



City of Seattle

Seattle Planning Commission

NEW COMMISSIONERS SOUGHT FOR PLANNING COMMISSION

Seattle – The City of Seattle is looking for candidates to serve on the Seattle Planning Commission beginning in April 2019. Planning Commission members are appointed by the Mayor or the City Council and may serve up to two consecutive, three-year terms. Three positions will be open in April; two of which are City Council appointments, one of which is a Mayoral appointment. All appointments are subject to full City Council approval. The City is committed to promoting diversity in the City's boards and commissions. Persons of color, women, persons with disabilities, and sexual minorities are strongly encouraged to apply. Commissioners must reside in Seattle and serve without compensation.

Who We Are

We are a sixteen-member Commission of neighbors that care about the future of our city. We are a group of individuals that have served our community in a variety of ways, including community design review boards and other community-focused volunteer bodies. We have a broad range of skills and perspectives that include land use and transportation planning, architecture and design, public health, low-income housing development, and community engagement.

What We Do

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

The Commission is the steward of the City's Comprehensive Plan, our citywide vision for how Seattle grows. We debate the benefits and impacts of these important policies and advise on how best to plan for the future.

In the recent past, the Commission has helped to raise important issues such as:

- affordable housing, suggesting strategies that would make more parts of our city accessible to more people and creating an action plan for affordable housing that had a special focus on housing for families with children; as well as
- how to better align investments in transportation with investments in needed community spaces, creating vibrant and successful transit communities.

Commissioners

Tim Parham, *Chair*

Michael Austin, *Vice-Chair*

Eileen Canola

Sandra Fried

David Goldberg

Veronica Guenther

Grace Kim

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Marj Press

Kelly Rider

Julio Sanchez

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Lauren Squires

Jamie Stroble

Patti Wilma

Staff

Vanessa Murdock
Executive Director

Connie Combs
Policy Analyst

John Hoey
Senior Policy Analyst

Robin Magonegil
Administrative Analyst

What We Are Looking For -

We have a broad range of skills and perspectives, and we are always looking for new voices that bring to light issues facing all parts of the city. We are looking for someone who:

- brings a commitment to making Seattle a great place to live and has interest in, knowledge of and experience in land use and planning,
- has a commitment to community-building and community engagement,
- has a working understanding of zoning and land use issues,
- has an understanding of transportation investments and how they impact the neighborhoods around them,
- can speak to the needs of affordable housing or has an understanding of what role affordability plays in the city, and
- has a passion for communicating planning to a diverse set of stakeholders.

Participation in the Planning Commission is a significant volunteer commitment. This includes attendance at monthly meetings (the second and fourth Thursdays of each month) and participation on at least one sub-committee that meets monthly. Commissioners also attend and participate in relevant public meetings and events.

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 15, 2019 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.

For more information, please contact Vanessa Murdock, Executive Director at 206-233-7911 or via e-mail at Vanessa.Murdock@seattle.gov

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