



City of Seattle

# Seattle Planning Commission

## NEW COMMISSIONERS SOUGHT FOR PLANNING COMMISSION

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### What does the Commission work on?

We advise the Mayor, City Council, and City departments on citywide planning goals, policies, and plans and provide them with independent advice on land use, zoning, transportation and housing issues.

The Commission is also the steward of the City's Comprehensive Plan, the citywide vision for how Seattle grows. You can view our recent reports and other work on our [website](#).

### Who are Planning Commissioners?

We are a sixteen-member Commission of neighbors that care about the future of our city. Commissioners have a broad range of skills and perspectives that include land use and transportation planning, community organizing, architecture and design, public health, low-income housing development, and community engagement. Commissioners are volunteers, serving without compensation for up to two terms of three years per term.

### What we're looking for in applicants

We are looking for diverse voices that bring to light issues facing all parts of the city and who can share professional and lived experience from across Seattle's various communities. We are looking for applicants who:

- bring a commitment to making Seattle a great place to live and have interest in, knowledge of, or professional experience in land use, zoning, or other aspects of planning
- have a strong understanding of racial equity, and the impacts of racialized policies and practices in the field of planning
- have a commitment to community-building and community engagement
- understand transportation investments and how they impact the neighborhoods around them
- can speak to the needs of affordable housing and/or understand what role affordability plays in the city
- have a passion for communicating planning topics to a diverse audience

Applicants must be current resident of Seattle and be able to attend three Commission meetings per month, with occasional community meetings as needed.

### Commissioners

Michael Austin, *Chair*  
Patti Wilma, *Vice-Chair*  
Sandra Fried  
David Goldberg  
Grace Kim  
Rick Mohler  
Kelly Rider  
Julio Sanchez  
Amy Shumann  
Lauren Squires  
Jamie Stroble  
Rian Watt

### Staff

Vanessa Murdock  
*Executive Director*  
Connie Combs  
*Policy Analyst*  
John Hoey  
*Senior Policy Analyst*  
Robin Magonegil  
*Administrative Analyst*

If you have questions, or would like to speak to current Commissioners about their role, please contact Vanessa Murdock, Executive Director at 206-733-9271 or via e-mail at [Vanessa.Murdock@seattle.gov](mailto:Vanessa.Murdock@seattle.gov)

**How to Apply -**

**To be considered for appointment to the Commission, please send a letter of interest and resume by post or e-mail by February 28, 2020 addressed to:**

Vanessa Murdock, Executive Director

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***Please consider including any voluntary personal information regarding your cultural background, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or disability that might assist us in meeting the City's goal to create diverse boards and commissions.***

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