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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: Historic Preservation Commission

New Appointment

Snohomish County Council District (Please choose one):

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Name John J. Honan

Home Address

[REDACTED]

Mailing Address (if different)

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City

Snohomish

State

WA

Zip Code

98296

Telephone (Home)

[REDACTED]

Telephone (Work)

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Current Employer

MCG Health

Occupation

Staff Systems Engineer

Education

Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science from Colorado School of

Mines.

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Licenses held (if applicable)

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

I have always had a deep fascination with history, and my commitment to historic preservation began over ten years ago in high school. As a member of the Social Studies Honors Society, I worked with our local museum on a project documenting my hometown's history. That experience gave me my first opportunity to volunteer and contribute meaningfully to my community. In fact, the very first legal document I ever signed as an adult, just two days after my 18th birthday, was the form donating our project photographs to the museum. That moment symbolized the beginning of my dedication to preserving local history.

I recently moved to Washington State from Colorado for work, and I'm eager to put down roots and get involved in my new community. I want to serve on the Historic Preservation Commission because I genuinely love history, particularly the stories that connect us to the places we call home. What draws me most to local history are the narratives embedded in historic structures and sites; the human stories that give meaning to our shared spaces. I understand that we cannot preserve everything, but I believe we have a responsibility to identify and protect what matters most to our community's heritage and identity.

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

I began working with my hometown's history museum in Louisville, Colorado while still in high school. Along with other members of the Social Studies Honors Society, I volunteered on a project documenting the current state of Main Street. We donated those photographs and notes to the museum to preserve a snapshot of the town for future generations.

After finishing college and moving back home, I wanted to deepen my involvement in historic preservation. In 2020, I was appointed to Louisville's Historical Commission, where I served for six years until relocating to Washington. For five of those six years, I served as Chair of the commission, which was later renamed the Historical Museum Advisory Board. As Chair, I represented the commission in the community and served as the primary liaison to the City Council. I also presented awards annually at community banquets recognizing residents who contributed to historic preservation efforts.

During my first year as Chair, I led the commission through a significant operational transition. For the first time in its history, the commission needed to conduct virtual meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I worked with city staff to ensure we remained compliant with Louisville's open meetings laws while adapting to this new format. As circumstances evolved, I guided the commission to a hybrid meeting model, allowing both in-person and remote participation. Navigating these uncharted

waters required problem-solving, coordination with legal counsel, and a commitment to maintaining public access and transparency.

As Chair, I became an active advocate for historic preservation in the community. I worked with the City to encourage resident participation in civic life and was invited to speak at community events about the importance of local boards and commissions. Every November, the local high school offered extra credit to students who attended commission meetings and took notes on governmental process and procedures. These November commission meetings became my favorite of the year; I loved the opportunity to teach students about civic engagement and help them connect with the history and governance of their community.

This experience gave me practical knowledge of commission operations, local government collaboration, and community engagement around preservation issues. I'm eager to apply these skills in Snohomish County while learning about the region's unique historic resources and preservation priorities.

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**Please list community involvement/volunteer activities**

For six years, my primary volunteer commitment was serving on Louisville's Historical Commission, including five years as Chair. This role involved attending bimonthly commission meetings, collaborating with museum staff, and participating in community events. One of my favorite annual traditions was playing on the community team in the vintage baseball game during Louisville History Month, where local volunteers competed against teams from the state's vintage baseball league.

I recently relocated to Washington for work and am in the process of growing roots in the community. While my immediate focus has been on this transition, I'm eager to resume active civic involvement. Serving on the Historic Preservation Commission would allow me to contribute my experience while learning about Snohomish County's unique historic character and connecting with my new community.

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**How did you learn of this opportunity?**

After relocating to Snohomish County, I proactively researched local boards and commissions on the county website to find opportunities to get involved. The Historic Preservation Commission aligned perfectly with my experience and interests.

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

No

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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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**\*\*People joining identified boards and commissions will be required to complete a background check. Boards and commissions identified as subject to requiring background checks include Children's Commission, Community Services Advisory Council, Council on Aging, CDMH (Chemical Dependency and Mental Health Program Advisory Board), Climate Action Advisory, Developmental Disabilities, Evergreen State Fair, Human Rights, Marine Resources, Performance Audit, and Planning Commission.**

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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                      John J. Honan

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Date                              01/03/2026

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Please attach resume if [John Honan - Resume.pdf](#)  
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submit this form or print  
it and mail to

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