




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Valerie Tran		
Board/Commission Name: Historic Seattle Preservation & Development Authority		Position Title: Member
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		Term of Office: 4-years 12/16/2016 to 11/30/2019
Residential Neighborhood: First Hill	Zip Code: 98104	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Legislated Authority: SMC 3.110		
Background: <p>Ms. Valerie Tran is Healthy Communities Program Manager at InterIm Community Development Association. Ms. Tran is responsible for managing and coordinating the development and implementation of the 2020 Healthy Community Action Plan (addresses physical and social determinates of heath in Seattle's Chinatown-International District). Prior to her work at InterIm, Ms. Tran was Co-Director at Nurses for Cool and Healthy Homes. She was previously a fellow for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention where she worked as a communicable disease investigator in Fresno County, CA. Ms. Tran's background spans issues of neighborhood planning, community health, and historic preservation.</p> <p>Ms. Tran is a graduate of the University of California / Berkeley and has graduate degrees in urban planning and health management & policy from the University of Michigan. She is a resident of the First Hill neighborhood.</p> <p>This appointment represents Ms. Tran's first term and fills out the remainder of an unexpired term that ends November 30, 2019.</p>		
Date of Appointment: 1-30-2017	Authorizing Signature (original signature): 	Appointing Signatory: Edward B. Murray Mayor of Seattle

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Seattle Office of Intergovernmental Relations
Attn: Kenny Pittman
600 4th Avenue, 5th Floor
Seattle, WA 98124

To Mr. Pittman:

I am writing to express my interest in being appointed to the Council of Historic Seattle. I am interested in joining the Council to bring a social justice and community development analysis to Historic Seattle while supporting preservation and development efforts across the city.

I currently work for a non-profit affordable housing and community development corporation in the Chinatown – International District. My work focuses on neighborhood planning, health, and community development. I also serve on the International Special Review District board. In the work that I do, I apply a social justice analysis to matters of planning and preservation for the purpose of preserving the physical, social, and cultural environments that our community needs to survive. I look forward to working with Historic Seattle Council members and staff in furthering their work in communities around Seattle.

In addition to my work in the CID neighborhood, I am a resident of First Hill and serve on the Harborview Master Planning Advisory Committee. With a background in public health and urban planning, I hope to bring a unique perspective on the intersections of preservation, place, and health.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Valerie Tran, MUP, MPH
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Healthy Communities Program Manager

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Experience

Healthy Communities Program Manager at InterIm Community Development Association

September 2015 - Present (1 year 4 months)

Managing and coordinating the development and implementation of the 2020 Healthy Community Action Plan that addresses the physical and social determinants of health in Seattle's Chinatown - International District.

Co-Director at Nurses for Cool and Healthy Homes

March 2014 - Present (2 years 10 months)

Nurses for Cool and Healthy Homes (NCHH) equips public health nurses with the knowledge and tools to empower their home visit patients to stay cool and healthy in their homes in the face of extreme heat while also minimizing their environmental footprint.

Graduate Intern at HealthxDesign

May 2014 - May 2015 (1 year 1 month)

Assisted in the evaluation of place-based projects and initiatives that aim to improve physical and social well-being. Projects and initiatives included MillionTreesNYC, Arts in the Garden, and The Haven Project.

Graduate Student Instructor at University of Michigan

September 2014 - December 2014 (4 months)

Managed and instructed sixteen undergraduate students in the "Introduction to Urban and Environmental Planning" course.

Dow Sustainability Fellow at Dow Sustainability Fellows Program

January 2014 - December 2014 (1 year)

Developed a proposed floodplain management ordinance for the City of Ann Arbor's Planning and Development Services Unit.

Research Assistant at Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning

September 2013 - May 2014 (9 months)

Researching weatherization strategies and heat vulnerability in Detroit, Cleveland, and Washington, DC for the project titled "Climate change and health: Residential energy-efficiency for comfort and equity." This is an NIH-funded interdisciplinary project led by the College of Architecture and Urban Planning and the School of Public Health at the University of Michigan.

Research Assistant at University of Michigan Risk Science Center

September 2012 - May 2014 (1 year 9 months)

Research on risk governance and population health. Publication: Peter D. Jacobson, Sarah J. McHugh, and Valerie K. Tran, Risk Governance and Population Health. 53 Jurimetrics J. 279-292 (2013).

Project Intern at Public Health Institute

May 2013 - July 2013 (3 months)

Intern in the Public Health Institute's Center for Public Health and Climate Change, working on "Creating a Climate for Health" project.

Public Health Associate at Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

August 2010 - July 2012 (2 years)

Health education specialist in the Immunization Program and communicable disease specialist in the Tuberculosis Control Program.

