

# Board and Commission Application



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## All Are Welcome

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Are you a registered voter in the City of Lynnwood?	Yes
Are you a registered voter somewhere else?	No
Please choose the Board or Commission for which you are applying	<b>Planning Commission</b>

Why are you interested in serving on this board or commission?

I believe that the built environment shapes and influences how a community functions and thrives. The Planning Commission is a great opportunity for me to give back to the community utilizing my professional planning background. As a newer resident to Lynnwood, I am excited by all the work that has gone into making Lynnwood a leader in planning for light rail and the work the city is doing toward more diverse and inclusive housing opportunities. As a Principal Planner for Snohomish County in the Permitting Division I understand how important it is to make sure that codes are implementable, understandable and achieve the results that the community wants to see. Serving on the Planning Commission would be a wonderful chance to help shape future growth efforts while preserving the elements that make Lynnwood unique.

What do you perceive as the role of a board or commission member?

The role of a planning commissioner is to be informed, balanced and provide recommendations to the council. As the planning commission works primarily on issues related to development proposals and land use issues, it would be my duty to understand how land use codes work, implications related to project design proposals, and ask informed questions and provide thoughtful recommendations to the council to better inform their decisions. It is a planning commissioner's duty to represent the interests and be a voice for the community at large. There is also a responsibility to be flexible and open minded when proposals and regulatory changes are presented. It isn't a commissioner's duty to promote a singular or personal agenda, but rather ensure that the community's best interest is the root of any decision or recommendation, even if it is not a popular choice.

How would you represent the interests of the community? **As a new resident to Lynnwood, but long-time resident of Snohomish County I would represent the interconnectivity of the city-county with consideration of regional dynamics. The bigger picture of how the jurisdictions work with each on a regulatory basis to achieve mutual goals. As a parent I also bring a long-term perspective to the work that the planning commission may encounter.**

List any experiences that may assist you in serving in this role. **I have worked in multiple states and jurisdictions (see attached resume) as a planner and understand the complexity of rules and regulations. As a planner in Washington, I work with critical area regulations, shoreline regulations and land use codes every day. I am certified floodplain administrator (CFM) and understand the connections between the built environment, stormwater regulations and increased urbanized flooding. I hold a Master's in Geography and a Bachelor's in History and Geography. My educational background focused on land use planning, but is rooted in history, specifically environmental history. This has provided me with a unique perspective on how humans are shaped by their environment and how the built environment impacts worldview. I am a former AmeriCorps/Utah Conservation Corps crew leader and have practical experience leading people, building trails, sheltering the homeless, and many other experiences related to community building.**

List any other information you would like us to consider. **I believe in giving back to the community. Volunteering for the Planning Commission would be a wonderful way to do so**

Optional resume upload



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