



City of Seattle
Council Position No. 8
Applicant Summary

Applicant Name: Nick Licata

Yes/No	Description: The following provides a summary of relevant experience, as provided by applicant in his/her application materials submitted on or before October 1, 2017.
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?
N	Does applicant identify any prior work or volunteer experience developing a budget for an organization (e.g. for-profit company, non-profit organization)?
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.)?
Y	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?
Y	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?
	Comment(s): Former Councilmember 1998 – 2015.

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Date of Review: 10/2/17

Reviewer Initials: KJ



City of Seattle


FINANCIAL INTEREST STATEMENT – CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL POSITION 8

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.**

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: 9/30/17

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

Note: If you are appointed to the City Council, you will be required to complete a "Personal Financial Affairs Statement" on a form provided by the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission (SEEC). Please see SEEC Form F1, attached as [Exhibit B](#)

EXPLANATIONS FOR RESPONSES ON PAGE 1: *(Use additional sheets if necessary. For assistance, please call the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission at 684-8500.)*

1. Please provide the name and address of each person or entity for which you answered Yes on page 1

Name: _____
Address: _____

2. Please provide the name and address of each entity for which you answered Yes on page 1.

Name: _____
Address: _____

3. Please indicate (i) the name of the person holding the position (you or an immediate family member); (ii) the title of the office, directorship, trusteeship or employment held; and (iii) the name and address of the entity.

Person holding the position: _____
Position held with entity: _____
Entity name: _____
Entity address: _____

4. Please describe the relationships, employment history or financial interests for which you answered YES on page 1.

From: [Nick Licata](#)
To: [LEG CouncilAppointmentApplications](#)
Subject: Application for filling Position 8 vacant seat on Seattle City Council
Date: Saturday, September 30, 2017 11:38:55 AM
Attachments: [Frank Chopp Letter.pdf](#)
[Nick Licata -Complete Resume - Sept 2017 copy.docx](#)
[Pramila Jayapal Ref Letter.docx.pdf](#)
[Signed Financial Disclosure Form.pdf](#)
[Signed Seattle City Council Reference Checking Consent and Authorization Form.pdf](#)
[Tom Mara Reference Letter .pdf](#)

9/30/17

To: Seattle City Clerk

From: Nick Licata

Re: Application for filling Position 8 vacant seat on Seattle City Council

With this letter I'm formally applying to be appointed to fill the currently vacant Position 8 seat on the Seattle City Council. I understand that this council appointment would expire on November 28th, when the newly elected member's election is certified and takes office to fill Councilmember Burgess's seat. As required by the City Charter for all applicants, I am a citizen of the United States and a registered voter of the City of Seattle.

I believe that I can bring additional value to the Council's budget process since I've been through it 18 times and have served as either the Chair or Vice Chair of the Budget Committee for a third of that time. As the former chair of the public safety, human services, and parks committees, as well as serving as Council President, I'm very familiar with both the operations and capital budget's contents and process. And, I understand from that experience how it affects city government services in a number of different departments as well as communities.

My resume addresses my familiarity with the budget process and how city government works in showing how many committees I have chaired and participated on. While in office I compiled a yearly summary listing my legislative accomplishments under the title of Nick's Notes. The City Clerk has a copy of them, as do I, if any council member wishes to review them. However, I am available to meet with any council member who would like to talk one-on-one as to my interest in serving on the council again.

I've attached the following items to be distributed to and evaluated by the councilmembers in selecting the appropriate person to fill this vacancy.

Sincerely,

Nick Licata

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Items Attached:

Signed Reference Authorization Form

Signed & Completed Financial Interest Statement Form

3 Reference Letters

Complete Resume – including past positions on the City Council

Nick Licata –Resume (Updated 2017)

Nick was born in Cleveland, Ohio, graduated from Bowling Green State University with a BA in political science, and received a MA in sociology from the University of Washington. Served as a Seattle City Councilmember for 18 years; served as Council President and chaired Committees overseeing the budget, parks, arts, police, fire, civil rights, and neighborhoods. He authored two books, a children's novel, *Princess Bianca and the Vandals* (2003 – self-published), and a non-fiction political history/commentary *Becoming a Citizen Activist* (2016 – Sasquatch Books).

