



## SNOHOMISH COUNTY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS NOMINATION FORM

### **INITIATOR: Please fill in this section**

County department/agency: Housing Authority of Snohomish County

Contact person/phone: Jenisa Story, Director of HR & Administrative Services; (425) 290-8499

Name of Board/Commission: Housing Authority of Snohomish County Board of Commissioners

Advisory \_\_\_\_\_ Governing X Ad Hoc \_\_\_\_\_ Ongoing \_\_\_\_\_

Term of Appointment 3/14/2022-3/14/2027 Commencing upon appointment

Mandated Requirements for Appointment\* County resident

## SNOHOMISH COUNTY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPLICATION FORM

### **NOMINEE: Please fill in this section**

Name of Board/Commission: Housing Authority of Snohomish County Board of Commissioners

New appointment: X Reappointment: 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Ex-Officio \_\_\_\_\_

Snohomish County Council District (Please choose one):

1                      2                      **3**                      4                      5                      Don't Know

Name: Luke Distelhorst

Home Address: 21234 80<sup>th</sup> Ave W

City: Edmonds State: WA Zip: 98026

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

Telephone (home): 206-475-7751 (work) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: Luke.Distelhorst@gmail.com

Current Employer: Community Transit

Occupation: Outreach & Public Engagement Specialist (as of 12/2021)

Education: Western Washington University (2003-2005), National University of Mongolia (2005-2006)

Licenses held (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Why would you like to serve on this board/commission? I have a deep passion for housing and ensuring people of all income levels have the opportunity to affordably live near where they



work or study. This contributes to resilient communities and healthy children, adults, and seniors.

Please explain why you are a qualified candidate, including relevant professional experience, to serve on the board/commission. I served two years on the Edmonds City Council, Snohomish County Tomorrow Steering Committee, and the joint board of the Alliance for Housing Affordability. I was an active affordable housing advocate in those roles, and also currently work in public transit, a key nexus between housing and quality of life, providing connections to employment, essential needs and destinations, and recreational opportunities.

Please list community involvement/volunteer activities. Board President, Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation (2019-present); Leadership Team Member, Leafline Trails Coalition (2021-present); President, Friends of the Edmonds Library (2017-2019)

How did you learn of this opportunity? HASCO

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: Luke Distelhorst

Date: 12/23/2021

# LUKE DISTELHORST

206-475-7751 – Edmonds, WA – [Luke.Distelhorst@gmail.com](mailto:Luke.Distelhorst@gmail.com)

## EXPERIENCE

2019 – PRESENT

**OUTREACH AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SPECIALIST**, COMMUNITY TRANSIT

Communications, outreach, and public engagement related to regional transit integration, new service development, and other transit projects and initiatives. Served in Incident Command related to COVID-19 and Inclement Weather operations.

2020 – 2021

**CITY COUNCIL MEMBER**, CITY OF EDMONDS

Led numerous successful projects related to housing, social justice, and community health.

2007 – 2019

**CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER**, RIO TINTO

Corporate communications, media and investor relations, support to executive and government relations departments. Included work in Mongolia (2007-2009), Canada (2009-2014), United States (2014-2019).

## EDUCATION

2003-2005

**EAST ASIAN STUDIES**, WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

2005-2006

**MONGOLIAN STUDIES**, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF MONGOLIA

## SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

- Leadership Team Member, Leafline Trails Coalition, 2021-Present
- Board President, Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation, 2019-Present
- President, Friends of the Edmonds Library, 2017-2019

## RECENT QUALIFICATIONS

- Undoing Racism, People's Institute of Survival and Beyond, 2021
- Planning & Techniques for Effective Public Participation, IAP2, 2020

## RECENT AWARDS

- Best Transit Expansion, TransitCenter, 2021
- Health Champion, Snohomish Health District, 2021