



City of Seattle

Seattle Planning Commission

New Commissioners Sought for Seattle Planning Commission

The City of Seattle is looking for candidates to serve on the Seattle Planning Commission. Planning Commission members are appointed by the Mayor, the City Council, or Commission itself and may serve up to two consecutive, three-year terms. Currently there are two open positions; one appointed by the City Council and one appointed by the Planning Commission, both subject to confirmation by the full City Council. The City is committed to promoting diversity in the City's boards and commissions. Persons of color, women, persons with disabilities, and sexual minorities are strongly encouraged to apply. Commissioners must reside in Seattle and serve without compensation.

Who We Are

We are a 16-member Commission of neighbors that care about the future of our city. We are a group of individuals that have served on neighborhood councils, community design review boards, and many other community focused volunteer roles. We have a broad range of skills and perspectives that include architecture and design, land use and transportation planning, low-income housing development, and inclusive community engagement.

What We Do

We advise the Mayor, City Council, and City departments on citywide planning goals, policies, and plans and provide them with independent and objective advice on land-use and zoning, transportation, and housing issues.

The Commission is the steward of the City's Comprehensive Plan, our citywide vision for how Seattle grows. We debate the benefits and impacts of these important policies and advise on how best to plan for the future.

In the recent past, the Commission has helped to raise important issues such as:

- creating an action plan for affordable housing that had a special focus on housing for families with children; as well as
- how to better align investments in transportation with investments in needed community spaces, creating vibrant and successful transit communities.

Commissioners

Grace Kim, *Chair*
Tim Parham, *Vice-Chair*
Michael Austin
Eileen Canola
Sandra Fried
David Goldberg
Ellen Lohe
Kara Martin
Marj Press
Julio Sanchez
David Shelton
Lauren Squires
Jamie Stroble
Patti Wilma

Staff

Vanessa Murdock
Executive Director

John Hoey,
Senior Policy Analyst

Katy Haima
Policy Analyst

Robin Magonegil
Administrative Staff

What We Are Looking For

We are always looking for new voices that bring to light issues facing all parts of the city. We are looking for people who:

- bring a commitment to making Seattle a great place to live and have knowledge and experience in land use and planning, architecture, or urban design;
- can speak to the needs of affordable housing and have an understanding of what role affordability plays in the city;
- have an understanding of transportation investments and how they impact the neighborhoods around them;
- have a commitment to community-building and community engagement; and
- have a passion for communicating planning to a diverse set of stakeholders.

Participation in the Planning Commission is a significant volunteer commitment. This includes attendance at monthly meetings (the second and fourth Thursdays of each month) and participation in at least one sub-committee that meets monthly. Commissioners also attend and participate in relevant public meetings and events.

How To Apply

To be considered for appointment to the Commission, please send a letter of interest and resume by post or e-mail by October 13, 2017 addressed to:

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Please consider including any voluntary personal information regarding your cultural background, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or disability that might assist us in meeting the City's goal to create diverse boards and commissions.

For more information, please contact Vanessa Murdock, Commission Executive Director at 206-733-9271 or via e-mail at Vanessa.murdock@seattle.gov.

For more information about the Seattle Planning Commission please visit our website at <http://www.seattle.gov/planningcommission/>