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Snohomish County Boards & Commissions Application Form

SNOHOMISH COUNTY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPLICATION FORM

NOMINEE: Please fill in this section

Name of Board/Commission: Law & Justice Council

New Appointment

Snohomish County Council District (Please choose one): 4

Name Michael J Ong

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City Bothell

State WA

Zip Code 98012

Telephone (Home)

Telephone (Work) *Field not completed.*

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Current Employer eBay, inc

Occupation Senior Risk Manager

Education BA, Criminology & Communications, Whitworth University. MS, Management Science, University of Illinois. CTG, Public Policy, Liberty University

Licenses held (if applicable) Fighting Modern Slavery (ACAMS), Anti Human Trafficking (Polaris Project), Critical Infrastructure Protection (OPSWAT),

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

The modern political landscape has elevated some uncomfortable, yet necessary conversations regarding justice, enforcement, & the general governance structures that dictate our communities. As a husband, father, & near-lifetime Washingtonian, I've watched the intersection of policing & deviancy raise new questions whose consequences will inevitably shape the future of Snohomish County in ways that have the potential to permeate more profoundly than traditional policy developments. The law & justice council combines the utility of my background with a natural passion for the subject in question, as I personally engage with many former & current members of the justice ecosystem.

I'm representing the interests of young families in our beautiful county, whose unique concerns often reflect wavering confidence in the sustainable future of beloved communities we were raised in. Unfortunately, this generation of change has frequently resorted to fruitless debate through social channels, without themselves stepping into positions capable of actualizing real impact. Our family has been blessed and inspired by the robust number of civil servants in our immediate community, from fire, law enforcement, education, & even city council representatives. As a first generation immigrant with overwhelming gratitude towards this country, I find this commission to be the best way to serve my community upon its inherent value as citizens, but more principally for the secured future of the next generation. I'm dedicated to pushing towards a subsequent chapter where changes are implement where desired, and preservations are upheld where desired.

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

It seems self-apparent that some of the largest dissent gaps in the contemporary justice conversation are generationally divided, and the conflict of competing perspectives has driven a substantial wedge in our communities that won't soon be remedied through antiquated blueprints. I offer a unique perspective rooted in rich academic theory, applied practice, & diverse community presence, and more consequently, I've directed policy outcomes on both sides of the law & justice equation.

As a honors student, I completed critical work in Snohomish County's juvenile court as part of a large grant dedicated to improving offender outcomes & reducing recidivism rates for high risk populations. I also experienced federal law enforcement operations as part of hands-on practicum, driving fugitive recovery efforts in impoverished areas. Both undergraduate & graduate education has also given me the opportunity to build & develop critical policy analysis abilities, with my ultimate thesis focusing on cultural markers of emerging gang violence in latin America.

I understand the tradeoffs between compliance & trust, especially in less homogenous populations; this critical balance ensures appropriate handling for all manner of criminal behavior, something I've spent the last half decade regularly engaging with on the cyber front. From combatting organized retail crime to disrupting transnational money laundering enterprises, I've been leading complex investigation & enforcement efforts for premier technology companies, often alongside local & federal law enforcement partners. My holistic background encompasses the necessary elements for a proper civil understanding of law & justice administration, and I believe these experiences lend great credibility to one tasked with representing the best interests of the people.

Please list community involvement/volunteer activities

I am a full time serving member of my local church, which manifests in various community engagement & enrichment programs, including a crisis pregnancy center, food bank, and global outreach initiatives. More often than not, I can be found enjoying our state with my wife (a lifelong Maltby resident) and our two children at the Snohomish or Everett farmers market, or somewhere on the water past Mountain Loop Highway.

How did you learn of this opportunity?

This board was recommended to me discussing volunteer opportunities with a deputy friend.

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.

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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.

Signature Michael J Ong

Date 07/10/25

Please attach resume if [MichaelJOngResume \(10\).pdf](#)
available and either
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