Education

B.A. in Political Science Bowling Green University, Ohio 1969
(Co-founded Students for Democratic Society Chapter on campus; subsequently elected student body president)

M.A. Sociology University of Washington, WA 1974
(Thesis on alternative high schools as vehicles for social change)

C.I.C. Certified Insurance Counselor 1986
(Served as an insurance broker for 15 years)

Employment

Seattle City Councilmember 1998 – 2015
(Served as Council President and chaired Committees overseeing the budget, parks, arts, police, fire, civil rights, and neighborhoods. Help lead efforts to pass Paid Sick Leave, raising the minimum wage to \$15 hour and legalizing marijuana. Last election in 2013 broke all previous records for the highest votes received citywide for a city council member in a contested race.

Associate Insurance Broker, Sprague Israel Giles, Inc. Insurance Brokers 1982-1997

Program Coordinator, Metrocenter YMCA, 1981
Coordinated Seattle City Light's Business Energy Savings Project

Consultant, to City of Seattle, D.C.D. and Energy Office for 1980
Assessing funding strategies of neighborhood conservation projects

Program Director, Metrocenter YMCA, for Energy Assistance 1980

Co-Executive Director, Washington Public Interest Research Group, (WashPIRG) 1977-9
University of Washington

Program Evaluator & Auditor for Youth Advocates Inc. 1975-7

Record of Seattle City Council Committees Served On

2014-2015

- Chair: Finance & Culture Committee
- Vice-Chair: Public Safety, Civil Rights, and Technology
- Member: Planning, Land Use and Sustainability

2012 –2013

- Chair: Housing, Human Services, Health and Culture Committee
- Vice-Chair: Government Performance & Finance Committee
- Member: Public Safety, Civil Rights & Technology Committee
- Member: King County Board of Health

2008 – 2009

- Chair: Culture Civil Rights, Health and Personnel Committee
- Vice-Chair: Finance and Budget Committee
- Member: Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee

2006-2007

- Seattle City Council President
- Chair: Public Safety, Civil Rights, and Arts Committee
- Vice-Chair: Environment, Emergency Management and Utilities Committee
- Member: Energy and Technology Committee

2004- 2005

- Chair: Public Safety, Civil Rights, and Arts Committee
- Vice-Chair: Utilities and Technology Committee
- Member: Finance and Budget Committee

2002- 2003

- Chair: Neighborhoods, Arts, and Civil Rights Committee
- Vice-Chair: Finance, Budget, Business, and Labor Committee
- Member: Housing, Human Services, and Community Development Committee

2000 - 2001

- Chair: Culture, Arts, and Parks Committee
- Vice-Chair: Neighborhoods, Sustainability, and Community Development Committee
- Member: Finance, Budget, and Economic Development Committee
- Member: Legislative Department and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

1998 - 1999

- Chair: Culture, Arts, and Parks Committee
- Vice-Chair: Neighborhoods, Growth Planning, and Civic Engagement Committee
- Member: Utilities and Environmental Management Committee

Selected - Civic Experience

Co-founded Local Progress 2012

(Convened the initial exploratory meeting for creating a national network of progressive municipal officials in DC, March 2012 and served as the first board chair until December 2015)

National Board Member of Democratic Municipal Officials 2011

Founded the National League of Cities' Large Cities Council 2008

Co-Founded and Co-Chaired Citizens for More Important Things 1995

(A community based organization that ran three campaigns to halt excessive funding of professional sport stadiums; two of them won at the ballot.)

Board Chair of 911 Media 1993-96

(A media arts non-profit organization providing video training, screenings and editing services.)

President of Metropolitan Democratic Club 1986-9

(A local 50-year-old independent democratic organization holding forums.)

