



Application for Appointment to Boards, Committees, and Commissions City and Borough of Sitka

Board/Commission/Committee: Climate Action Task Force

Name: Elizabeth Borneman Preferred Phone: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Alternate Phone: _____

Email Address: [REDACTED] Fax Number: _____

Length of Residence in Sitka: 5 years Registered to vote in Sitka? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Employer: Sitka Tribe of Alaska

Organizations you belong to or participate in:
Climate Psychology Alliance
Citizens' Climate Lobby
Guest Representative for Region 10, EPA Tribal Science Council

Explain your main reason for applying:

My main reason for applying is to support the process of making Sitka more climate resilient through research and

by utilizing the passion, creativity, and strength of our community members.

What background, experience or credentials will you bring to the board, commission, or committee membership?
I currently work with the Sitka Tribe as an Environmental Specialist researching the ways in which Baranof Island will be affected by climate change in the coming years. I have a background in science writing and have worked in many different industries during my time in Sitka, giving me a perspective on the diverse ways that our community can be affected by climate change.

Please disclose any potential conflicts of interest that may arise from your appointment. These may include but are not limited to:

- A substantial financial interest of \$1000 annually that could be influenced by your appointment.
- An immediate family member employed within the scope of this appointment.

Please attach a letter of interest, outline, or resume which includes your education, work, and volunteer experience that will enhance your membership.

→ (To be considered, your application must be complete AND be accompanied by one of the above supporting documents.)

Date: 1/4/2021 Signature: 

Your complete application and resume should be returned to the Municipal Clerk's Office by noon on the Wednesday prior to an advertised Assembly meeting.

Please note: all information submitted will be made public and published online. Appointments are normally made during open session of an Assembly meeting, however, Assembly members may vote to discuss applicant(s) in closed executive session. In this case, do you wish to be present when your application is discussed? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Return to:

Melissa Henshaw, Deputy Clerk/Records Specialist, 100 Lincoln Street
Fax: 907-747-7403 Email: melissa.henshaw@cityofsitka.org

Elizabeth Borneman
Statement of Interest
City and Borough of Sitka Climate Action Task Force

I am interested in a position on the Climate Action Task Force in order to support climate resiliency on a local level. Promoting climate action on this scale is effective to engage community members and others who might be put off by the seemingly impossible task of changing policies at a state, national, or global level.

Sitkans have a wealth of resources that come from knowledge of the land and waters around us, and this passion can be directed into action.

My past work experience in Sitka has taken me from behind the wheel of a tour bus, out to sea as a kayak guide, to the slime line at Sitka Sound Seafoods, watching the hustle and bustle of Lincoln Street as a retail store manager and, finally, to the Sitka Tribe researching the specific vulnerabilities our region faces because of climate change.

My current position and my past experience as a science writer utilize my ability to distill complex and up-to-date scientific information into an accessible format outlining the potential effects of climate change in our region to reach a broad audience. I am interested in the ways in which our community could work to close the gaps in climate research that exist because our region is often left out of the greater climate change conversation.

As an Environmental Specialist I have had the opportunity to participate in the 2020 Southeast Environmental Conference, attend climate resilience training through the Institute of Tribal Environmental Professionals, and attend the EPA's Tribal Science Council meetings as a guest representative. Additionally, I have received training in facilitating climate cafes to engage community members in conversations about the effects of climate change.

My education includes a BA in Psychology and International Relations from the University of Denver, a Master's of Science in Political Psychology from Queen's University in Northern Ireland, and I am currently enrolled as a Fisheries student at UAS.

Thank you for your consideration,

Elizabeth Borneman