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EXECUTIVE  
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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO  
 CITY OF BELLINGHAM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS  
 (Please Type or Print Clearly)

All applicants must be a citizen of the United States and of the City of Bellingham, a resident of the State of Washington for at least three (3) years, and of the City of Bellingham (residing within the City limits) for at least two (2) years, unless otherwise specified. Some residency exceptions may apply for certain boards. No elected City official, City officer, City employee or citizen having a conflict of interest shall be eligible for appointment.

Complete, sign and return this application to the Mayor's Office, City Hall, 210 Lottie Street, Bellingham, WA 98225.

Note: As a candidate to a public board or commission, this information may be made available to the public.

I am interested in serving on the: LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
 (Board / Commission)

Name: JIM McCABE

Mailing Address: BELLINGHAM Zip Code: 98228

Street Address (if different): BELLINGHAM 98229

Phone Numbers: Home 15 Work: NA

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a resident of the City of Bellingham (live within the city limits)? YES  NO

How long have you lived in Bellingham? 14 1/2 YEARS

Neighborhood in which you reside PUGET

Current Occupation: RETIRED

OR - If retired, former occupation: EXECUTIVE, CHEVRON CORPORATION

Education: BS-UC, BERKELEY, MS, PH.D. UNIV OF ILLINOIS, CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Professional / Community Activities: SEE ATTACHMENT 1

Qualifications Related to Position: SEE ATTACHMENT 1

Describe why you are interested in serving on this Board or Commission: SEE ATTACHMENT 1

\*Please feel free to submit any additional documentation (resumé, explanation of experience specifically related to this board/commission).

Do you or your spouse have a financial interest in, or are you an employee or officer of any business or agency which does business with the City of Bellingham? YES  NO

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

SEPT 6, 2016  
 Today's Date

[Signature]  
 Signature of Applicant

**Attachment 1**  
**Application for Library Board of Trustees**  
**Jim McCabe**

**Professional/Community Activities**

- Chair, Bellingham Transportation Commission (Term ends 2017)
- Member, Parks & Rec Advisory Board 2004-2010, Chair 2008-9
- Bellingham Parks, Rec and Open Space Plan Steering Committee (2008)
- Puget Neighborhood Representative/Alternate, Bellingham Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Commission (Through 2013)
- Member, Bellingham/Whatcom County Energy Resource Scarcity/Peak Oil (ERSPO) Task Force (2008-9)
- Board member, Puget Neighborhood Association (2002-2008)
- Past President (2007), Bellingham Sister Cities Association, Board Member (2005-2008)
- Guest Lecturer, WWU College of Business and Economics
- WWU College of Business and Economics Advisory Board
- WWU International Business Advisory Board
- Certified Washington State Emergency Worker
- Member, Whatcom Emergency Communications Group (Licensed Amateur Radio Operator)
- Amateur Radio Emergency Coordinator for Whatcom County
- 12 Year Volunteer and Donor, Pickford Film Center
- Track & Field Official, WWU and Northwest Track & Field

**Qualifications Related to Position**

I have broad experience on several Bellingham boards and commissions. I was Chair of both the Parks Board and Transportation Commission and President of Bellingham Sister Cities. -

I am a heavy library user. I usually visit the library about twice a week. I have been a member of the library book group (run by Suzanne) for over 6 years.

I have had extensive experience in financial and economic analysis during my career at Chevron, including some years in real estate development.

I have been involved in updates of the Comprehensive Plan so have a good understanding of the City's overall objectives. And I have gained a good understanding of the City financing and budgets through work on the Parks Board and Transportation Commission.

**Describe why you are interested in serving on this Board:**

Bellingham's library is one of its best assets and a new facility is needed. I think my city experience and analytical skills would be useful in helping the library achieve the objectives set out in the 2013-17 Library Strategic Plan.



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I am interested in serving on the: Bellingham Public Library Board of Trustees  
(Board / Commission)

Name: Rebecca Craven

Mailing Address: Bellingham WA Zip Code: 98225

Street Address (if different): same

Phone Numbers: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: 7 Work \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: u

Are you a resident of the City of Bellingham (live within the city limits)? YES  NO

How long have you lived in Bellingham? 16 years

Neighborhood in which you reside South Hill 2010-present ; Happy Valley 2000-2010

Current Occupation: Program Director, Pipeline Safety Trust

OR - If retired, former occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Education: BA Carleton College 1981 ; JD University of Oregon 1984

Professional / Community Activities: please see attached resume & letter

Qualifications Related to Position: please see attached resume & letter

Describe why you are interested in serving on this Board or Commission: please see attached letter