Co-founder of Give Peace a Dance 1982

(A community based organization that raised \$80,000 a year for opposing proliferation of nuclear arms through paid television advertisements)
President of Evergreen Land Trust 1982-9
(A 501c3 Nonprofit founded to preserve rural and urban properties providing affordable housing, without any government support. As of 2016, owns and operates through collective self-management 3 rural properties of over 120 acres and 4 houses in Seattle providing housing to over 30 people)
Biweekly radio commentator 1988-9
(Was on the National Public Radio Biweekly affiliated radio station KPLU commenting on local political and civic issues.)
Secretary of the Seattle International District Rotary 1986-8
(As an Executive Board Member helped lead our Rotary to be the first of any rotaries to admit women as members without being expelled from International Rotary. We filed an amicus brief overturning the by-laws of Rotary barring women as members.)
Board Member of Puget Sound Alliance 1988
Research Associate for Institute for Global Security Studies 1988
Chair of Puget Sound SANE Political Action Committee 1986-7
Board Member of Washington State ACLU 1984
Co-founder of the Seattle Sun & President 1980
(A weekly community based newspaper with a circulation of 18,000, first published 2 trial copies in 1974, began regular publishing in 1975, folded in '82)
Seattle Planning Commissioner 1978
Board Member of Stevens Neighborhood Housing Improvement Program 1978
(A non-profit housing developer that became Capital Hill Housing providing over 2,000 subsidized housing units)
Chair of Seattle Coalition on Redlining 1977
(A community based organization that lead the fight to stop banks from redlining poor and minority dominated neighborhoods)
Founded and published the People's Yellow Pages 1976
(A guide to public service, community groups, and political action groups within in Seattle, sold 10,000 copies)
Officer of the University District Community Council – 1973
Bowling Green State University Student Body President 1968-69
Co-founder of Bowling Green State University's chapter of Students for a Democratic Society, and subsequently chapter President – 1967-68

Testimonies - Panelist

Testified before Congressional Committees three times: on the Community Reinvestment Act; on curbing unfunded federal mandates to fund anti-terrorism operations in cities and, on halting the public funding of professional sport stadiums.
Panelist on the topic of "Revitalization, Relocation, and the Right to the City," at the 2016 American Sociological Association national meeting.

Selected Published Articles

"Every Politician Should Live in a Commune" article in Communities Magazine on September 7, 2008

“From the Cities a Progressive Movement Will Rise” article in
Huffington Post December 23, 2014

“A Progressive Democrat Joins the right-wing ALEC organization” article in
Democracy and Media’s PR Watch July 30, 2015

“Inside the conservative plan to take over city politics” in CrossCut January 6, 2016

Acknowledgements

Named by *The Nation* as “Progressive Municipal Official of the Year” in 2012

Twice named “Best Local Politician in Seattle Region” by the *Seattle Weekly*

Awarded “Leadership in Justice in Government Award” in 2005 by Hate Free Zone
Washington (which afterwards became One America)

Admitted to the college honorary society of Omicron Delta Kappa

“Leading the Movement for Social Justice” Award presented by Washington State Jobs
with Justice in 2008

“Change Agent of the Year” (2010) by the Real Change Homeless Empowerment Project

Frank Chopp

September 29, 2017

Letter of reference for Nick Licata, for appointment to the Seattle City Council

Dear members of the Seattle City Council,

I've known Nick Licata for a long time. I met him when he was a community activist and have worked with him on various public policy issues for about 40 years. Much has changed in our political climate over that time, but Nick's pragmatic and progressive approach to tackling a wide range of social and economic issues has been consistent and successful.

As a city council member he has been a steady champion of providing more affordable housing for working families and for those that are homeless. He has championed funding for the State's Housing Trust Fund, year after year, by going to Olympia to meet with legislators to describe how the Fund could help alleviate Seattle's housing crises.

Nick played a critical role in saving the Pacific Tower building from being used for high end, private market housing. Instead, he worked with state legislators, the mayor and county officials to secure the building as a home for public purposes: a community health college, a community dental clinic, and numerous non-profit and public agencies. He worked tirelessly to make it become a reality.

Although the appointment that he is seeking is for less than 2 months, I can think of no other former public official who is more familiar with how the city's budget can be used to improve the quality of life for those that are most economically vulnerable within Seattle. He can literally hit the ground running in this limited period of time and make a significant contribution to helping the council pass a budget that will benefit all.

I encourage you to appoint Nick Licata to the interim seat for Position 8 on the Seattle City Council.