Education

University of Michigan School of Public Health

Master of Public Health (MPH), Health Management and Policy, 2012 - 2015

University of Michigan

Master of Urban Planning (MUP), Land Use and Environmental Planning, Transportation Planning, 2013 - 2015

University of California, Berkeley

Bachelor of Arts (BA), Public Health, 2006 - 2010

Activities and Societies: Peer Health Exchange

Publications

Risk Governance and Population Health

Jurimetrics 2013

Authors: Valerie Tran, MUP, MPH, Sarah McHugh, Peter D. Jacobson

Complex problems and emerging technologies challenge the public health system and create both opportunities and risks for population health. Risk governance is an appropriate tool with which public health practitioners can maximize benefit and minimize risk to the public's health. To date, there is no risk governance framework that is robust, rigorous, and applicable to population health. This article first explores existing risk governance frameworks and discusses their potential applicability to population health challenges. It then explains specifically how biobanks, which have great potential to improve the population's health, but threaten individual interests, could benefit from the application of a risk governance framework.

Seattle Chinatown - International District 2020 Healthy Community Action Plan

InterIm Community Development Association September 22, 2016

Authors: Valerie Tran, MUP, MPH

Honors and Awards

Dow Sustainability Fellows Program (2014)

Dow Chemical Company

December 2013

The Dow Sustainability Fellows Program at the University of Michigan supports full-time graduate students and postdoctoral scholars at the University of Michigan who are committed to finding interdisciplinary, actionable, and meaningful sustainability solutions on local-to-global scales. The program aspires to prepare future sustainability leaders to make a positive difference in organizations worldwide.

Organizations

Public Health Sustainability Initiative

Energy Committee and Alternative Transportation Committee

September 2013 to May 2015

Association for Asian Public Health Action

Social Committee

September 2012 to May 2014

Health Policy Student Association

Philanthropy Committee

September 2012 to May 2013

Languages

English

(Native or bilingual proficiency)

Spanish

(Limited working proficiency)

Skills & Expertise

Public Health

Health Education

Prevention

Infectious Diseases

Health Policy

Epidemiology

Program Evaluation

Health Equity

Community Health

Health Communication

Literature Reviews

Research

Grant Writing

Nonprofits

Projects

Nurses for Cool and Healthy Homes (NCHH)

March 2014 to Present

Members: Valerie Tran, MUP, MPH, Jiayi (Angela) Wan, RN

Winner of a project proposal grant from Health Care Without Harm's Climate Change and Health Contest for Nurses. This project seeks to work with public health nurses at the Fresno County Department of Public Health to increase home visit clients' resiliency during extreme heat events. We are connecting with organizations that offer passive cooling strategies in compiling a toolkit for public health nurses to decrease adverse health effects from extreme heat.

Volunteer Experience

Board Member at International Special Review District Board

January 2016 - Present

Elected to the board of historic preservation for the Chinatown/International District. The board is overseen by the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods.

Standing Advisory Committee member at Harborview Medical Center

June 2016 - Present

Serving on the Major Institutions Advisory Committee for Harborview Medical Center. This board is overseen by the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods.

Historic Seattle Preservation and Development Authority

December 2016

12 members: Per RCW 35.21.730 and Seattle Municipal Code 3.110, all subject to City Council confirmation, 4-year terms:

- 4 Mayor-appointed
- 8 Other Authority-appointed (specify): (4) PDA Governing Council and (4) PDA Constituency

Roster:

*D	**G	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Start Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	M	1.	Chair	Michael Herschensohn	11/30/12	11/30/16	7	Constituency
	M	2.	Member	Cara Bertron	11/30/16	11/30/20	2	Mayor
	F	3.	Secretary	Kate Krafft	11/30/14	11/30/18	2	Constituency
	M	4.	Treasurer	Japhet Koteen	11/30/15	11/30/19	2	Governing Council
6	F	5.	Ex-Officio	Marcia Wagoner	11/30/12	11/30/16	3	Mayor
	F	6.	Member	Connie Walker-Gray	11/30/13	11/30/17	2	Constituency
2	M	7.	Member	James Fearn	11/30/12	11/30/16	5	Governing Council
	F	8.	Member	Mary McCumber	11/30/14	11/30/18	5	Governing Council
6	M	9.	Member	Peter Mills	11/30/13	11/30/17	5	Governing Council
1	F	10.	Member	<i>Valerie Tran, filling out the remainder of an unexpired term</i>	1/26/16	11/30/19	1	Mayor
	M	11.	Member	Rick Sever	11/30/11	11/30/15	1	Constituency
	F	12.	Member	Alyssa Mehl	11/30/15	11/30/19	1	Mayor

Diversity Chart:

			(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)		
	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	Asian-American	Black/African American	Hispanic/Latino	American Indian/Alaska Native	***Other	Caucasian/Non-Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor		4			1					1			
Council	3	1				1							
Other	2	2											
Total	5	7				1							

Key:

- *D List the corresponding *Diversity Chart* number (1 through 9)
- **G List *gender*, M or F
- ***Other Includes diversity in any of the following: *race, gender and/or ability*