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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO FILL AT-LARGE,  
POSITION B, VACANCY ON THE WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL

NAME: Timothy Ballew, II

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: 2714 Haxton Way

CITY: Bellingham ZIP CODE: 98226

MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT THAN RESIDENCE): \_\_\_\_\_

DAY TELEPHONE: 360-319-1631 EVENING TELEPHONE: 360-319-1631 CELL PHONE: 360-319-1631

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ARE YOU A REGISTERED RESIDENT VOTER OF WHATCOM COUNTY? Yes

ARE YOU A US CITIZEN?  YES NO ( )

OCCUPATION (IF RETIRED, PLEASE INDICATE FORMER OCCUPATION): Commercial Fisherman

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY BACKGROUND\*:

I am a life long resident of whatcom County. I live on the Lummi Reservation with my wife Leanne and two boys, Hunter and Tandy. I have spent the last five years serving as Chairman for the Lummi Nation.

EDUCATION\*:

I graduated from Western Washington University in 2003 with a BA degree in Psychology. Before that I graduated from Ferndale High School in 1999.

BRIEFLY EXPLAIN WHY YOU WISH TO SERVE ON THE COUNTY COUNCIL\*:

I am putting my name in for consideration because I believe our county is a great place to live and work and I want to help our community. It would be an honor and privldge to serve the community alongside the other Council Members.

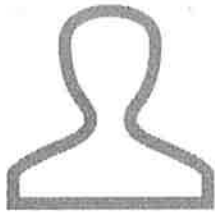
REFERENCES (PLEASE INCLUDE NAME AND DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER):

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:  DATE: 12/18/2017

\*YOU MAY ATTACH A RESUME OR DETAILED SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE, QUALIFICATIONS, AND INTERESTS

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## 1 Name

Timothy Ballew, II

## 2 Which of the five Council districts do you live in?

District 5

## 3 If you are selected to fill this one year At-Large position do you plan to run for election for this position in 2018?

No, I am only offering to do this for the one year

## 4 Lake Whatcom is the drinking water source for about half of the County, and the County has entered into a plan to cleanup the lake to ensure it remains a good source of water far into the future. That plan is slated to take about 50 years to complete. Which statement best represents your thoughts on this effort?

I am not completely up to speed with the existing plan or its timeline but in my experience it seems when it comes to environmental clean up, there are never enough resources and we are always behind schedule. Making sure our efforts are diligent and deliberate are key. Access to clean water is always a priority, therefore, I would not recommend cutting resources but rather see if there are ways to either reallocate existing resources, based on recommendations from our technical staff, or find ways to increase the funding.

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**There are many human needs in our community. Please check below all the areas that you believe need greater effort.**

The county food banks

Long-term affordable housing

Programs to address domestic violence and sexual assault

Emergency shelter for the homeless

Mental health programs

Substance abuse programs

Incarceration prevention programs

Low income medical and dental programs

**Other (Please Specify):** I believe that all of the services listed need a fair amount of resources. In general, our County has a shared problem of drug abuse. Making sure that we maximize funds for mental health and substance abuse could alleviate the need for services in other public programs. I understand that is easier said than done. I think if we could set goals to reduce drug abuse, specifically prenatal exposure, we could find success in improving the overall public health.

## 6 If on question #5 you said any efforts need to increase, which of these statements best represents your belief in the County's role in funding such efforts.

There is a need to provide all of the services for our growing population. We should always try to leverage current revenues to provide services if of 3 that is not possible we should then look at new taxes.

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**Voters recently rejected a ballot measure to fund a new County jail. What do you think the County should do now to address this situation?**

The people have twice voted against the new jail. I'll be interested in finding out more about our options for improving the downtown jail. I will also support funding for pretrial services.

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**8 Individual's property rights are an important issue in Whatcom County. What are your thoughts on how current governmental rules regarding land use and environmental protection impact a person's property rights**

We need a government rules that allow for families to enjoy their property while balancing the opportunity for future generations to have access to clean water and usable land. The recent Hirst decision is a prime example of how we need leadership to help provide certainty for all of our County residents. The County could set a basin wide water initiative to quantify the available water for both consumptive and non consumptive use. The outcome of the initiative could lead to a clear path on how property owners access water for their homes and the water initiative would also protect habitat.

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**9 The recent "Hirst" decision from the Supreme Court has affected many people's ability to drill wells to develop their property, and has caused the County to take a broader look at water rights and in-stream flow protections. Do you have any thoughts on how the Council should proceed on this issue?**

As mentioned in the response above this is a prime example of how our Council is tasked with creating solutions to problems that impact our current residents and future generations. We definitely need water certainty for all water users. We need an initiative that quantifies water rights for all, maintains water quality and protects habitat. This is a project that we could partner with the other local governments and advocate for the resources needed for the initiative from the State and Federal Government.

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**10 Whatcom County sits in a unique geographical position and has one of the last undeveloped deep water ports on the west coast. In 2017 the County Council entered into a contract with an outside legal firm to gain information about what authority the County does, and does not have, regarding dealing with the various potential impacts from an increase in exports of fossil fuels from Cherry Point. Do you believe spending County money on such a legal analysis was a good idea?**

I think the action was a good decision. The Cherry Point area accounts for large portion of the local economy. Making sure we know the County's authorities can help the County better support the existing industries and to protect the County from any impacts to our habitat.

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**There is always an argument about what role the County plays in job creation and economic development, and how much County funding should be devoted to those things. What is your opinion on the County's role in this area?**

The local government always has a role in helping the local economy. We need to make sure that we have a government that allows families to work and live Whatcom County. The County has a great responsibility in providing safe transportation corridors for our community. We need not only a sound transportation system to get goods in and out of our County but we also need quality roadways to get people to and from their home and workplace. Improving our transportation systems for our growing community is vital. That means advocating in Olympia and D.C. to make transportation projects in our area a priority

