



City of Seattle
Council District No. 4
Applicant Summary

Applicant Name: Marjorie Press

| Yes/No | Description: The following provides a summary of relevant experience, as provided by applicant in his/her application materials submitted on or before April 5, 2019. |
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| Y | Does applicant express an understanding of Seattle city government operations and legislative processes? |
| Y | Does applicant identify experience or knowledge of public sector budget processes? Does applicant identify any prior work or volunteer experience developing a budget for an organization (e.g. for-profit company, non-profit organization)? |
| Y | Does applicant identify any previous planning, land use and zoning experience? |
| Y | Has applicant demonstrated or articulated a commitment to race and social justice—particularly, in recognition of the diverse populations who work and/or reside within the City of Seattle? |
| Y | Has applicant demonstrated or articulated an understanding of public policy issues (such as homelessness, affordable housing, public health, law and justice, etc.)? |
| N | Did applicant indicate whether he/she previously served in a publicly elected office? |
| Y | Did applicant indicate whether he/she has served—past or present—on a Seattle-area board or commission? |
| Y | Did applicant indicate whether he/she has played a role in social advocacy? |
| Y | Did applicant identify managerial or supervisor work experience? |
| N | Is the applicant a current or former City of Seattle employee? |
| N | Did applicant identify any potential conflicts of interest on the financial interest statement? |
| Y | If references were included in the application package, did applicant sign and return the Reference Checking Consent and Authorization Form? |
| Y | Is the applicant a resident of District 4 for at least one-hundred twenty (120) days prior to the appointment, scheduled for April 22, 2019? |
| | Comment(s): |

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1st Review Completed: 4/5/2019

2nd Review Completed: 4/7/2019

Reviewer Initials: JP

Reviewer Initials: PW



City of Seattle

FINANCIAL INTEREST STATEMENT AND ADDRESS VERIFICATION CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL POSITION 4

All City of Seattle officials and employees are subject to the provisions of Seattle Municipal Code (SMC), Chapter 4.16, (the "Ethics Code"). The purpose of the Ethics Code is to ensure that no public office is used for personal gain; and that the public have confidence in the integrity of its government. An individual with certain financial interests may be prohibited from participating in City business, as specified in the Ethics Code. Please see SMC 4.16.070, attached as [Exhibit A](#), for a list of prohibited conduct.

The City Council is interested in knowing whether you have any financial interests that could be an issue with your service on the Council. Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability. Answering "Yes" does not necessarily disqualify you from consideration:

1. Do you, or any member of your family, **receive compensation** from any person or entity that engaged in any transactions or activities with Seattle City government in the past five years? ☒ **No** ☐ **Yes**, please complete item 1 on page 2.
2. Do you, or any member of your family, have a **direct financial interest** in any person or entity that engaged in any transactions or activities with Seattle City government in the past five years? ☒ **No** ☐ **Yes**, please complete item 2 on page 2.
3. Have you, or any member of your family, served in the past five years as an officer, director, trustee, or employee of an entity that engaged in any transactions or activities with Seattle City government? ☒ **No** ☐ **Yes**, please complete item 3 on page 2.
4. After referencing SMC 4.16.070, do you have any other relationships, employment history or financial interests that you feel could be an issue with your service on the Council under the Ethics Code? ☒ **No** ☐ **Yes**, please complete item 4 on page 3.

In order to be eligible for appointment to Council Position 4, you must be a resident of District 4 for at least 120 days (City Charter Article IV, Sec. 2; Article XIX). Please confirm your eligibility by clearly printing your current residential address and affirming the length of your residency at that address:

Street Address:

Zip Code:


Resident at this address since: November 2012

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the information provided on this page and on page 2 and on all attached sheets is true and correct and that I have made reasonable inquiry to determine the truth, accuracy, and completeness of my responses.

Signature: _____

Date: 4/2/19

Signed at Seattle, Washington
(City or other location must be filled in.)



April 2, 2019

Honorable Seattle City Council Members
City Hall
600 Fourth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

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Subject: District 4 (Northeast Seattle) Vacancy

Dear Council Members:

It is with great pleasure that I submit my letter of interest and resume for the vacated District 4 (Northeast Seattle) Council position. As a long-time Seattle resident, currently living in Wallingford, and an urban planner with more than 20 years of experience, I am confident that my skills and experiences meet the criteria and requirements to be the caretaker for District 4.

