

AWC Board of Directors candidate statement

Name

City elected position

Amy Howard

Deputy Mayor

City/Town

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Port Townsend

District 12

Biographical information and candidate statement:

Please limit your statement to 1,700 characters, which is approximately 250 words. Hand-written statements are not accepted.

Amy Howard has been a dedicated member of the Port Townsend community since 2000. She arrived as a homeless youth escaping poverty and substance abuse but found solace and support in the eclectic environment of Port Townsend. Over the years, Amy has transformed her life and career, becoming a pivotal figure in local nonprofits and city governance.

Amy currently serves as the Manager of Volunteer Engagement at Habitat for Humanity of East Jefferson County. She has been actively involved in various leadership roles throughout Jefferson County, demonstrating her commitment to enhancing community welfare. Amy's educational background includes a certificate of Nonprofit Executive Leadership from the Evans School of Public Policy and Governance at the University of Washington and an Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership through the Association of Washington Cities.

First elected to the Port Townsend City Council in 2015, Amy has significantly contributed to local governance. She is an active member of several boards and committees, including the council committees for Finance/Budget and Culture/Society and the joint city/county Housing Fund Board. Amy also serves as Vice Chair of both the Housing Fund Board and the OlyCAP Board of Directors. Additionally, she is a member of the Port Townsend Main Street HUD Loan Committee and acts as the Council Liaison for the Equity, Access, and Rights Advisory Board.

Amy resides in Port Townsend with her husband and dog. In her leisure time, she enjoys cooking, reading, and listening to podcasts. Her journey from a struggling youth to a community leader is a testament to her resilience and dedication to service.