



# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

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| <b>Appointee Name:</b><br><i>Jess Wallach</i>   |   |   |
| <b>Board/Commission Name:</b><br><i>Green New Deal Oversight Board</i>  |   | <b>Position Title:</b><br><i>Member</i>   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Appointment</b> OR <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Reappointment</b>   |   | <b>Council Confirmation required?</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <b>Appointing Authority:</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council<br><input type="checkbox"/> Mayor<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>  | <b>Date Appointed:</b><br>3/19/2021   | <b>Term of Position: *</b><br>5/1/2020<br><b>to</b><br>4/30/2022  |
| <b>Residential Neighborhood:</b><br>Greenlake   | <b>Zip Code:</b><br>98115   | <b>Contact Phone No.:</b><br>[REDACTED]   |
| <b>Background:</b><br><br>As one of the community organizers who co-launched the campaign for Seattle’s Green New Deal in 2019 and subsequently championed the GND Oversight Board, Jess Wallach is deeply invested in the success of this body and ready to get to work building its policy muscle and influence.<br><br>Jess has three years experience leading local and regional campaigns to stop the buildout of fossil fuel infrastructure, in a hybrid role that spans policy development, convening regional learning networks and community organizing. Jess believes that climate justice isn’t just about stopping the harm -- it’s also investing in transformative solutions at the intersections of equity, environment and economic justice. In her role as a Seattle GND campaigner, Jess has organized in coalition to craft and pass the City’s Green New Deal resolution; to win a progressive revenue measure that equitably funds GND solutions like affordable housing and transitioning low-income homes off fossil fuels (Tax Amazon/JumpStart Seattle); to mobilize community power behind the recent Energy Code updates and more. Jess also brings a regional/national lens to the local Green New Deal work, through connections to coalitions like the national Green New Deal Network and as part of an emergent, informal network of campaigners working on city-level Green New Deals across the US.<br><br>Jess represents 350 Seattle, a climate group that’s aligned with local movements for social, economic and racial justice. 350 plays an important role in the local climate movement, advocating for what science and justice demand even when it’s not politically easy. |   |   |
| <b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b><br>  | <b>Appointing Signatory:</b><br><i>Kshama Sawant</i><br><i>Seattle City Councilmember</i> |   |

\*Term begin and end date is fixed and tied to the position and not appointment date.

## Jess Wallach



Campaigns Co-Director, 350 Seattle June 2018 -Present

Volunteer April 2017 – Oct 2018

- Create and manage powerful grassroots campaigns which advance climate justice goals
- Build external relationships that support our campaigns, including partnerships with organizations and individuals doing similar work; City elected officials and staff; and relevant coalitions.
- Lead campaign policy research and development, and contribute to the development of regional community-based learning networks.
- Solidarity organizing with local movements for social, economic and racial justice.

Statewide Organizer, Integrity Washington (Yes on I-1464)

Seattle, WA Sept. 2016- Nov. 2016

- Coordinated field organizing team, including campaign strategy, professional development for peer organizers, volunteer outreach and voter engagement.
- Engaged over 9,000 voters in 2.5 months through events, door-knocking and phone banking.

Climate Justice Fellow, Puget Sound Sage

Seattle, WA Sept. 2015 – 2016

- Co-authored "Our People, Our Power, Our Planet" report on the Climate Justice Project, a community-based participatory research project in South Seattle.
- Facilitated community engagement workshops, strategy sessions and research as part of the Equity and Environment Initiative
- Created, implemented and evaluated an action-oriented Climate Justice Curriculum which connected climate change with local food, housing, transportation and health equity issues.

Small Planet Fellow, Small Planet Institute

Seattle, WA Dec. 2014 – Sept. 2016

- Research, editing and collaborative writing for World Hunger: 10 Myths by Francis Moore Lappé.
- Led development, implementation and evaluation of supporting workshops and resources, with a focus on food justice, climate change and democracy.

Americorps Service Member, WithinReach

Seattle, WA Sept. 2013- July 2014

- Conducted bilingual outreach and application assistance in English and Spanish for over 700 low-income Washington residents seeking food and health resources.

Volunteer Organizer, Real Change  
Seattle, WA Sept. 2012- May 2014

- Planned and co-facilitated the Cross-Class Listening Circles project, which used storytelling to build cross-class relationships and engage participants in advocacy for economic justice.
- Coordinated the Real Change Economic Justice Film Series, which brought over 300 people together to learn about and reflect on economic inequality in the U.S.

## EDUCATION

MA.Ed, Urban Environmental Education  
Antioch University, Sept. 2016

B.A., Geography, College and Departmental Honors  
University of Washington, June 2013



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| <b>Mayor</b>   |   |   |  |  |   |  |  |   |  |   |  |  |  |
| <b>Council</b> | 2 | 3 |  |  | 1 |  |  | 2 |  | 2 |  |  |  |
| <b>Other</b>   |   |   |  |  |   |  |  |   |  |   |  |  |  |
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**Key:**

**\*D** List the corresponding *Diversity Chart* number (1 through 9)

**\*\*G** List *gender*, **M**= Male, **F**= Female, **T**= Transgender, **NB**= Non-Binary **O**= Other **U**= Unknown

**RD** Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A

*Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.*