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Subject: Office of the Chehalis Basin Board

Mr. Boettcher:

Please accept this letter and accompanying information as my application to serve as a member of the Office of the Chehalis Basin Board. I am a lifetime resident of Lewis County with extensive experience in local government, flooding issues, and specifically issues associated with the Chehalis River. I served as the Lewis County Public Services Director during the 1990 and 1996 flooding events and was intricately involved in post 1990 flood studies by the United States Army Corps of Engineers. I was also instrumental in the beginning work of Pacific International Engineering to study and model the Chehalis River subsequent to the 1996 flood event.

In 1991 I was appointed by then Lieutenant Governor Joel Pritchard to serve on the Joint House - Senate Select Committee on Flood Damage Reduction. From 1991 through 1995 while on that committee I worked with many others on comprehensive solutions to address flood damage in Washington State, leading to new legislation to deal with multi-faceted issues associated with flood damage reduction. More recently, in addition to serving as the chief of police for the City of Centralia, I was also the director of emergency management for the city. In that capacity, I served during four flood events and also had the opportunity to keep abreast of flood damage reduction work in our community, Lewis County, and the Chehalis River basin.

Having recently retired, I find that I have ample time to serve in meaningful efforts to improve the quality of life in my community. The effort thus far by many to address flooding on the Chehalis River is noteworthy and forward looking. I would offer my skills and energy to continue the effort. I have attached a copy of my resume for your review. I look forward to hearing from you as to the status of my application. Thank you for your time and courtesies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Berg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "R" and "B".

Robert Berg
Via e-mail only

RESUME

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

City of Centralia Police Department, PO Box 609, Centralia, WA. 98531. March, 20015 through May 31, 2015 (retired).

- Chief of Police for a department of 33 commissioned, 4 limited commissioned, and 6 civilian employees with an annual budget of 5.5 million dollars. Served as acting or interim city manager on more than a dozen occasions during vacations/absences of the city manager.

Washington State Gambling Commission, P.O. Box 42400 Olympia, WA 98504-2400. September 1998 through January 2004 (retired).

- Deputy Director – Second in command and chief law enforcement officer for an agency of 195 employees with an annual budget of 14 million dollars. Managed all agency operations, including criminal intelligence, financial investigations, field operations, tribal gaming, and special investigations. Responsible for 100 law enforcement officers operating statewide. (08/00 - 01/04)
- Assistant Director, Special Operations – One of three assistant directors in the operations division. Responsible for special investigations, tribal gaming, and criminal intelligence. (09/98 - 08/00)

Lewis County Government, 350 North Market Blvd. Chehalis, WA 98532-2626. January 1987 to June 1998.

- Director of Public Services - Administered a multi-division department consisting of: public works (engineering, construction, maintenance, water-sewer utility, and surface water management), community development (planning, building and fire safety, and environmental health), solid waste (operations and services), fleet and electronics (equipment rental fund, county motor pool, and radio services), emergency management, facilities (construction and maintenance), and accounting and finance. Annual budget in excess of \$40 million and 185 employees. (02/91 – 03/98)
- Director of Public Works - Administered the public works department, including engineering, construction, maintenance, building and fire safety, surface water management, and solid waste. Annual budget \$25 million & 100 employees. (09/89 – 01/91)
- Undersheriff - Chief administrative officer and second in command; 87 person full service law enforcement agency. (01/87 – 09/89)

Centralia City Government, P. O. Box 609, Centralia, WA 98531. August 1973 through December 1986.

- Police Officer (05/74) and Police Sergeant (11/77 – 12/86)

EDUCATION

Masters Degree, (1979) Public Administration, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma WA

Bachelors Degree, (1973) Police Science and Administration, Washington State University, Pullman, WA

TRAINING AND CERTIFICATIONS

Graduate, Cascade Public Executive Program, Cascade Center for Public Service, University of Washington Graduate School of Public Affairs (1995).

Graduate, Washington Association of County Officials Training and Certification Course, University of Washington Graduate School of Public Affairs (1990)

Graduate, Northwest Law Enforcement Executive Command College, Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission (1988)

Law Enforcement Executive and Mid Management Certifications, Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission (1988).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)
- Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC)
- Fight Crime, Invest in Kids
- Washington State Administrator for the Courts Judicial Information Steering Committee
- Washington Officials' Association, Executive Board Member
- National Association of Sports Officials

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Adjunct Faculty Member, City University; Economics, Budgeting, and Public Administration (1979 through 1983). Centralia College; Law Enforcement (1976 through 1983).
- Joint House Senate Select Committee on Flood Damage Reduction, working on comprehensive solutions to address flood damage in Washington State, leading to new legislation to deal with multi-faceted issues associated with flood damage reduction (1991 -1995).
- Speaker, National Association of County Engineers Annual Convention "Local Government Response to Flooding Disasters," Reno, Nevada (1994)
- Speaker, International Association of Chiefs of Police, "Small Agency Innovative Management Techniques," Columbus Ohio (1984)
- Hearings Examiner for Lewis County, 1988 – 1998. Appointed to hear administrative cases pertaining to seizure and forfeiture matters brought by law enforcement under RCW 69.