



SNOHOMISH COUNTY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS NOMINATION FORM

INITIATOR: Please fill in this section

County department/agency: Parks & Recreation/Cultural Resources/Arts Commission

Contact person/phone: Annique Bennett, Annique.Bennett@snoco.org, 425-740-4309

Name of Board/Commission: Arts Commission

Advisory Governing Ad Hoc Ongoing

Term of Appointment _____ Commencing _____

Mandated Requirements for Appointment* _____

The Snohomish County Arts Commission is authorized by County Code:

<https://snohomish.county.codes/SCC/2.95>

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NOMINEE: Please fill in this section

Name of Board/Commission: Snohomish County Arts Commission

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

Snohomish County Council District (Please choose one):

1 2 x 3 4 5 Don't Know

Name: Joy Ratzel

Home Address: 9224 34th Pl. N.E.

City: Lake Stevens State: WA Zip: 98258

Mailing Address (if different): N/A

Telephone (home): 425-512-1013 (work) _____

E-mail: joys06@gmail.com

Current Employer: N/A

Occupation: SAHP

Education: Bachelors: Early Childhood and Family Studies, University of Washington

Licenses held (if applicable): _____

Why would you like to serve on this board/commission? I am passionate about the arts being at the core of any community as a way to bring people together. My senior thesis was about



the direct correlation between involvement in the arts at a K-12 level and heightened standardized testing scores.

Please explain why you are a qualified candidate, including relevant professional experience, to serve on the board/commission.

I have been a lifelong lover of the arts. Even as a child I dreamed of being an art teacher. I have always taken whatever chances came my way to participate in the arts to the best of my abilities. In high school I helped set design for the elite dance crew's recital, designed t-shirts for various local (Huntsville, AL) sports teams as well as for professional engineering companies. During my freshman year in high school, I attended the Greater Hartford Academy of the Visual and Performing Arts, majoring in Creative Writing. While majoring in the Literary Arts I took elective classes in fine arts, dance, and theater. During college, while in the University of Washington's Early Childhood and Family Studies Program I continued to choose electives in the arts. I was an Art Docent in the Seattle School District for a year while in college as well. I always maintained a heavy focus on the arts within each classroom I assisted or lead. The more involved a student was in the arts, the more easily they adjusted to the structure of the class as a whole.

Please list community involvement/volunteer activities. Art Docent Seattle School District

Please attach to this application a response to the following questions:

1. What is your connection with the arts and how have you participated in the arts community?

My connections within the Arts community spans the globe. I have many connections in Washington State, up and down the East Coast (including New York), as well as in Curacao, and England. My participation in the Arts Community has been lifelong. I have been an artist, a financial supporter, a marketing support, as well as a personal support for several artists.

2. What skills, knowledge and approach would you bring to the Arts Commission?

I would like to emphasis a connection between the Lake Stevens School District and the Art Community at large. Locally Indigenous artists, local fine artists, performing artists, musicians, poets, urban artists, architects, etc. can provide virtual access or in person lessons for individual school or communities. This will provide a bridge between the Educational District and the Arts that can address possible gaps that the Educational Districts lack funding for.

3. How would your involvement help mobilize the arts community and arts supporters to elevate the arts in Snohomish County?



By establishing connections between Artists and the School Districts in an interactive and inviting way, the arts will naturally become a more common and exciting part of daily life within Snohomish County.

- 4. Specify your main area of interest in the arts:

Visual Arts x

Performance Arts x

Literary Arts x

All the arts are inspirational to me. I am fascinated by the connections among each art form.

- 5. List past or present art organization affiliations.

Lake Stevens BIPOC & Allies

- 6. List two references and their contact information.

Kari Johnson (current board member)

Kate MacKenzie (current board member)

- 7. Include other information you feel is relevant to your application.

I am excited to help in the effort to make the arts an accessible and inviting part of Snohomish County!

How did you learn of this opportunity? Commissioner outreach

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.
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)

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: Joy Ratzel

Date: August 15, 2022

Please attach resume if available and return to:

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