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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.

Toxicologist

Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Heritage Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

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.

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

I am interested in helping the Olympia community and preserving historic buildings.

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

I have been on this advisory committee since 2007 and chair or vice chair since 2009. Prior to that I spent several years on the Landmarks Commission in Harpers Ferry, WV. I have experience in applying the Secretary of the Interior's standards for historic preservation.

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3. Describe your involvement in the Olympia community.

My main volunteer activity is the OHC. I am also active in Olympians for People Oriented Progress (OPOP), who's mission is to promote land use that stimulates vibrant economies and creates sustainable, walkable communities.

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

I am a toxicologist at the Washington State Department of Health. I have a BS in Biology and a PhD in Genetics.

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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?

15

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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.

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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 *

Question applies to multiple boards

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

Neighbor and Commissioner

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Upload a Resume

Question applies to Heritage Commission

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

There are many reasons, including the importance of unique places, the financial advantages, the sustainability of continuing to use existing structures, etc.

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

I have been on this advisory committee since 2007 and chair or vice-chair since 2009. Prior to that I spent several years on the Landmarks Commission in Harpers Ferry, WV. I have experience in applying the Secretary of the Interior's standards for historic preservation. I have also always lived in historic homes and maintained the two I've owned in accordance with the Secretary's standards. My current house is on the Olympia Historic Register and a contributing structure in a National Historic District. My last house, in Harpers Ferry, WV, was also a contributing structure in a National Historic District.

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Genetics 2000
University of Washington, Seattle WA

B.S. in Biology, concentration in genetics and development 1993
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

MUNICIPAL EXPERIENCE

City of Olympia, WA

Olympia Heritage Commissioner since 2006 and Chair/Vice Chair 2009-present

- Advise the City Council on matters related to the recognition, enhancement and continued use of buildings, sites, districts and objects of historical significance within the City and to serve as the City's primary resource in matters of historic preservation.
- Applied for and received a grant from DAHP for the city to inventory mid-century properties
- Compliance with federal, state, and local regulations on listing new properties on the Historic Register, eligibility of historic properties for local tax credits, and granting permits to alter historic structures and for new construction within historic districts.
- As Chair, oversee development of our annual work plan and approval by the City Council.
- Oversaw the process of changing Olympia Municipal Code in regard to laws on historic preservation.

Town of Harpers Ferry, WV

Elected Recorder and Mayor Pro-Tem, 7/2003-9/2004

- Liaison among Mayor, Town Council and citizens of Harpers Ferry.
- Supervised Harpers Ferry including the Police Department and the Water Company.
- Administered a total annual budget of \$850,000.
- Prepared and submitted reports to regional and national offices.
- Responsible for official records of Harpers Ferry, including agendas and minutes for Town Council meetings.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Washington State Department of Health

Senior Toxicologist 4/2019-present

- Evaluate scientific studies and other information to support policy decisions in Environmental Public Health, including flame retardants, highly fluorinated chemicals, and harmful algal blooms.
- Effective outreach and interaction with external stakeholders for information and policy decisions, including businesses, government (local, state, federal, and tribal), and non-profit advocacy groups.
- Lead the PFAS Workgroup for the Interstate Chemicals Clearinghouse, an organization of state and local governments.

Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County (LHWMP)

Environmental Scientist III 11/2017- 4/2019

- Developed a Safer Alternatives Strategy to advance a consistent method that meets the needs of the program and is scientifically up-to-date, transparent, and consistent with local and national practitioners.
- Designed an Issue Development Framework to provide a single, systematic, cohesive approach for identifying, tracking, prioritizing, and preparing hazardous materials issues for LHWMP action.
- Led projects to collaborate with strategic partners in King County, both inside and outside of LHWMP, local and national technical partners, and community groups to prevent exposure to hazardous chemicals, especially through identifying safer alternatives and promoting their adoption. This includes work with other states, community groups, and local users on substitutes to per-and polyfluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS) fire firefighting foam, food contact paper, and carpets.
- Evaluated the scientific literature and other information to support ongoing LHWMP projects and consult with staff on multi-agency teams as needed for lead in homes, safer cleaning, autobody paints, and janitorial cleaning projects.
- Effectively represented LHWMP on statewide committees, at scientific conferences, with community groups and other strategic partners.
- Improved the health of historically underserved individuals and communities through a racial equity lens is integrated throughout my work.

Washington State Department of Health

Regulatory Analyst 2 8/2017- 10/2017

- Worked with subject matter experts in Offices on rule development for food safety, radiation, and drinking water
- Advised the Drinking Water Office on public health responses based on the most recent science in advance of testing for lead in drinking water in schools.

Washington State Department of Ecology

Senior Toxicologist 4/2007-7/2017

- Served as the policy lead for the Reducing Toxic Threats Strategic Initiative, including advising Ecology leadership and developing the agency's strategy to reduce toxic threats in consideration of activities in Washington, other states, and at the federal level.
- Evaluated scientific studies and other information to support policy decisions for the agency's initiative to reduce and prevent toxic threats, including recovery of Puget Sound, individual chemical bans, disclosure under the Children's Safe Products Act, and our state Green Chemistry Roadmap.
- Led a multi-agency team of ten people to develop Chemical Action Plans to identify, characterize and evaluate all uses and releases of a specific chemical or group of chemicals and recommend actions to protect human health and the environment. Secured support for the recommendations inside and outside the agency.
- Effective outreach and interaction with external stakeholders for information and policy decisions, including businesses, government (local, state, federal, and tribal), and non-profit advocacy groups.
- Represented the agency to the state legislature and on statewide advisory committees.
- Legislative bill drafting, analysis, and testimony, including for the governor's toxics reduction bill, flame retardants, and laws containing restrictions on lead wheel weights, coal tar sealants, BPA in baby bottles and other products, and avoiding PCBs in state purchasing.

Tacoma and South Puget Sound Community Colleges

Adjunct Professor 6/2006-6/2007

Taught lecture and laboratory for Cell Biology, Environmental Science, and Nutrition

University of Puget Sound

Visiting Assistant Professor 7/2005-6/2006

Taught three upper level courses: Genetics lecture and laboratory, Molecular Biology lecture and laboratory, Biological Determinism and Human Freedom (co-taught with a religion professor).

National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), Lab of Cellular and Development Biology

Research Fellow 5/2000-9/2004

Supervisor: Dr. Jurrien Dean

Discovery and characterization of genes expressed in the newborn ovary of normal and FIG alpha null mice by serial analysis of gene expression (SAGE). Used bioinformatics, genetics, and molecular biology and successfully introduced new techniques into the laboratory. Developed and organized the first annual fellows scientific retreat as a member of postdoc work group in the NIDDK Office of Fellow Recruitment and Career Development.

University of Washington Department of Genetics

Graduate research assistant 9/1994-3/2000

Supervisor: Dr. Robert Braun

Dissertation: *MSY4, A sequence-specific RNA binding protein expressed during mouse spermatogenesis.*
Cloning and characterization of the RNA-binding protein MSY4, and its role in mouse spermatogenesis.

COMMITTEES AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

US EPA Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals

Association for the Advancement of Alternatives Assessment

Childhood Lead Screening Expert Panel

Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry and (SETAC)

Children's Environmental Health Working Group within the Washington chapter of the Collaborative on
Health and the Environment