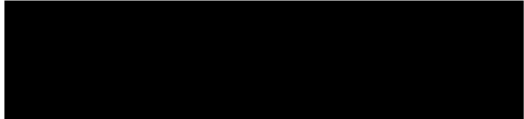


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Dear Members of the Seattle City Council Selection Committee,

As a lifelong Seattle resident, born and raised in this vibrant city, I have experienced firsthand the strengths that make Seattle exceptional and the challenges that require our collective focus. My commitment to building an equitable, safe, and thriving community drives my desire to serve District 2 on the City Council.

Seattle has shaped who I am. From growing up in its diverse neighborhoods to building a career centered on community engagement, I have always sought opportunities to make a difference. As the founder and principal agent of Harris Insurance Services, I have had the privilege of serving over 300 individuals and families, helping them navigate essential healthcare decisions. Collaborating with organizations such as the YWCA, Transform Burien, and resource centers in Auburn, Redmond, and Shoreline has allowed me to witness the power of partnerships in addressing the needs of underserved communities.

Public safety and community pride go hand in hand. Every resident deserves to feel safe in their neighborhood, yet achieving this requires addressing root causes like homelessness and drug addiction while creating pathways to stability. I am committed to being a solution-oriented leader—one who listens, collaborates, and acts to foster a sense of security and belonging for all.

This city has given me so much, and I am eager to give back by helping Seattle realize its full potential. I envision a community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive, where diversity is celebrated, and where innovative solutions pave the way for a brighter future. I would be honored to contribute my skills, experiences, and unwavering dedication to this effort.

Thank you for considering my application. I welcome the opportunity to discuss how I can serve the residents of District 2 and the greater Seattle community as a member of the City Council.

Sincerely,

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Results-driven entrepreneur and community advocate with extensive experience in insurance, community outreach, and service delivery. Demonstrated leadership in founding and growing successful businesses, managing large client portfolios, and fostering impactful partnerships. A proven commitment to enhancing equity and access to essential services for underserved communities. Deep understanding of local issues, paired with strong connections to Seattle-area organizations and residents.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Founder & Principal Agent | Harris Insurance Services, Seattle, WA **Jan 2021 - Present**

- Established and scaled an independent insurance agency, serving over 300 clients with personalized healthcare and Medicare solutions.
- Collaborated with community organizations, including the YWCA Willows in Rainier Beach, City of Edmonds Neighborhood Center Office, and Transform Burien, to expand access to essential services.

Insurance Agent | AAA Washington, Seattle, WA **Jan 2010 - Oct 2021**

- Delivered exceptional service through risk assessments, personalized recommendations, and consistent client engagement.
- Managed a portfolio of over 1,900 policies, providing comprehensive insurance solutions to individuals, families, and businesses.

Uber and Lyft Driver | Seattle, WA **Mar 2020 - Present**

- Operated as a driver in the local gig economy, providing reliable transportation services to diverse populations across the region.
- Built relationships with residents and visitors, gaining firsthand insights into the challenges and opportunities faced by Seattle communities.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Partnered with Lifeline and National Verifier service companies to provide low-income individuals with cell phones and devices for connectivity.

- Collaborated with resource centers in Auburn, Redmond, and Shoreline to support underserved populations.
- Regularly engaged in community events, food banks, and senior centers to provide education and services to those in need.
- Organized workshops to educate communities about healthcare options, risk management, and connectivity resources.

EDUCATION | CERTIFICATIONS

- Licensed Property & Casualty, Life, and Disability Insurance Agent (State of Washington) – Since July 2009
- Accredited Advisor in Insurance (AAI) – Obtained 2016
- High School Diploma – Bishop Blanchet High School, Seattle, WA (1996)
- Eastern Washington University

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.)

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

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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: _____

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