points of view Ability to engage in a systematic approach to problem solving including root cause analysis processes Proven ability to function effectively as a team member Experience in evidence based practice theories and implementation, drafting of resolutions, lobbying, and completing literature reviews.

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3. Describe your involvement in the Olympia community.

Bike commuter, utilize public transportation, walking trails, and parks as a dog owner Support and engage in downtown activities, shops and restaurants. friendships and family connections throughout the city Passionate about public engagement in policy development. TESC grad 2003, recently relocated back to the city as a home owner.

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

EDUCATION: B.S.N - Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore MD, 2011 B.S - Biology/Physical Science, The Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA, 2003 EMPLOYMENT Current Employer: RN, Cardiac Cath Lab, PSPH, 2018-Current RN, Emergency Department, Oregon Health and Science University Hospital, 2015-2018 RN, Emergency Department, University of WA Medical Center, 2011-2015 EMT, American Medical Response, Olympia, WA, 2008-2009 Supervisor - EMT, Olympic Ambulance INC, Lacey, WA 2005-2008 Volunteer FF/EMT, Black Lake Fire Dept, Olympia, WA 2003-2007 Wilderness Trip Director, Wilderness Ventures, Jackson, WY 2004, 2007, 2010, 2011

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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?

Any

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

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

Any

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?

Friend

Upload a Resume

Question applies to Planning Commission

10. In your own words, what is the role of an Olympia Planning Commissioner?

To serve as a liaison between the people affected by policy and those implementing policy. To inform policy and ensure it serves the goals of the City Comprehensive Plan.

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11. What interests you most about community planning?

Engaging as a team member to address complicated issues with a solutions based approach.

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 excited to about city planning processes so that I can engage more effectively as an informed resident and grow into a community leader. What I Bring: Teamwork and Group process skills. Conflict resolution Knowledge of health systems Research skills Writing and communication skills. Experience working with people from diverse age, socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds. Ability to simplify and translate complicated concepts to aid public understanding. Time management skills. Evidence based practice concepts.

Question applies to Planning Commission

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

not yet!

Question applies to Planning Commission

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

I have read chunks of the document and was impressed by the accessability of the language used. It is the strategic plan guiding Olympia city planning decisions. It fulfills the requirements set for by the state GMA and outlines the values that define our planning decisions. It is the community's vision to which local government leaders are meant to work towards and be held accountable to.