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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](mailto: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.*

Consultant

Occupation

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**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee: Submitted

Planning Commission: Submitted

Utility Advisory Committee: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

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

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1. Planning Commission 2. Utility Advisory Committee 3. Parks & Rec Advisory Committee

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

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Devon Place

**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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As development accelerates in the South Sound, Olympia is uniquely positioned to maintain its vibrancy as a distinct community by avoiding being swallowed up by suburban sprawl. I have lived in places that experienced similar development pressure, and the lesson learned was that managing a community's destiny takes vision, community involvement, consensus-building and at times compromise. I believe I can help the city with these efforts (discussed below). I now have the time available to commit wholeheartedly to my city.

Question applies to multiple boards

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

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I worked as a planner in Miami-Dade County, which was (and still is) undergoing severe development pressure. I made recommendations to the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners, specializing in Comprehensive Plan amendments that were environmentally sensitive. Besides this direct planning experience, throughout my career I have striven to provide relevant, digestible information to decision makers to help them make informed decisions, including recommending appropriate courses of action where appropriate. To be successful in my career (and life!) I have learned to listen, consider all sides of the issue, and make decisions/recommendations that best reflect the positions of all stakeholders.

Question applies to multiple boards

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

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I was on the city bike-ped committee a few years ago, and then on the Thurston County parks board, but had to resign because of potential conflicts of interest - I took a job as performance audit manager at the Washington State Auditor's Office. During this hiatus I was an officer in the Devon Place Homeowner's Association. I am winding down my paid consultant work and am free once again to get involved in community affairs.

Question applies to multiple boards

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

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Education: BBA, Master of Public Administration (MPA), Master of Economics (MS). Professional experience: land use planning, policy analysis (specializing in environment, transportation, energy and land use issues), performance audit manager (including research on Washington's GMA), economics (specializing in application to environmental issues such as global warming), land use management and ecosystem valuation at the Washington Department of Natural Resources.

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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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

**6b. Do you wish to be considered for future appointment to this 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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1. Planning Commission 2. Utility Advisory Committee 3. Parks & Rec Advisory Committee

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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City website

[resume1219.docx](#)

Upload a Resume

Question applies to Planning Commission

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

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To assist the City Council with land use issues by providing vision for longer-term planning (through participation in developing deliverables such as the Comp Plan and Capital Facilities Plan) as well as implementing the city's Comp Plan via individual land use/zoning decisions. Commissioners can also be an effective conduit to the community, providing two-way communication as well as engendering community involvement, all the while maintaining objectivity.

Question applies to Planning Commission

## 11. What interests you most about community planning?

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I believe my skills and interests would best serve Olympia on the Planning Commission. Olympia is a wonderful community, but development pressure will be accelerating. I would like to help the community manage this growth, taking advantage of smart-growth opportunities while protecting or even enhancing the community's unique characteristics. I have also worked on the economics of climate change issues and would like to have the opportunity to apply what I know to planning efforts (such as shoreline development and infrastructure).

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?

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As mentioned above, I have worked as a land-use planner. I also have policy analysis experience in state government (Washington, New York and Florida) on issues pertinent to land use planning such as environment, transportation, public works infrastructure and energy. I understand how government works and have considerable experience balancing the interests of stakeholders. I also did considerable research on the GMA at the State Auditor's Office. I would like to get a better understanding of the effects of the GMA on the city, and learning more about the perspectives of stakeholders on land use issues. I also have a knack for consensus-building and building trust with elected officials and stakeholders.

Question applies to Planning Commission

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

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I took urban planning courses while studying for my MPA and had a considerable amount of training while a planner for Miami-Dade County. The planning process in Florida has some similarities to Washington but no other state has our GMA! When doing research on the GMA I met with Leonard Bauer who was extremely helpful; unfortunately, we did not follow through with a performance audit of the GMA or any of its components.

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

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I have reviewed the Comp Plan and the Capital Facilities Plan. I'm knowledgeable about the city's GMA commitments. I think the Comp Plan is an excellent opportunity to periodically revisit the community's vision and develop actionable activities - although we would all like to be constantly doing this, the reality is that busy schedules tend to put longer-term planning on the back burner. This periodic comprehensive review forces us to focus on the longer term (memories of my life as a planner in Miami-Dade County).

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## **EDUCATION**

Master of Science MS (Economics), University of Massachusetts at Amherst, 1995.

Master of Public Administration MPA (Policy Analysis), Nelson A. Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, State University of New York at Albany, Albany NY, 1981.

Bachelor of Business Administration BBA, Hofstra University, Hempstead NY, 1978.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Consultant**

*Olydon Consulting*; 2016-present  
Olympia, WA

- Providing government consulting services, specializing in policy and economic analysis, and data management and analysis
- Briefed elected officials on the economics underlying carbon taxes and cap-and-trade programs.

### **Principal Performance Auditor**

*Washington State Auditor's Office*; 2013-2016  
Olympia, WA

- Supervised performance audit teams working on sensitive policy and data management-oriented topics, including:
  - Career and Technical Education
  - Public Records Act and Requests
  - Administrative Hearings
  - Medicaid Managed Care
- Member of the Performance Audit Leadership Team, focusing on staff development
- Researched policy implications of the State's Growth Management Act
- Provided in-house data management and methodological consulting services.

### **Program Evaluation, Research and Analysis Manager**

*Washington State Employment Security Department*; 2013  
Olympia, WA

- Managed the following units in the Labor Market Economic Analysis Division:
  - Economic Analysis
  - Industry and Occupational projections
  - Survey development and execution.

**Senior Performance Auditor**

*Washington State Auditor's Office; 2008-2013*

Olympia, WA

- Managed a performance audit of Washington's Financial Management system
- Managed a data-intensive performance audit of K-12 non-instructional spending
- Verified quality assurance on five performance audits
- Edited and/or rewrote three performance audits.

**Natural Resource Economist**

*Washington State Department of Natural Resources; 2004-2008*

Olympia, WA

- Provided economic services and policy recommendations to Executive Management and Forest Practices, Land Management and Aquatic Resources divisions
- Completed investment analyses on large land exchanges (Central Cascades and South Stevens)
- Developed quarterly economic forecasts.

**Legislative Policy Analyst**

*Florida Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability; 2002-2004*

Tallahassee, FL

- Managed Performance Audits of state education programs, focusing on data-intensive projects.

**Principal Environmental Planner**

*Miami-Dade County Department of Planning and Zoning; 2001-2002*

Miami, FL

- Provided environmental resource-related recommendations for county master plan updates
- Coordinated staff support for Miami-Dade County Agricultural Practices Advisory Board.

**Economic and Environmental Policy Consultant**

*Polish Ministry for Environmental Protection; 1996-2000*

Gdansk, Poland

- Provided consulting services to Polish delegation to the Helsinki Commission relating to Baltic Sea protection
- Represented Poland on a United Nations/European Union-sponsored project that promoted and facilitated public participatory planning in Polish municipalities.

**Research Assistant**

*University of Massachusetts at Amherst; 1992-1995*

Amherst, MA

- Designed and managed a research project focusing on applying Contingent Valuation and econometric analysis to estimating the value of groundwater in western Massachusetts
- Taught an undergraduate Environmental Policy course.

**Policy Analyst/Economist**

*New York State Department of Economic Development; 1981-1992*

Albany, NY

- Coordinated departmental policy activities on resource-related issues
- Advised Governor on economic implications of legislation and executive policy proposals
- Drafted legislation and wrote portions of Governor's State-of-the-State annual message
- Provided economic perspective and recommendations to Governor and other state agencies.