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Do you or your spouse have a financial interest in, or are you an employee or officer of any business or agency which does business with the City of Bellingham? YES  NO

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

September 20, 2016 Rebecca Craven

Additional information for application of Rebecca Craven  
Bellingham Public Library Board of Trustees

I am applying to serve on the Bellingham Public Library Board of Trustees. I've been an active library user my whole life, and I hope to have instilled that love of libraries in my kids. Walking with each of them to the Fairhaven branch when they turned 5 to get their own library card was an important rite of passage for each of them. Our use of the library has evolved as our family has aged – I have more time to read now, my book group uses the reading kits, and our kids take now advantage of the ability to borrow digital works, even while away at college.

I work across the street from the Central Library, so I have seen first-hand the constant flow of patrons to the building – from the early birds arriving to be first in line for the computer terminals, to preschoolers leading their parents and grandparents into the children's area for story time, to downtown workers stopping in to pick up items they've placed on hold. It's clear that the library system is an integral part of the fabric of the community, as it should be. That role is evidenced not only by the heavy use of the facilities, but by the exceptionally high rate of borrowing throughout the library system.

The heavy use and the broad range of demands on the facilities and staff are going to be continuing challenges for the library. Those challenges include funding for infrastructure to make available library collections in all of their various forms and platforms, desires for more hours and more branch facilities, the maintenance challenges at existing facilities and the perennial debate about whether, where, and how to finance a new Central Library.

Having been a county employee in the economic downturn of 2008, I understand what effect that had on budgets for many public facilities and the struggles that many service providers, including the library system, have continued to face as they work with fewer resources to serve more patrons who have more needs than ever before.

My background with the county council also provides me with insights into the workings of local governments, the need to solve problems by finding solutions that are acceptable to a broad range of decision-makers and taxpayers who have a multitude of demands asked of them. I've also worked for and been a board member of non-profits for many years, and I understand the need for finding as much efficiency in the delivery of services as possible, while always looking for ways to expand services. I have noticed in the Board minutes some discussion about possible changes in the relationship between the Bellingham Library and the Whatcom County Library System. Although I'm not clear on many of the details or even the nature of possible changes, I have served as a board member for a local non-profit considering a merger with another local group. During that process, which ultimately did not go forward, I learned a great deal about the the importance of identifying all of the things to be considered in deciding whether to go forward with such a transition: some tangible, some financial, and some more about the organizational cultures. I hope to bring that kind of experience into service for the library.

Libraries can be such an important part of a community – instilling the love of reading in kids, providing free access to all kinds of information to every member of a community regardless of age, education level or economic status, and providing a very real help to many in our community who rely on the library for their only access to the internet and other resources. As information technology and community needs change, libraries can provide much more than access to books and computers. Bellingham's library system is fabulous. I'd like to help it continue to evolve and meet the challenges it will face in the next several years.

Thank you for considering my application.

Rebecca Craven  
Bellingham WA 98225

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## Education

University of Oregon School of Law, Eugene, Oregon, J.D., 1984; Certificate of completion of program in environmental and natural resources law; research assistant to Professor John Bonine on the publication of *The Law of Environmental Protection* casebook.

Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota, B.A. Geology, 1981.

## Work Experience

### *January 2011 to present*

Program Director, Pipeline Safety Trust. The Trust was established following the fatal explosion of the Olympic pipeline in Bellingham in 1999. It continues to operate as the only independent national public interest non-profit whose focus is improving the safety of pipelines to protect communities and the environment, and the organization is remarkably successful for a small organization with only three staff. We advocate at the state and federal levels before administrative agencies, Congress and legislatures. We provide advice to communities facing new pipelines or having experienced a pipeline failure like Bellingham's, or deciding whether or how to exercise their zoning authority to control the location of certain pipelines. We publish guides for the education of landowners, local governments and others, provide almost daily background and education for members of the media, run a listserv on pipeline issues subscribed to by several hundred individuals and produce an annual conference.

### *May 2010 to November 2010*

Senior Consultant, Entrix, Inc. Part of a mediation team working with numerous parties to potential litigation over water rights in the Nooksack River basin, Whatcom County, Washington.