I have a master's degree in community planning and design and have managed transportation and environmental projects in Seattle, the Puget Sound region, and across the U.S. Since 2013, it has been an honor and a privilege to serve on the Seattle Planning Commission. As stewards of the Comprehensive Plan, the Planning Commission advises and makes recommendations to the Mayor, City Council, and City departments on projects, policies, and legislation that affect how Seattle will grow. In this role, I have been immersed in land use and zoning, transportation, and housing policies, regulations, and planning projects throughout Seattle. I have participated in numerous community workshops, public forums, and events. The Commission also reviews and makes recommendations on the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan through the annual amendment cycle. Additionally, the Planning Commission championed the inclusion of social equity strategies throughout the major Comprehensive Plan update (Seattle 2035) and has consistently championed family-sized housing and neighborhoods for all. Currently, the Commission is providing input on the Equitable Development Monitoring Program (Council Resolution 31522), specifically the heightened displacement risk indicators, and the Sound Transit West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions Project (Chinatown/International District and Delridge stations).

As a board member and long-time leader of the American Planning Association (APA), a 40,000-member organization, I have participated in the development of our strategic plan and budget, policy guides, legislative and policy actions, and equity policies and practices. APA provides planning strategies, resources, and education for planners and communities facing challenges at the local, regional, and nation level. These challenges are quite like those facing Seattle as a result of exponential growth: an affordable housing crisis, aging infrastructure, traffic congestion, access to all the components of livability, and social equity and inclusion. As an APA leader, I also have led a membership group of 21 divisions (interest groups based upon population/demographics and/or practice areas – approximately 11,000 members); developed a handbook for Division Council leaders; fostered collaboration amongst

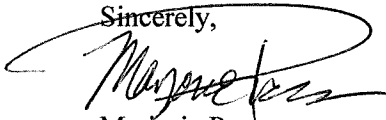
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components of the organization; supported original research on aging and livable communities, and immigration and migration; implemented a Divisions Council grant program for original research; mentored future urban planners; advised the Board of Directors; and am a founding member of the LGBTQ and Planning Division.

I understand some of the remaining work for the District 4 caretaker includes, yet is not limited to: MHA implementation; University District Urban Center rezoning; electric vehicle legislation; design guidelines; homelessness; Trees for All; and continued community outreach. As a planner with experience in land use, zoning, and transportation and versed in a collaborative approach to decision making and consensus building, I am willing and able to help carry out this work, represent District 4 interests, and serve the city of Seattle through the certification of the November election. It would be an honor and a privilege to further serve my city in this capacity.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to the next steps in the appointment process.

Sincerely,



Marjorie Press

Enclosures

Marjorie (Mari) Press

Areas of Expertise

PLANNING AND LAND USE | ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION |
PROJECT AND TEAM MANAGEMENT | PROJECT DEVELOPMENT
AND AGENCY COORDINATION | COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND
CONSENSUS BUILDING | POLICY GUIDE, WORK PLAN, AND
PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT | STAFF TRAINING AND
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Professional Profile

- Seasoned project management professional with over twenty years of experience working with communities, public agencies, and elected officials
- Proven ability to lead and manage multidisciplinary teams towards a mutual goal and shared interest
- Well versed in city of Seattle Comprehensive Plan and its Updates, Land Use and Zoning laws, and SEPA regulations and guidelines
- Proven understanding of the needs, impacts, and characteristics of a growing population and vibrant economy
- Confident presenter and trainer, versed in engaging diverse audiences
- Ability to share ideas and foster communication amongst committees and boards
- Highly skilled in leading and executing complex, multi-disciplinary planning/environmental projects in Washington State and throughout the United States
- Experience managing and preparing environmental documentation for various local, county, and state agencies, and federal transportation and regulatory agencies
- Experience developing and implementing strategic plans and budgets
- Skilled in leveraging the knowledge, skills, and resources of work groups and committees to develop work plans, policy guides, and planning initiatives
- Deep understanding of organizational structure and dynamics, ability to fulfill mission, bylaws, and ethics code requirements
- Proven ability to mentor and develop staff and future leaders

Education

- Master of Urban and Regional Planning (MURP), The George Washington University
- Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA), University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- Certificate in Fundraising Management, University of Washington

Employment History

- HDR Engineering, Bellevue, WA. *Transportation Planning Manager*, 2005 - 2007
- CH2M Hill, Bellevue, WA. *Senior Planner and Project Manager*, 2003 - 2005
- Jacobs Engineering, Bellevue, WA. *Project Manager*, 1998 - 2003
- David Evans and Associates, Bellevue, WA. *Project Manager*, 1995 - 1997
- Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas, Seattle, WA. *Planner*, 1991 - 1995
- Shapiro and Associates, Seattle, WA. *Planner*, 1990 - 1991

