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## Profile

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Cultural Resources  
Coordinator

Occupation

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## Which Boards would you like to apply for?

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Heritage Commission: Submitted

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

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

☒ Other

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City Limits - Westside

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

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## 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.**

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I am a Chehalis tribal member and my family has lived in the greater Olympia area since Time Immemorial. I am a cultural resources professional and nearly finished with my masters in historic preservation program. Heritage and cultural resources of various forms are my life interests and it would be an honor to serve on the city's commission dedicated to advising the council on preservation related issues.

Question applies to multiple boards

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

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My current employment is the Cultural Resources Coordinator for the WA ST DEPT of HEALTH in the Office of Drinking Water. I implement the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106) and State Environmental Policy Act for my program. I participate in formal and informal consultation with all tribes with traditional territory in Washington state, other state agencies, and interested parties. I also represent my division (Environmental Public Health) on the agency's tribal resource workgroup and recently led the first Tribal Environmental Public Health summit January 7-9, 2018. I have also served on the Chehalis Tribe's Heritage Committee and assist in tribal heritage related activities.

Question applies to multiple boards

**3. Describe your involvement in the Olympia community.**

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I previously served on the City of Olympia's Heritage Commission. I served on the city's 2017 ARCH workgroup dedicated to looking at important Arts, Culture and Heritage highlights in the community. I attend many activities and events such as the Dragon Boat races, previous Canoe Journeys, Arts Walk, Procession of the Species, several rallies and marches, etc... Additionally, I shop, dine, walk and visit many Olympia businesses and locations.

Question applies to multiple boards

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

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Bachelor of Arts with a focus on Native American studies, archaeology, and anthropology at The Evergreen State College. I have one semester (thesis) left to complete my masters in historic preservation at Goucher College. My treatise will be focusing on tribal consultation as required by the National Historic Preservation Act and the impact to tribes. Professionally, I have been the cultural resources coordinator at Dept. of Health, Office of Drinking Water for nearly three years. Previously I was the cultural resources coordinator implementing Washington State Executive Order 05-05 and SEPA at the Dept. of Commerce, Local Government Division in the Public Works Board and Community Economic Revitalization Board.

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?**

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As needed

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?**

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Question applies to multiple boards

**6c. Would you be willing to volunteer for other City activities?**

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☒ 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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Design Review

Question applies to multiple boards

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

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☒ 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?**

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☒ 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.**

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**Do you agree to comply with this expectation?**

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☒ I Agree \*

Question applies to multiple boards

## 9. How did you learn about this advisory committee recruitment?

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Have been following commission for years.

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Upload a Resume

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](mailto: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 Heritage Commission

## 10. Why do you think Olympia's historic places are important?

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Simply put: it assists in identifying who we are today and where we belong. One must know their past in order to know their present and future.

Question applies to Heritage Commission

## 11. What is your experience working with the history or preservation of built/cultural heritage?

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This has been answered throughout the other application questions. My experience started while I was sitting at the feet of my elders as an infant. The remainder of my life will continue on the same path. This is in the core of who I am.