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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.

retired from Oregon
Department of Environmental
Quality

Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

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.

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

Other

I don't know what it is

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

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.

I have experience from a regulatory agency in the areas of water quality, air quality and solid waste/recycling. I want to provide my skills and expertise in service to my community.

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

I worked at the Oregon DEQ for 19 years. The majority of my time was in the solid waste/recycling area. I managed the staff that implemented the 1991 Opportunity to recycle act. I managed the water quality section in the Pendleton Office, and the Air Quality policy section in Portland. I also did a few years doing economic development in eastern Oregon. My knowledge and understanding of regulatory issues may be an assist to the advisory committee. In the course of my work I was the staff lead for advisory committees. Two in particular were on contentious rule development issues surrounding plastic recycling and composting.

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3. Describe your involvement in the Olympia community.

I arrived here in July so I am a newbie. I attended the Thurston County SWAC meeting where I was encouraged to apply for this committee. I am involved in Habitat for Humanities "Women Build" project and have submitted my application to volunteer at my grandson's school.

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

Bachelor of Science in General Social Studies from Portland State University Master of Arts in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix. 5 years managing Solid Waste Policy and Program Development for DEQ. 5 years as Environmental Manager for Fred Meyer Stores. 4 years Air Quality Operations Section at DEQ. Two years Water Quality Manager for DEQ's Eastern Region. Before entering management I spend a total of seven and a half years doing environmental policy work for DEQ and for the Metropolitan Service District in Portland.

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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?

15-20

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6. If you are not appointed to this committee at this time:

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6a. Do you wish to be considered for appointment to another advisory committee?

Yes No

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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

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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 *

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

from Gary Franks in Public Works

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Upload a Resume

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WORK EXPERIENCE

City of Raleigh, Parks and Recreation

Recreation Leader

June 2017 – Jul -2018

- Support Raleigh’s vision to connect with community through exceptional experiences by:
 - Staying current with policies and procedures,
 - Focusing on friendly, excellent customer service,
 - Completing trainings in a timely manner,
 - Ensuring classrooms are set up and equipped for classes and rentals.

Town of Clayton, Customer Relations/Utilities Department

Cashier

Nov 2015 – Apr 2017

- Processed utility payments, parking tickets, and permit fees,
- Attended Spanish class to improve conversation with Spanish speaking clients,
- Refreshed my limited sign language to engage and provide assistance to hearing impaired client,
- Wrote comprehensive procedures manual for using computerized payment system.

City of Raleigh, Parks and Recreation

Recreation Leader

Feb 2014 – Nov 2015

- Greeter, registrar, room set up to ever-changing daily needs,
- Updated televised slide show that presents daily activities and upcoming events.

Town of Garner, Parks and Recreation

Facility Attendant

Nov 2012 – Dec 2013

- Developed Black History Month display featuring history of Negro Baseball League,
- Staffed ticket booth and operated concession stand during shows,
- Clean up during and after shows, refill supplies, inventory concessions and other various tasks as needed.

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Manager, Economic Development and Water Quality Program

Mar 2008 – Dec 2010

- Maintained customer service requirements despite staff cutbacks by integrating electronic reporting and enhancing feedback loop with customers.
- Improved business opportunities by working with our regulatory arm to streamline permit turn around and reviews.

Solid Waste and Recycling Policy Analyst

Aug 2005 – Mar 2008

- Incorporated advisory committee input into highly controversial solid waste composting rules while maintaining professionalism with and among committee members.
- Analyzed data and developed equitable system for rotating hazardous waste events throughout the state. The system was designed to save the department money while providing excellent service.
- Lead internal workgroup investigating future needs of the Information Management Division,
- Chaired committee that developed communication training for the Department,
- Participated in development of new performance management system.

Air Quality Program Operations Manager

Jan 2001 – Aug 2005

- Introduced Project Management Institute methods to track and coordinate interdependent activities of eleven staff,
- Coordinated with local schools and volunteer groups to develop a “walk-to-school” program as a way to minimize air pollution,
- Spearheaded statewide management team; presented initiatives resulting in operational consistency throughout the state.

Fred Meyer Stores, Portland, OR Headquarters

Environmental Affairs Manager

Aug 1996 – Jan 2001

- Cultivated relationships with contractors; established a network of reliable, cost-effective environmental service providers to insure company’s compliance with environmental regulation,
- Served as architect of a company-wide hazardous waste management and training program,
- Ensured company wide environmental compliance by developing an Environmental Management Plan.

Department of Environmental Quality

Solid Waste Policy and Program Section Manager

Jun 1991 – Aug 1996

- Leveraged relationships with varied stakeholders to facilitate consensus processes that resulted in the state’s award winning Solid Waste Management Plan,
- Facilitated solid waste advisory committee that helped forge new policy and programs for statewide recycling activities,

VETERAN

US Aug 1975 – Nov 1977 Air Force

COMPUTER SKILLS

Proficient with full suite of Microsoft Office Products

EDUCATION

2004	State of Oregon Project Management Chemekta Community College
2000	University of Phoenix, Portland, OR MBA Organizational Management
1986	Portland State University, Portland, OR

