



SNOHOMISH COUNTY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS NOMINATION FORM

INITIATOR: Please fill in this section

County department/agency: Human Services

Contact person/phone: Megan Edmonds 425-388-7320

Name of Board/Commission: Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board

Advisory x Governing _____ Ad Hoc _____ Ongoing _____

Term of Appointment 3 years Commencing _____

Mandated Requirements for Appointment* _____

SNOHOMISH COUNTY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPLICATION FORM

NOMINEE: Please fill in this section

Name of Board/Commission: Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board

New appointment: _____ Reappointment: 1st _____ 2nd _____ Ex-Officio _____

Snohomish County Council District (Please choose one):

1 2 3 x4 5 Don't Know

Name: Shama Farag

Home Address: 4213 228th pl SE

City: Bothell State: WA Zip: 98021

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Telephone (home): 425-305-1960 (work) _____

E-mail: shama.omran@hotmail.com

Current Employer: Mindlink Resources Occupation: WA

Education: Bachelor's degree in science.

Technical Writing at the University of Washington

Licenses held (if applicable): _____

Why would you like to serve on this board/commission? _____

I'm a published author, immigrant, Muslim, one of my boys is on the ASD spectrum. I



have been there, and I understand the needs of the community I'm seeking to support and help. I want to make sure the resources are well delivered to the most deserving communities. I have a following on every social media outlet and I use my social media presence to increase the outreach and make sure opportunities are accessible.

Please explain why you are a qualified candidate, including relevant professional experience, to serve on the board/commission. I'm currently co-leading the art and culture program at my local congregation (MAPS MCOC). It has been successful. We got two grants. The City of Redmond Mayor, Angela Bernie featured us and my co-chair lead Amani Rashid in the City of Redmond Our Stories series. I proved a tangible success. I was able to coordinate and create initiatives and events that brought so much positive impact in my community. I launched Storytelling with MAPS MCOC, Share Your Story with MAPS MCOC to feature local talents and business owners, Black History Month. I helped with the local mask drive initiative to sew and distribute masks to local facilities. I launched the Stay Artistic Program to introduce and promote local talents and embrace future little artists. I got a grant from the City of Redmond. I got another grant from 4Cultures for Art and Culture Festival 2021 I hosted at the Muslim Association of Puget Sound. I grew audience, our FB following increased from 300 followers to 2800 followers. I created a blog, YouTube channel with entertaining content and huge traffic and community engagement. As a member at the Ethnic Studies Committee at NSD, I pushed for including the Arabic Language to be listed among languages to be taught as a second language in the dual language program.

Please list community involvement/volunteer activities. I served as an Arabic Translator at Hopelink and Northshore Senior Center and TED. I served at the Pop Retail Advisory Committee at Bothell City, Co-Chair Lead of MAPS MCOC for art and culture. Program Coordinator at UNRWA helping refugees.



How did you learn of this opportunity? I'm following the Arc Snohomish Country Newsletter, I learned about the leadership training. I took the Arc Snohomish Leadership Training and I contacted Tamra.

Do you currently serve on a Snohomish County board or commission?* No

***2.03.060SCC - Candidates for appointment to County boards or commission must meet the following requirements:**

1. Possess qualifications for the appointment sought, as shown by the candidate's written documentation and any hearing testimony.
2. If a reappointment, demonstrate the continuing benefits of retaining the board member as discussed in the executive's recommendation and a satisfactory attendance record, as determined by adopted criteria of the particular board.
3. Reside or work in Snohomish County or show evidence of special interest in Snohomish County, provided that a candidate may not be a County employee.

By signing this Application Form, Nominee acknowledges that he/she will comply with all county policies, county code, and state law. Nominee also acknowledges that any record, including personal e-mail, prepared, owned, used, or retained by Nominee in the conduct of Board/Commission business is a public record, and Nominee agrees to produce said records to County upon request. Failure to comply with the above provisions may result in Nominee's removal from Board/Commission.

Signature: Shama Farag

Date: 1/31/2022

Please attach resume if available and return to:

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