

# Snohomish County Boards & Commissions Application Form

## ***SNOHOMISH COUNTY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPLICATION FORM***

NOMINEE: Please fill in this section

Name of Board/Commission: Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board

1st Reappointment

Snohomish County Council District (Please choose one):

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Current Employer: *Field not completed.*

Occupation: *Field not completed.*

Education: BA Communications/Public Relations

Licenses held (if applicable): *Field not completed.*

Why would you like to serve on this board/commission? Above all, I am the parent of an adult son with disabilities. It is through him I have become my best person and fierce advocate for equity and inclusion for all. I am particularly passionate about communicating a good life for all, and

educating the public (and other parents) about what that means and how to empower self-advocates to achieve it. Through the generosity of county stipends, I have attended the Community Summit in Wenatchee for several years, and would like help move our mission – and birthright - of inclusion for all forward. Snohomish County is a vibrant, growing community with a bounty of opportunity and creative citizens who are capable of achieving a vision for a great future.

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

I am recently retired as a consultant and communications manager for Koné Consulting, a small consulting business which specializes in supporting human services agencies and organizations with Lean continuous improvement, assessments, strategic planning and community engagement. I am trained in ToP (Technology of Participation) Facilitation, a tool designed by the US Institute of Cultural Affairs to “harness peoples’ energy and wisdom to build group consensus and implement programs and projects.” Additionally, I served for over 3 years as special education coordinator at the Arc of Snohomish County, where I was responsible for designing and delivering programming to empower parents/families in navigating special education systems including presenting at the state, county and school district level on IEP Parent Partner programs and the Charting the LifeCourse framework.

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Please list community involvement/volunteer activities

As a parent whose child’s disabilities have been present since birth, I was shepherded quickly into the role of advocate, learning quickly that my expectations for my son AND THE COMMUNITY around him, were paramount in his and others’ success. This advocacy role has continued throughout his school career (he is 19 now), including being a founding member and past chairperson of the Edmonds School District Special Education PTSA committee (now ESD SEPAC), thus participated in numerous steering committees regarding policy and community engagement, as well as district hiring committees for Superintendent, HS Principals, Executive Director for Teaching & Learning, Executive Director for Student Services (Sped Ed), and so on. I also volunteer as a costume designer/seamstress for my son’s school and community theater activities, and take every opportunity to share the benefits of inclusion.

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How did you learn of this opportunity?

I am a current board member and have known of the board since my employment at the Arc.

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Do you currently serve on a Yes  
Snohomish County board or  
commission?\*

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*\*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.*

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**\*\*Please be advised, effective January 1, 2022 individuals joining identified boards and commissions will be required to pass a background check.**

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*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.*

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Signature Erika Larimer

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Date 4/26/2022

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Please attach resume if available and either submit this form or print it and mail to *Field not completed.*

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