



### SNOHOMISH COUNTY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS NOMINATION FORM

**INITIATOR: Please fill in this section**

County department/agency: Parks and Recreation/Evergreen State Fair

Contact person/email: Kara Underwood, Division Manager, Kara.Underwood@snoco.org

Name of Board/Commission: Evergreen State Fair Advisory Board

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

Term of Appointment 1<sup>st</sup> Commencing immediate - 12/31/24

Mandated Requirements for Appointment\* SCC 2.32.070

*\* Fulfill unexpired term*

### SNOHOMISH COUNTY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPLICATION FORM

**NOMINEE: Please fill in this section**

Name of Board/Commission: Evergreen State Fair Advisory Board

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

Snohomish County Council District (Please choose one):

- 1
- 2 confirmed 1.16.24
- 3
- 4
- 5
- Don't Know

Name: Michael A. Ibarra

Home Address: 1117 1121st Place SE Address is 1117 121st PL SE- called

City: Everett State: WA Zip: 98208  
*Michael to confirm.*

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

Telephone (home): 425-765-2238 (work) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: bm2yogi@gmail.com

Current Employer: Amazon Web Services

Occupation: Software Development Manager

Education: College

Licenses held (if applicable): N/A

Why would you like to serve on this board/commission? I have been a Snohomish County citizen for over two decades and the fair has always been the highlight of Summer for me and my family. I would love to do more to make sure this event continues to be great for everyone.



Please explain why you are a qualified candidate, including relevant professional experience, to serve on the board/commission. In my work experience, I am required to make many decisions on a daily basis that have tremendous impact on our customer, my engineers and our customers. I base those decisions on what will have the best possible outcome for all.

Please list community involvement/volunteer activities. \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn of this opportunity? Article on MyEdmondsNews.com

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: Michael Abarra

Date: 1/12/2024

**Please attach resume if available and return to:**

Kara Underwood, Division Manager

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# Michael A. Ibarra

Software Engineering Leader

## SUMMARY

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I am a highly opinionated and seasoned software leader with a proven track record. Throughout my career, I've repeatedly built cohesive teams that deliver excellent software solutions, aligning seamlessly with customer needs and business objectives. My approach centers around fostering environments of ownership, operational visibility, technical excellence, personal accountability, and continuous improvement. My goal is to create an environment in which excellence is inevitable.

## EXPERIENCE

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**Amazon Web Services**                      **Software Development Manager**                      **May 2020 - Present**

In my role at AWS, I am responsible for EC2 Hibernate, a feature which makes it possible for customers to pause and resume their EC2 instances on-demand and at scale.

I drive the communications with our customers that inform my decisions as I shape our product's long-term feature roadmap and deliverables. I collaborate with engineering leaders from our partner teams to coordinate the resourcing, planning, prioritization, and technical execution of our objectives.

I am responsible for the hiring, performance management and career growth of engineering leaders in my organization through mentoring, coaching, and aligning individualized training plans based on their career goals. Together, we deliver high-quality, innovative, and maintainable software solutions for our customers.

I work to ensure we apply the highest standards when it comes to engineering practices, design principles and operational visibility, and the continuous improvement of the same.

I work to create an environment in which everyone can do and be their best, achieve results sustainably and enjoy a healthy work-life balance.

**Nordstrom**                                      **Senior Engineering Manager**                      **06/2018 - May 2020**

As Senior Engineering Manager in Nordstrom's Supply Chain organization, I supported multiple teams of engineers responsible for multiple Tier 1 applications and services for the fulfillment of BOPUS and shipped customer orders from all US and Canada Nordstrom stores.

I worked closely across the organization with product owners, program managers, and other engineering leaders to help define product vision and roadmaps, coordinate the resourcing, planning, prioritization, and technical execution against business objectives.

I drove the adoption and continuous improvement of team practices, engineering standards, design principles and operational visibility. Additionally, I worked with engineering leaders across the organization to establish standardized operating procedures and expectations.

I aided the growth of engineering leaders through training, mentoring, and coaching. Worked with engineers to develop individualized training plans in accordance with their career goals.

**AIM Consulting                      Principal Consultant/Technology Evangelist                      7/2014 - 06/2018**

In my role at AIM, I served as manager, mentor, and career advocate for our software consultants. In addition, I was responsible for the management and growth of AIM's developer community. Internally and externally, I championed technical excellence, continuous improvement of engineering practices and sound technology solutions through leadership, technical training programs and developer community events. In this role I also delivered custom software and architecture solutions for our clients.