Other Experience

- Terra Plata LLC, Seattle, WA. *Founding Member and Co-Owner*, 2009 to Present
- Skelly and the Bean LLC, Seattle WA. *Co-Owner*, 2012 - 2013

Community Activities

- National LGBTQ Task Force, *Member*, National Action Council, 2017 – Present
- Limmud Seattle, *Member*, Volunteer Development Team, 2018, 2017
- Capitol Hill Housing, *Mentor*, NEAR Program, 2016 - 2017
- Pride Foundation, *Member*, 30th Anniversary Committee, 2016

Community Activities (Continued)

- Greater Seattle Business Association (GSBA), *Ambassador*, Ambassador Program, 2015-2016
- Legal Voice, *Volunteer*, 2011 - 2015
- Seattle LGBT Community Development *Board Member*, 2011 - 2014
- Pride Foundation Scholarship Review Committee, *Reviewer*, 1996, 2012, 2013
- GSBA, *Member*, 2011 - 2016
- Pride Foundation, *Board Member*, 1995 - 2000

Professional Association Activities

Women's Transportation Seminar

- National Conference, *Chair*, 2009
- Diversity Committee, *Co-Chair*, 1996-1998
- Western Regional Meeting, *Committee Member*, 1995-1996
- Puget Sound Chapter, *Vice President*, 1994-1995
- Puget Sound Chapter, *Treasurer*, 1993-1994

Professional Honors, Articles, and Publications

- Recipient of the *Terry Holzheimer Leadership Award*. American Planning Association Divisions Council, 2015
- Co-author. *Seattle Fine-Tunes Backyard Cottages*. The Commissioner, American Planning Association, October 2018
- Co-author. *Seeking Planning Leaders in Seattle*. The Commissioner, American Planning Association, October 2014
- Contributor. American Planning Association National Conference *Blog*, 2013-2014
- Author. *Leadership in a Nutshell*. American Planning Association Divisions Council, 2012

Current Volunteer Experience

Seattle Planning Commission, Seattle, WA, *Commissioner*, May 2013 – Present. Participate in the review of numerous land use and zoning, transportation, and housing policies, regulations, and projects throughout Seattle. Contribute to development of annual work plan. Update of bylaws and procedures manual. Recruitment of diverse commission candidates. Data gathering and site visits for Commission authored reports and publications. Attend public forums, workshops, and community outreach events. Provide public testimony on land use and planning issues. Attended RSJL workshop and training. Served as Commission Vice-Chair; Land Use and Transportation Co-Chair; and represented the Commission on the City's Light Rail Review Panel.

Provided input and guidance on:

- Seattle 2035, major Comprehensive Plan Update
- Annual Plan Amendment cycles
- Mandatory Housing Affordability (MHA)
- Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) SEPA EIS
- Urban Design Frameworks
- Design Review Evaluation
- Preservation of Industrial Lands
- Duwamish/MIC Stadium District
- Transit Communities and frequent and reliable transit
- ST3 scoping and alternatives development
- Link LRT station design
- Equitable Development Initiatives
- Housing Levy
- Affordable Housing Linkage Fees
- Micro-housing code amendments
- Freight, Pedestrian, and Bike Master Plans
- Move Seattle

Publications and reports include:

- Contributor. *Neighborhoods for All*. Seattle Planning Commission, Fall 2018
- Contributor. *Family Sized Housing: A White Paper and Action Agenda*. Seattle Planning Commission, January 2014

American Planning Association, Chicago, IL and Washington, DC. Multiple leadership roles in an organization of 40,000 members. Participation in strategic plan and budget development; development of policy guides and equity policies and practices; legislative and policy actions; leadership development; membership recruitment and retention; led a membership component group comprised of planning practice areas and population/social equity interests

(21 divisions); provide advice to division, chapter, and student members; founder of a population-based membership group; mentor future leaders; develop workshops and events at conferences. Leadership roles include:

- Board Member, At Large, 2018-present
- Chair, Planning Officials Committee, 2018-present
- Member, Leadership Development Committee, 2017-present
- Member, Membership Committee, 2017-present
- Policy Guides Work Group, 2016
- National Conference Local Host Committee, 2014-2015
- Past Chair, Divisions Council, 2014-2016
- National Conference Session Track Coordinator, 2012-2014
- Divisions Council Chair and Advisor to the Board, 2012-2014
- Development Plan and Budget Committee, 2012-2014
- Divisions Council Vice Chair, 2010-2012
- Governance Committee, 2010-2012
- Divisions Council Leadership Committee Chair, 2009-2010
- LGBTQ and Planning Division National Conference Mobile Workshop Coordinator, 2007-2015
- Diversity Task Force, 2007-2012
- LGBTQ and Planning Division: 1998-2009, Founding Member, Vice-Chair, Chair, Immediate Past Chair
- Gays and Lesbians in Planning Network, Founding Member, 1992-1998

