



# SNOHOMISH COUNTY APPLICATION FORM Community Services Advisory Council (CSAC)

**OFFICE USE ONLY:**

SnoCo District \_\_\_\_\_ Legislative District \_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Re-Appointment \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT (if applicable): Title: Retired

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work email: \_\_\_\_\_ Employed From \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Duties Performed: \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

High School Attended: Shorecrest High School, Seattle WA

Community College Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Technical/Trade School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

College Attended: University of Washington

Degree(s) Earned: \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Certificates/Licenses Earned: \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Classes or Workshops Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Enrichment Classes Taken: \_\_\_\_\_



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### BOARD SERVICE

Please list all other boards/commissions/councils on which you **currently** serve:

1. None \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

### VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Please list your current & past volunteer involvement & note if you were an officer/held a position of authority.

1. Community Foundation of Snohomish County: Board Member 2012-2020 \_\_\_\_\_
2. Take the Next Step: Board Member 2013-2022 Served as Chair and Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_
3. Take the Next Step: Interim Executive Director 2019-2022 \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason/interest for wanting to serve?** So often, the voices of the most marginalized and vulnerable families and individuals in our community are the least heard. I bring many years of Take the Next Step volunteer experience in working and walking with these folks to CSAC. By listening and learning, and giving individuals a safe and respectful space, together we often discover far better personal resources and strengths than the "solutions" and "plans" our society and culture may dictate. Then, we can begin to explore additional resources to help them take their own next steps toward self-sufficiency. I believe we are all called to serve our communities. I hope to bring my experience and advocacy to CSAC.

**What would you like to accomplish as a result of your participation on the CSAC?**

I feel we are all called to serve our communities, particularly the most marginalized and vulnerable families and individuals. I know my participation in CSAC will not eliminate poverty or eradicate homelessness. What I do hope is that together with other members, I will bring the pragmatism of 30+ years as a business owner, coupled with Board and nonprofit experience, to help chart a path toward making our community a better place to live for every person. A place of equity, inclusion, respect, and care for everyone; regardless of where you born, the color of your skin, who you worship, or who you love.

**Comments:** Take the Next Step is a Family Resource Center founded in 2005, located in the heart of Monroe. Programs include a Community Resource Center, mobile Outreach to unhoused neighbors, Community Dinners prepared and served by volunteers, After School Programs (K-12), Teen Moms support group, and more. From the beginning of the pandemic, Next Step has delivered over \$700,000 in financial assistance to struggling families. Much of this assistance came through Snohomish County grants - thank you! Every request for assistance came with a story. As Interim Executive Director during that time, I came to understand the daily struggles many families and individuals face – even before the impacts of COVID. That is the real world experience I hope to bring to CSAC.



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### REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS

It is the policy of the CSAC that persons shall not be discriminated against membership on the Council because of race, color, national origin, creed, religion, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation or ability. The CSAC actively encourages members of diverse communities to apply.

The CSAC values diversity and will reasonably assist participants who are disabled. Please tell us what accommodations are needed to fully participate on the CSAC: None

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### CONFLICT OF INTEREST

I, Laron Olson, agree to immediately notify the CSAC executive committee in writing of any real or perceived conflict of interest that may occur while serving on the CSAC. A conflict of interest exists when an individual's objective ability or independence of judgment in the performance of their official duties is impaired, or when the individual or individual's immediate family or business would derive financial gain as a result of the individual's position with the CSAC.

### Time Commitment and Expectations of All CSAC Members

1. A commitment to work on the identified needs from the Community Needs Assessment.
2. A willingness and ability to commit an estimated three (3) hours a month to CSAC meetings, activities and preparations.
3. Attendance to all regularly scheduled meetings.
4. If you are employed, your work schedule must allow you to commit the time to regularly attend the monthly CSAC meetings. All meetings are held during business hours.
5. A willingness and ability to attend an annual planning meeting.



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### COUNCIL DESIGNATION

The CSAC is required to include in its membership a specified ratio of persons who are low-income (or their representatives), elected officials (or their representatives) and community members. Please indicate which of these categories you believe you would represent:

- ☐ Low-Income (or Representative)
- ☐ Elected Official (or Representative)
- ☐ Community Member

**Please mail or email completed applications to:**

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3000 Rockefeller Avenue, M/S 305  
Everett, WA 98201  
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**See us at** <http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/521/Community-Services-Advisory-Council>

I, Laron Olson, certify that the information provided on this application is true to the best of my knowledge and agree to uphold the Conflict of Interest and Time Commitment and Expectations of the Community Services Advisory Council.

*Signature of Applicant*

February 28, 2023

*Date*