



Housing Authority of Kittitas County
107 W. 11th Ave.
Ellensburg, WA 98926

October 5, 2016

Kittitas County Commissioners
Kittitas County Courthouse
205 West 5th Avenue
Ellensburg, Washington 98926-2887

RE: Housing Authority of Kittitas County Board Appointment

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to recommend the appointment of John Littel to the Kittitas County Housing Authority Board of Commissioners (Board of Commissioners). The Board of Commissioners currently has one vacant position, due to Jim Denison's resignation at the end of his term. The Board of Commissioners has reviewed John's application and believes his passion for affordable housing (as witnessed by his experience in zoning, entitlement and regulatory policy engagement with the Seattle Housing Authority) will complement the backgrounds of the current members of the Board of Commissioners.

Please contact me should you need further information or wish to discuss the appointment.

Sincerely,

Robert Perkins, PhD
Chair, Kittitas County Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

Cc Lowel Krueger, Kittitas County Housing Authority Executive Director

September 1, 2016

Board of County Commissioners
205 W 5th, Room 108
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to request consideration for appointment to the Kittitas County Housing Authority.

My application is attached and details my experience and qualifications. Since moving to Kittitas County I have invested my personal time and efforts in the work of improving affordable housing in the County, and I want to bring my passion and experience to the Housing Authority.

Prior to moving to Kittitas County I served for 8 years on the Seattle Housing Authority, 2 years as chair. During that time I approved budgets and developments plans, and chaired the Audit Committee. During my tenure as Board Chair I lead a comprehensive effort to create the Yesler Terrace Redevelopment Plan, a multi-phased program to redevelop 560 units of aging low-income public housing. My work included the zoning, entitlement, and regulatory policy engagement with the Seattle City Council. Ultimately the plan spans over a decade, redeveloping a 30 acre site into several thousand mixed income housing units and over a million square feet of commercial space.

I have enjoyed my work with you individually in our efforts here, and I hope my demonstrated commitment to our County's affordable housing needs and my prior experience gives you the confidence to appoint me to an available opening on the Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



John Littell
2409 E Quartz Mountain
Ellensburg, WA 98926
509-480-2590
jlittel@hotmail.com

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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO KITTITAS COUNTY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Citizen boards and commissions are critical to the effective functioning of County government. We appreciate your interest in wishing to serve Kittitas County and ask that you complete this brief application. If you wish, please feel free to attach a fact sheet or resume to this application. This application form is considered a public document. **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.**

BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS FOR WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED:

- Kittitas Housing Authority
- _____
- _____

Date: September 1, 2016

Name: John Littel

Business Address: 2205 W Dolarway Home Address: 2409 E Quartz Mountain

Ellensburg, WA 98926
City State Zip

Ellensburg, WA 98926
City State Zip

Business Phone: 206-639-9865 Home Phone: 509-480-2590

Email address: jlittel@hotmail.com

Education: (High school, name and location of college or university, year graduated, and degree):
Edmonds Community College, Construction Management Degree, 2000

Current Employment: (job title, employer, employment date, contact, phone):

Training Director, Washington Public Employees Association
Kent Stanford, President, 360-943-1121

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Special reasons for wishing to serve on the Board or Commission:

I have been involved in affordable housing for many years, and I have served on the Kittitas County Homelessness and Affordable Housing Committee since 2014, and currently the voce-chair. Prior to moving to Ellensburg in 2013, I served 8 years on the Seattle Housing Authority Board, 2 years as chair. I believe affordable housing especially for low income families is a high priority for our county, and I think my experience and commitment would bring value to the Housing Authority's work.

What advisory panels, Boards/Commissions have you previously served on?

Kittitas County Homelessness and Affordable Housing Committee
Kittitas-Yakima Valley Community Land Trust
Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan, Housing Advisory Committee
Seattle Housing Authority

Please list any training or experience you have that would be beneficial to serving on the Board or Commission: I am currently chairing the taskforce that is drafting the next 10 year plan for Kittitas County's homelessness and affordable housing priorities, and I have served diligently on the County's Homelessness and Affordable Housing Committee since 2014. I served on the Seattle Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for 8 years, 2 years as chair.

Are you available to attend board meetings during the day or evening M-F? ☒ Yes | | No

If no, please explain: _____

Please furnish two references who could speak to your qualifications for the desired appointment:

• Name: Andrew Lofton, Executive Director Phone: (H) _____ (W) 206-615-3502

Address: Seattle Housing Authority City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

• Name: Bruce Tabb Phone: (H) _____ (W) 509-899-0148

Address: Ellensburg City Council City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Your application will be placed with others interested in serving on the same board or commission. When a vacancy occurs on the Board/Commission in which you have indicated an interest, the Board of County Commissioners may desire to conduct an interview.

YOUR SIGNATURE: _____

Date: 9/1/16

Please return completed form to:

Board of Kittitas County Commissioners
205 W. 5th, Room 108
Ellensburg, WA 98926
509.962.7508 FAX: 509.962.7679

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Mandy Buchholz

From: Laura Osiadacz
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2016 4:02 PM
To: Julie Kjorsvik; Mandy Buchholz; Debbie Myers
Subject: FW: Housing Authority appointment

Laura Osiadacz

Kittitas County Commissioner, District #2
205 W 5th Ave. Ste. 108
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From: John Littel [mailto:jlittel@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2016 3:38 PM
To: Laura Osiadacz
Subject: Housing Authority appointment

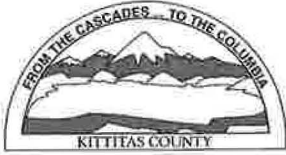
Commissioner Osiadacz,

It is my understanding that the Board of County Commissioners has determined that joint service on the Kittitas County Housing Authority (KCHA) and the Kittitas County Homelessness and Affordable Housing Committee (HAHC) would create a conflict of interest. Therefore, if and when the Commissioners appoint me to the KCHA, I will resign from the HAHC with immediate effect. Thank you for the opportunity to continue to serve the citizens of Kittitas County.

John Littel
509-480-2590

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Kittitas County, Washington

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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District Two
Laura Osiadacz

District Three
Obie O'Brien

October 18, 2016

John Littel
2409 E Quartz Mountain
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Dear Mr. Littel:

The Board of County Commissioners is pleased to appoint you as a member of the Kittitas County Housing Authority Board.

We appreciate your willingness to serve on behalf of the people of Kittitas County, and we extend to you our best wishes for an enjoyable and productive term of office.

Your term is effective immediately and expires April 2021.

If you have any questions, the Executive Director of the Housing Authority can be reached by email housing@hakittitas.org or by phone 509-962-9006

Thank you again,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Obie O'Brien".

Obie O'Brien, Chairman
Commissioner Dist. #3

Cc: Exec Director
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