

July 8, 2025

RE: Council Vacancy (District 5)

Dear Seattle City Council members,

I am writing to express my interest in serving as the interim council member for District 5, filling the seat vacant following Cathy Moore's departure. I believe the City Council is doing a great job tackling the main issues confronting our growing metropolis, and I would like to assist and further those efforts. As a longtime resident and active community member, I am eager to contribute my skills and passion for public service to help shape the future of our city.

The job of City Councilmember is a group project for which you don't often pick your teammates. In this case, however, you get to fill this interim position. What is it you are looking for in someone to represent District 5 and support your efforts to improve Seattle?

### **Background**

I have lived in Seattle since 2010, and in Washington State my entire life. I love this city. And it's people. Over the past year, I have met with Council member Moore several times and have been involved with several groups in Maple Leaf and beyond to help residents understand and move toward consensus for the One Seattle Plan.

My current business puts me near the heartbeat of our city—new residents looking for homes, old residents relocating. From north Seattle to West Seattle, I get to see the day-to-day sentiments from our residents regarding life in our city.

### **Collaboration and Policy**

Good policymaking, to me, is about collaboration, cooperation, and active listening. One person can't unilaterally change a dynamic in a city; it takes a group working together. Every policy issue involves tradeoffs—addressing public safety and homelessness cost money. Protecting trees and/or parking is often at odds with a growing population. These are tough decisions. Public goods have costs, and the council must weigh those as they work to solve the challenges of a growing metropolis. As an interim council member, the role must involve adding to the collaboration in progress, not trying to move in a different direction. Studying economics at WWU gave me a grasp of the tradeoffs inherent in policy decisions and I'm ready to support the Council in their policy work.

### **Community and Public Service**

While living in Maple Leaf the last 5 years, I've attended many community council sessions and One Seattle Plan sessions, working to understand my neighbor's goals for our community. I have the support of several neighborhood groups, including a neighborhood working group helping residents understand the upcoming code and zoning ordinance changes. Prior to the pandemic, I was a longtime leader and mentor with Young Life, helping high school boys through their formative years to learn and find their place in the world.

In conversations with neighbors and clients, transportation, public safety, schools, and housing affordability are the big issues. Let's keep working on these together to develop sustainable policies that benefit all residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

*Ansel Sanger*

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# Ansel Sanger

Maple Leaf, Seattle, WA

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## Summary

Passionate, driven, pragmatic and empathic leader who is focused on making Seattle a world-class city where diverse communities thrive in safe, vibrant, and connected neighborhoods.

## Experience

### Sanger PNW Real Estate

[Website link](#)

Broker/Operator

December 2015-present

Established and lead a successful real estate sales and service business.

- Develop marketing strategy and materials for social media platforms, web presence, and print campaigns.
- Serve clients by providing prompt, empathetic and effective support of their goals and needs.
- Create and follow business plans that resulted in three straight years of 100% sales growth YoY.
- Hire and train real estate assistants.
- Mentor and train new real estate brokers
- Educate clients on Seattle real estate market trends.
- Negotiate Real Estate contracts.
- Market real property on behalf of clients.

### Socrata

Partner Manager

April 2015-October 2015

Account Executive

January 2015-April 2015

Supported state and local governments in providing public access to open data, fostering greater transparency and accountability.

### Tableau

Area Sales Manager

November 2013-December 2014

Transformed client data into actionable insights to support strategic decisions and improve business outcomes.

## Education

Western Washington University

B.A., Political Science and Economics

## Skills

Analytical Thinking, Civic Engagement, Communication, Community Partnership, Creative Problem-Solving, Leadership, Negotiation, Strategic Planning, Teamwork



# City of Seattle

## FINANCIAL INTEREST STATEMENT AND ADDRESS VERIFICATION CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL DISTRICT 5

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 5, you must be a resident of District 5 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: 2021

Name of Candidate (as registered with King County Elections): Ansel Walker Sanger

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 Seattle, Washington

(City or other location must be filled in.)

Date: 7-9-2025

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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.