

Takayo Minakami Ederer



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Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing to respectfully submit my application for the District 2 City Council position.

What Seattle City Council needs most right now is someone who is committed to continuing the progress and course-correction of the current council, is informed by their lived experiences, and who can raise the voices of our underserved communities to support that vision. As a District 2 native and longtime resident, I know that our neighbors expect and deserve a better police response, more effective and humane solutions to homelessness, and support for our local small businesses.

Born in Columbia City, my heart is deeply rooted to this area of Seattle. I am a mother of three and have chosen to raise my children here. They call District 2 their home as well. I care about the state of government and the health of the environment we leave to our youth.

District 2 is the most vibrant and culturally diverse district in Seattle. My life and life experiences make me uniquely qualified to represent this dynamic melting pot of identities, traditions, and perspectives.

My cultural background, spanning Japanese, Chinese, Pacific Islander, Irish, and European heritage, enables me to relate to and connect with people from all corners of District 2 – enriching my understanding of our community’s unique perspectives and needs. As a child of an immigrant, it was, and still is, my responsibility to act as a bridge spanning cultural barriers and language gaps.

Like many in our district, I have experienced extreme hardship. As a child, I lived with food and housing insecurity, standing in line at food banks and wondering if we would make our next rent payment. Later in life I faced the loss of a parent to untreated mental health and addiction struggles. When I talk to people in our community experiencing substance addiction or mental health challenges, food and housing insecurity, it isn’t academic or political for me – it is deeply personal.

Even before finishing high school, I needed to step up and help run our small family business. For 15 years, my father and I were challenged to keep our doors open. From there I spent 20

years learning the complexities of larger business operations, finance, residential, and industrial real estate.

Residents in District 2 consistently identify five key issues they expect Council to take action on. Addressing these issues are critical in bettering the lives of our community members.

1. Public Safety and Crime
2. Homelessness and Housing Affordability
3. Support for Local Business
4. Transportation and Infrastructure
5. Environment

I believe the current council has put Seattle on the right track, and together, one step at a time, we can work toward, real, sustainable solutions on these issues.

My vision is to show the residents of District 2 a council member who hears each voice with empathy, compassion, and sincerity. Our district deserves full representation. By engaging with our entire community, I aim to foster confidence in city government and to inspire greater civic engagement and advocacy.

The District 2 City Council seat belongs to its people. Together, we are a team. It is my desire to represent our team by being appointed to the seat of District 2 City Council. I will serve as a representative who is accessible, accountable, and actionable. I will act in the best interest of our District, and I will continue to support the path of a more Prosperous and Livable Seattle.

Thank you for your consideration and I humbly ask for your support!

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# Takayo Minakami Ederer

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## SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Deep roots in Seattle’s District 2, multicultural heritage—Japanese, Chinese, Pacific Islander, Irish, and European—mirrors the incredible diversity of District 2. Ability to connect authentically with residents from various backgrounds.
  - Proven ability to navigate adversity, demonstrated by overcoming economic insecurity and personal loss, resulting in a commitment to equitable policies and compassionate leadership.
  - Experience managing and operating a small business, Minakami Karate-do, supplemented by insights into larger-scale finance, business, and real estate ventures.
  - Longstanding record of philanthropic efforts from local to global humanitarian projects, showcasing a dedication to community well-being and social equity.
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## CORE COMPETENCIES

- Community & Civic Engagement
  - Small Business Management & Advocacy
  - Mental Health Advocacy & Suicide Prevention
  - Economic Development & Business Finance
  - Philanthropy
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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Minakami Karate-do | Seattle, WA

#### Family Business | 1985-2007

- Oversaw daily operations, sales, and budgeting for a well-established martial arts school serving the local community.
- Taught all levels of classes.
- Coordinated outreach programs and special events to engage youth in physical fitness, self-discipline, and cultural exchange.
- Guided a diverse team of instructors and staff, cultivating an inclusive environment.
- **Team Member, U.S. National Karate Team | (1988-2000)**

- Represented the United States in multiple international competitions, carried the United States Flag at the JKF World Championships in Moscow, Russia, promoting sportsmanship, discipline, and cultural exchange.
- Enhanced leadership skills and gained global perspectives

### **Ederer Investment Company | Seattle, WA and Pacific Northwest**

#### **Family Business | 2001-Present**

- Participated in various commercial and residential real estate investments, gaining insight into property management, development processes, and zoning challenges.
- Utilized financial acumen to evaluate project feasibility and alignment with community values.

### **Stack Metallurgical Group | Seattle, WA and Pacific Northwest**

#### **Family Business | 2001-Present**

- Participated in strategic business planning and evaluation of growth initiatives.
- Supported and participated in relationship-building with employees and key partners.

### **Family Philanthropy and Community**

- Seattle Children's
- ACT Theater
- Henry Art Museum
- Seafair
- Associated Recreation Council (Partner to Seattle Parks & Recreation)
- All In Seattle
- M.U.S.T (Mentoring Urban Students & Teens)
- Various Parks and Schools
- VIVA Network
- Prostate Cancer Foundation
- Windemere Foundation
- Zion Preparatory Academy
- Seattle Urban Academy
- **Water 1<sup>st</sup> - Ethiopia & Honduras Clean Water Initiatives**
  - Assisted in infrastructure projects to improve access to clean drinking water, demonstrating a global commitment to humanitarian service.

- Founding group of women to bring daughters to Ethiopia which eventually led to the Global Fellows program.
  - **Women's Shelters and Organizations** - self-defense training to survivors of domestic violence; led workshops to foster confidence, resilience, and personal safety skills.
  - **Public Speaking – Mental Health & Suicide Prevention Advocacy**
    - Shared personal experiences related to the loss of a loved one, promoting open dialogue on mental health, destigmatizing mental illness, and endorsing early intervention strategies.
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## EDUCATION

### Seattle University | Seattle, WA

- Seattle University, BA International Studies
    - Concentration in Economics and Japanese Language
  - Study Abroad – York University, York, England
  - Study Abroad – Kobe, Japan
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## ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- **Multicultural Heritage & Community Outreach**
    - Fluent understanding of cross-cultural communication; actively fostered inclusive spaces
  - **Compassion-Driven Leadership**
    - Personal experiences with food and housing insecurity and mental health and addiction crises shape a holistic, empathetic approach to policy.
  - **Mental Health Advocacy**
    - Child and adult mental health advocate. Served as a resource for those experiencing mental health crises.
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## REFERENCES

Available upon request.

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# City of Seattle

## FINANCIAL INTEREST STATEMENT AND ADDRESS VERIFICATION CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

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 click [HERE](#) to see SMC 4.16.070, 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 2, you must be a resident of District 2 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: [REDACTED]  
 Zip Code: [REDACTED]  
 Resident at this address since: 2016

Name of Candidate (as registered with King County Elections): Takayo Ederer

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: 

Signed at , Washington

Date: 1/12/2025

*(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). You can see SEEC Form F1 by clicking [HERE](#).

**EXPLANATIONS FOR RESPONSES ON PAGE 1:** *(Use additional sheets if necessary. For assistance, please call the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission at 206-684-8500.)*

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

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Please provide the name and address of each entity for which you answered Yes on page 1.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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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:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Please describe the relationships, employment history or financial interests for which you answered YES on page 1.








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