### *May 2007 to May 2010*

Planning and Policy Analyst, Whatcom County Council, Bellingham, Washington. As the sole policy staff for the seven-member part-time Council, I was responsible for research, analysis and advice on many complex and controversial matters before the Council. I worked closely with departmental and legal staff on county legislative initiatives, administrative appeals of county decisions, and on projects intended to improve internal organization, project review and resource allocation. I responded to individual council member information requests and assisted the staff of the



Clerk of the Council in responding to questions from the public. Projects have included adoption and defense on appeal of the Bellingham urban growth area, a 10 year review of all urban growth areas in the county, drafting legislation and interlocal agreements to clarify the administrative and financial relationship between the county and a separate taxing district also governed by the Council, and participation in a joint city-county senior staff-level group coordinating efforts to protect and improve the water quality in Lake Whatcom. I made presentations to Council meetings, staff meetings, groups of local elected officials and members of the public.

*July 2003 to May 2007*

Part-time research, analysis and drafting. Planning Department, Lummi Nation, Bellingham, Washington. I drafted and edited new code chapters governing land use and development, solid waste management, building practices and tribal court probates. The Lummi Nation Probate Code was the first in the country to be approved by the Secretary of the Interior under the American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2004. Other projects include all of the drafting, documentation and administrative tasks necessary for acquisition of several parcels of individually and tribally owned land into trust status by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and researching issues related to the lease of tribal property necessary for Whatcom County's operation of a ferry to Lummi Island. My work was supervised by the Planning Director in close coordination with the Reservation Attorney.

*February 1991 to April 1997; part-time April 1997 to 2001*

Deputy Counsel, Office of Legal Counsel, Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee, Lapwai, Idaho. My primary responsibility was representation of the Nez Perce Tribe in the Snake River Basin Adjudication, a lawsuit to quantify all rights to use water from the Snake River Basin in Idaho. The Tribe claimed water for both consumptive purposes, to support the domestic and irrigation uses on the reservation, and for instream flows to support fish habitat throughout most of north-central Idaho. My work involved substantial coordination with federal agencies and attorneys as well as technical experts in biology and engineering to prepare for both litigation and ongoing negotiations of the Tribe's claims. Additional work related to water quality protection, wildlife habitat acquisition and protection and general counsel advice on insurance, personnel and contract matters. From 1997 to 2001 my work related exclusively to the mediation of the Tribe's water rights claims, involving a court-appointed mediator, about 20 attorneys representing the State of Idaho, the United States, other tribes, Idaho Power Company, forest product companies and most major agricultural users in the state, and their technical experts.

*December 1987 to December 1990*

Staff Attorney, Native American Program, Oregon Legal Services, Portland and Bend, Oregon. My legal work was exclusively tribal representation, emphasizing protection of tribal treaty rights to natural resources and protection of cultural and archaeological resources on federal lands. I represented tribes in negotiations, administrative appeals and litigation involving resource protection issues, as well as in negotiating a state/tribal compact under the Indian Child Welfare Act. I conducted trainings on the Act's provisions for attorneys and agency staff, and conducted training

for tribal attorneys on natural resource protection issues. In October 1989, I moved from Portland to Bend and assumed administrative responsibility for the Bend office.

*January 1986 to August 1987*

Staff Attorney, Kawerak, Inc. Nome, Alaska. Kawerak, Inc. is a regional non-profit organization providing services to 20 Alaska Native villages in the Bering Straits region. My work included drafting ordinances and other governing documents, and representing the villages in Indian Child Welfare Act cases and other litigation. I also provided advice to the administration and Board of Directors of Kawerak, Inc. on issues including contracts, insurance and personnel management.

*November 1984 to October 1985*

Associate and law clerk, Clarke L. Young and Associates, Juneau, Alaska. Small general practice emphasizing real estate and land use law.

### **Professional Licenses**

Oregon State Bar, admitted 1984; Idaho State Bar, admitted 1991; Alaska State Bar 1985-1998; admitted to practice before the federal courts of Idaho, Oregon, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Court of Federal Claims. All state bar memberships are now inactive.

### **Community Service**

Brigid Collins Family Service Center, Board of Directors, 2003-2006, President, 2006.  
Larrabee Elementary School, Site Council member and classroom volunteer, 2000-2007.  
Happy Valley Neighborhood Association, past Treasurer and street tree volunteer.

### **References**

Mr. Carl Weimer, Executive Director, Pipeline Safety Trust, Whatcom County Council member and former Chairman, Bellingham, Washington. (360) 543-5686; [carlweimer@comcast.net](mailto:carlweimer@comcast.net)

Mr. Seth Fleetwood, Attorney, former member, Whatcom County Council and Bellingham City Council; (360)671-3299

Ms. Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council, Whatcom County Council, Bellingham, Washington. (360) 676-6690; [dbrown@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:dbrown@co.whatcom.wa.us)