Relevant Transportation and Environmental Project Experience

Multi-Modal Planning

- **SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Project**, *Environmental Manager*. Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), Seattle, WA.
- **Aurora Avenue North Multimodal Corridor Project**, N. 165th Street to N. 205th Street, *Environmental Manager*. City of Shoreline, Shoreline, WA.
- **Mukilteo Multimodal Terminal**, *NEPA Coordinator/Environmental Task Lead*. Washington State Ferries, Seattle (WSF), WA.
- **HOV Direct Access Projects**, *Environmental Manager*. Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (Sound Transit), King County, WA.
- **Star Lake Park-and-Ride Lot Expansion**, *Task Manager*. King County Metro, King County, WA.
- **Puget Sound High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Predesign Studies**, *Senior Planner*. WSDOT, Puget Sound Region. WA.
- **South Tukwila-Lucile Street HOV Lane**, *Lead Environmental Planner*. WSDOT, King County, WA.

Transit and Rail Planning

- **Stanwood Station Project**, *Environmental Manager*. WSDOT Rail Office, Olympia, WA.
- **Beacon Hill Tunnel, LINK Light Rail System**, *Systems and Project Integration Manager*. Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (Sound Transit), Seattle, WA.
- **Seattle Monorail Project**, *Task Lead*. Seattle Popular Monorail Authority, Seattle, WA.
- **Westside Corridor Light Rail Transit Project**, *Principal Author*. Tri-Met, Portland, OR.

- **Light Rail Study, Contributing Author.** King County Metro, King County, WA.
- **Southeast Tacoma Transit Center, Environmental Planner.** Pierce County Transit, Tacoma, WA.

Roadway and Bridge Planning

- **South 277th Street Reconstruction Project -Phase II, King County Department of Transportation, WA.**
Environmental Task Lead.
- **SR 520 West Lake Sammamish Parkway to SR 202, Environmental Manager.** WSDOT, Redmond, WA.
- **SR 104 EIS, US 101 to Kingston, Phase I, Environmental Task Lead.** WSDOT, Jefferson and Kitsap Counties, WA.
- **Hood Canal Bridge, Temporary Ferry Service, Transportation Planner.** WSF, WA.
- **NE 29th Place Connection, Environmental Manager.** City of Bellevue, WA.
- **First Avenue South Bridge Preliminary Engineering and EIS, Lead Environmental Planner.** City of Seattle, WA.
- **South Spokane Street Viaduct Widening, Environmental Task Manager.** City of Seattle, WA.
- **Oregon Coast Highway Corridor Study, Senior Planner.** Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Portland, OR.
- **Novelty Bridge No. 404 over Snoqualmie River, Deputy Project Manager.** King County Roads, King County, WA.

References for Marjorie (Marj) Press

Seattle City Council District 4 (Northeast Seattle) Vacancy – Caretaker appointment

Amalia Leighton Cody, PE, AICP

Former Seattle Planning Commissioner, 2006-2016

Seattle Planning Commission Chair, 2013-2015

Director, Toole Design Seattle

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Seattle, WA 98115



Cynthia Bowen, FAICP, LEED AP

Immediate Past President, American Planning Association, 2019

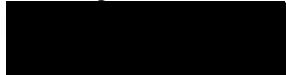
President, American Planning Association, 2016-2018

Director of Planning

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Indianapolis, IN 46202





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Human Resources

Reference Checking Consent and Authorization Form

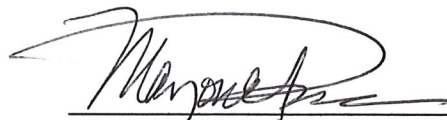
Disclosure

Please read the information on this form carefully and completely.

I have applied for appointment to the Seattle City Council and have provided information about my previous employment and professional references. I authorize the City of Seattle to obtain my academic records and conduct a reference check with my present and/or past employers, professional references, and additional references provided by my present and/or past employers or professional references. I understand that reference information may include, but not be limited to, verbal inquiries or information about my employment performance, professional demeanor, rehire potential, dates of employment, salary, and employment history.

My signature below authorizes my former or current employers and references to release information regarding my employment record with their organizations and to provide any additional information that may be necessary for my application for appointment to the City Council. I knowingly and voluntarily release the City of Seattle and any and all persons or entities providing a reference from any and all liability arising from release or receipt of information about my employment history, my academic credentials or qualifications, and my suitability for appointment to the City Council.

Marjorie Press
Name


Signature

4/2/19
Date