Sincerely,



Frank Chopp
State Representative, 43rd Legislative District

Dear City Councilmembers:

I am writing to you regarding the Position 8 seat appointment, a seat that will be filled for just a few short months until November 28. I write to strongly encourage you to appoint former Councilmember Nick Licata to fill this vacancy.

This is a difficult time for all our Seattle residents, and I appreciate all that you are doing to help provide a steady hand for Seattle government. I also appreciate the efforts of Councilmember Harrell in the transition, as well as now-Mayor Tim Burgess in this difficult time.

This difficult time requires steadying hands and trusted leadership and I believe Nick Licata will help all of you as you work to bring unity, leadership and healing to our city. Given the circumstances, Nick's decades long service as a City Councilmember means that he knows the operations and workings of City Council like the back of his hand; he knows and has worked with many Councilmembers as a peer and colleague before; and he has been through the budgeting process for decades and will need no bringing up to speed. Equally important is the fact that Nick is someone who the majority of City residents know, trust and has voted for before, time and time again. The importance of that cannot be overstated at this time.

I have worked personally with Nick since 9-11, and I know he is a strong proponent of doing what is best for all parts of the city. I also know he has a very unique ability to help bring about consensus and ensure that all voices are heard. His specific attention to and concern for racial justice is near and dear to my heart.

He has been a strong proponent of immigrant rights, something that continues to be absolutely critical in this national environment. In January 2003, as the Executive Director of Hate Free Zone/OneAmerica, I worked with him as he brought his leadership to bear in ensuring that the Seattle City Council unanimously passed the "Don't Ask" legislation (**Council Bill Number: 114436**) as one of the first ordinances in the nation prohibiting all city employees from asking about immigration status—now known as "Sanctuary City" legislation.

Later, I worked with him to help move the Council to create an Immigrant and Refugee Advisory Council, which eventually ended up transitioning to an Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, with assistance from Nick and then-Councilmember Tim Burgess.

I also worked closely with Nick and a coalition of allies on the Paid Safe and Sick Leave ordinance, as well as on the Income Inequality Committee that drafted the successful legislation around passing a \$15 minimum wage in Seattle.

Nick knows how to work with people. He has consistently shown the ability to bring all councilmembers together to support his important pieces of legislation and worked for unity on critical issues affecting the City. He also understands at a deep level the need for elected officials to organize and communicate with regular citizens and residents of our city. He has been a master at engaging communities in government, and helping to bring their voices forward in legislation and policy debates.

At a time when so much is at stake in our community and our country, Nick is the kind of elected leader that gives hope to regular folks in our community that they can have a say and make a difference in our communities.

Because of his long experience on Council, he will be able to fully hit the ground running to serve the best interests of the city. Nick is a public servant of the highest caliber, and I know that our City will benefit from his assistance as we adopt the 2018 City Budget, and as we consider the numerous threats to immigrants and low-income communities from a White House constantly seeking to divide.

Nick will unify, lead and contribute to an already-strong City Council with his expertise. I strongly urge you to appoint him so that the City can do its important business with full attention and with the best possible skills and experience at the table.

Thank you for your tremendous service to our City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pramila Jayapal". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping tail.

Pramila Jayapal

9/29/17

To Seattle City Council Members:

I write to provide a reference for Nick Licata in his application to fill the Council seat that was vacated by Council Member Tim Burgess.

I understand the position is only for about 8 weeks. However, the person who will occupy that seat will be deeply involved in reviewing and amending the mayor's budget. My experience with Nick Licata is that he has an excellent grasp of how the budget works. In fact, when he was budget chair, I worked with him on issues that affected KEXP.

I also point out Nick Licata has consistently gone out of his way to continually promote funding diverse cultural organizations and activities, many community based, like KEXP. I've seen him get things done that I had not expected, a testament that he has been able to work well with others.

I have also witnessed Nick Licata's incisive ability to assess and analyze issues and opportunities. I have admired his ability to ask smart questions.

Please let me know if you would like any further information regarding my extremely positive experience with Nick.

Sincerely,

Tom Mara

Executive Director



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LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT

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.

Nicholas Licata

Name

Signature

9/30/17

Date