*Client: PipelineDeals*

I worked directly with our client's product owner to design, develop and deliver a Microsoft Outlook Add-In that integrated and synchronized Outlook user data with our client's back-end CRM. The solution was built on .NET Core microservices in a Linux environment with ASP.NET MVC, Node.js, PostgreSQL, Docker, and OAuth2. I ensured the continuing quality of the solution by delivering a complete suite of automated unit and functional tests using test-first development. I ensured the Add-In met MSFT and WCAG accessibility guidelines.

*Client: Microsoft Corporation*

I led a team of engineers to create an online portal for developer community organizers to connect with speakers, sponsors, and other organizers to share content and to promote events. The portal was an ASP.NET Core Web API / Angular application hosted on Microsoft Azure. We used Azure Document Search against CosmosDB to index the content for the site and implemented modules to integrate application with multiple OAuth providers

*Client: WatchGuard Technologies*

I worked directly with WatchGuard's executive IT leaders to strategize on and execute the migration of existing business orchestrations from BizTalk to WCF-based microservices and deploy the solutions to on-premises Windows hosts. I analyzed their existing business processes, applications, network infrastructure, and requirements. I created a comprehensive roadmap and reference application framework for migrating over a dozen different BizTalk orchestrations and led client and AIM team members in the delivery of fully functional solutions and automated tests.

*Client: Microsoft Corporation*

I worked directly with the client's group program manager to advise and re-architect one of Microsoft's Enterprise Resource Management System applications to enhance performance, scalability and site reliability. I migrated the existing application from ASP.NET Web Forms and ADO.NET architecture to a ASP.NET / Angular Single-Page Application, resulting in a 10x improvement of the application's latency metrics.

*Client: Liberty Mutual Insurance*

I led a team of engineers and testers to iteratively design and implement a new front-end UI and RESTful APIs to integrate with legacy back-end systems for their consumer portal. Our team upgraded multiple ASP.NET and ASP Classic applications to a Single Page App built on Angular and backed by .NET Web APIs. The applications deployed alongside existing applications with zero disruption to service.

*Client: The Walt Disney Company*

Working alongside AIM consultants and the client's developers and product owners, I delivered a thorough suite of automated UI tests for Disney's new, integrated Single-Sign On solution using JavaScript, Angular, Selenium, Protractor and Node.js in a Linux/Apache environment.

*Client: Starbucks Corporation*

Worked on an integrated, cross-discipline team whose responsibility was to ingest, prioritize, and develop high-priority and out-of-band feature requests, debug errors and deploy corresponding bug fixes against the customer-facing Starbucks.com web site using .NET MVC, JavaScript, Backbone and jQuery as well as integration with back-end systems including SiteCore CMS.

**ThoughtWorks**

**Senior Consultant**

**9/2013 - 7/2014**

*Client: Confidential*

I worked closely with our client's existing teams to deliver a RESTful web platform for exposing their proprietary back-end content to internal services and build out their continuous delivery pipeline. I coached their dev teams in Test-Driven Development (TDD), Behavior-Driven Development (BDD), Pair Programming, Scrum and Extreme Programming (XP) practices, Agile principles, writing automated tests, and SOLID software design. Coached product owners in defining product requirements and guiding application and system-wide architectural decisions.

**BM2Yogi, LLC**

**Principal/Owner**

**12/2012 - 9/2013**

*Client: Avalara*

As an independent contractor, I worked directly with their VP of Treasury to design and deliver a greenfield, SOA-based internal web application and web services. The purpose of which was to automate the monthly process of validating, funding and reconciling clients' tax returns with existing back-end and external components. I coached dev teams towards the improvement of their agile practices and code quality.

**Getty Images**

**Senior Software Engineer**

**5/2010 - 12/2012**

I worked with a stellar group of team members on Getty Images' ThinkstockPhotos.com, JupiterImages.com web sites and SOA team. I led weekly team meetings focused on improving code quality and spreading adoption of Lean / Agile practices across development teams,



development environment. I designed and developed web user interface components using ASP.NET. Additionally, I created multiple developer and testing tools, integrated Microsoft Passport with SQL Server Reporting Services and programmed and administered SQL Server 2000 databases.

**Concerto, Inc.**

**Software Engineer**

**12/1999 - 3/2001**

As a member of a team of developers and consultants, I advanced in positions of increasing responsibility and technical expertise throughout the lifecycle of multiple web development projects for our clients. I integrated the Vignette Story-Server web platform with our clients' existing infrastructure. I installed and configured multi-server environments consisting of Windows 2000 Advanced Server, IIS 5.0, SQL Server 7, and third-party applications. My responsibilities also included analyzing and documenting our clients' business processes and technical requirements.