

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS  
NOMINATION FORM**

**INITIATOR**

County department/agency Parks, Recreation and Tourism

Contact person Gretchen Kaehler Phone (425) 388-3432

Name of Board/Commission Snohomish County Historical Commission

Advisory  Governing  Ad Hoc  Ongoing

Term of Appointment Three years Commencing \_\_\_\_\_

**Mandated Requirements for Appointment:**

- The commission shall consist of nine members, at least one from each council district, recommended by the county executive and appointed by the county council pursuant to chapter 2.03 SCC.
- Where possible at least two members shall have professional experience in identifying, evaluating, and protecting historic resources and be selected from among the disciplines of history, architecture, architectural history, historic preservation, planning, cultural anthropology, archaeology, cultural geography, American studies, law or real estate.
- Members shall be residents of Snohomish county except as approved by the county executive and Snohomish county council, PROVIDED that exception to the residency requirement for commission members may be granted in order to obtain representatives from the disciplines of history, architecture, architectural history, historic preservation, planning, cultural anthropology, archaeology, cultural geography, American studies, law or real estate.
- Members of the commission shall have a demonstrated interest and competence in historic preservation and heritage issues and possess qualities of impartiality and broad judgment.
- Members shall be selected without respect to political affiliations.



NOMINEE – Fill in this section Date: 4/11/2026

County Council  
District 2

New Appointment  Reappointment 1<sup>st</sup>  2<sup>nd</sup>  Ex Officio

Name Trena Berton

Home Address [REDACTED]

Mailing Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

City Everett State WA (zip) 98201

Telephone (Home) [REDACTED] (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (if applicable) [REDACTED]

Employer Berton Law, PLLC

Occupation Attorney

Education B.A. in Communications and Scandinavian Area Studies, minor in Political Science and J.D. degree

Licenses Held (if applicable) Law license

Professional experience relevant to Board/Commission

N/A

Community involvement

2017 - 2020 10th Legislative District Democrats Executive Board; 2017 - 2024 Skagit County Democrats Member and Endorsement Committee; 2017 – 2020 Washington State Bar Association Practice of Law Board, Member; 2019 - 2020 Washington State Bar Association, Civil Rights Section, Executive Committee; Skagit County Bar Association, Member; Island County Bar Association, Member.

Do you serve on any other Snohomish County Board or Commissions?\*

No.

Reasons for serving/other comments

I am a sixth generation Snohomish County resident and have a Bachelor's in Scandinavian Area Studies. My family left Norway in the 1800's and immigrated to north Snohomish County. My senior thesis was on my family genealogy. I interviewed family members, conducted research, translated documents and preserved family photos. I love history and Snohomish County and would enjoy serving on this commission.

\*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;
- (4) Membership is limited to one position at a time on a board or commission, PROVIDED That a member of a board may simultaneously serve on one ad hoc or advisory committee. (Ord. 82-037 § 1, adopted June 9, 1982).

Signature: 

Date: April 11, 2026

**PLEASE ATTACH RESUME IF AVAILABLE AND RETURN TO:**

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