




# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Monika Sharma</i>		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> <i>Seattle Planning Commission</i>		<b>Position Title:</b> <i>Member</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Appointment</b> OR <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Reappointment</b>	<b>City Council Confirmation required?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>Appointing Authority:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> City Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	<b>Term of Position: *</b> 4/16/2023 <b>to</b> 4/15/2026  <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>	
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>Central District</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> <b>98122</b>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Background:</b> <b>Monika Sharma</b> is a mission driven; youth focused professional with years of experience working with diverse communities in the arenas of in affordable housing, transportation justice, and community building. Monika holds a master's degree in planning with a focus on Racial Inequity in crisis response. She most recently was a program manager at Bike Works where she focused on program construction, delivery, and evaluation, and community relationship management and development. Monika prides herself on a collaborative work approach with a social justice lens.		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b>  <b>Date Signed (appointed):</b> 6/14/2023	<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <i>Mayor Bruce Harrell</i>	

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

# MONIKA SHARMA

COMMUNITY ORIENTED PLANNER



## PROFILE

I am a qualified and mission driven, youth focused professional with years of experience working with diverse communities. I take a collaborative work approach with a social justice lens. I have a passion for connectivity, accessibility, youth leadership, and community ownership.

## SKILLS & AWARDS

- Database Administration
  - Community Oriented
  - Public Speaking
  - Problem-Solving
  - Adaptable
  - Fast Learner
  - Strong Communication
  - Bicycle Mechanic
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- American Planning Association Massachusetts Chapter (APA-MA): Student Project Award for Graduate work on Boxborough Economic Development Study, Phase I
  - Community Star Spotlight (Starbucks/Seattle Kraken Honor): April 2022

## EXPERIENCE

### PROGRAM MANAGER

Bike Works Seattle  
2021 - Present

- Program construction, delivery, and evaluation
- Community relationship management and development
- Systems and database administration and design
- Curriculum and budget development and adaptation

### LEADERSHIP TEAM MEMBER & FACILITATOR

King County Play Equity Coalition  
2022-Present

- Collaborate on budget, direction, and organizational structure with Leadership Team members
- Lead Outdoor Recreation Action Team funded by Thrive Outside Grant
- Coalition and movement building in relation to equity in outdoor access for youth in King County

### AMERICORPS PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Rebuilding Together Seattle  
2020-2022

- Directed, and completed home improvement, including connecting homeowners to local resources
- Conducted outreach and relationship building efforts with low-income legacy homeowners in the Greater Seattle area
- Created long term organizational goals and strategies, including DEI initiatives, future program management, and organizing volunteer networks

### RESEARCH ASSISTANT

University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
2020-2022

- Supported research design and methods through equity-lens to elevate and validate diverse knowledge types
- Assisted faculty on research project: Rebirth and Resilience: Building Social, Cultural, and Green Infrastructure to Revitalize Legacy Cities to Make Them More Resilient to the Effects of Climate Change based in Springfield, MA

### COMMUNITY-BASED LEARNING FELLOW

Wayfinders, Western Massachusetts  
2018-2019

- Conducted market research and supported Zoning Board of Appeals hearings in relation to affordable housing projects in Massachusetts.
- Managed and facilitated community engagement, and resident research with student groups in Amherst including in-person surveys and project organization.

## EDUCATION

### MASTER OF URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING

University of Massachusetts  
Amherst

2019-2021

### BACHELOR OF CRITICAL STUDIES IN HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mount Holyoke College

2015-2019

# Seattle Planning Commission

JUNE 29 2023

16 Members: Pursuant to SMC 3.6, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms (except for position 16 which serves a one-year term and is a Get Engaged member):

- 7 City Council-appointed
- 8 Mayor-appointed
- 1 Other Appointing Authority-appointed (specify): Planning Commission

## Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	F	3	1.	Member	McCaella Daffern	4/16/22	4/15/25	1	City Council
3	F	3	2.	Member	Dhyana Quintanar Solares	4/16/22	4/15/25	1	Mayor
6	F	2	3.	Member	Lauren Squires	4/16/22	4/15/25	2	City Council
2	M	2	4.	Member	Kelabe Tewolde	4/16/22	4/15/25	1	Mayor
7	F	5	5.	Member	Jamie Stroble	4/16/22	4/15/25	2	City Council
6	M	4	6.	Member	Andrew Dannenberg	4/16/23	4/15/26	1	Mayor
			7.	Member	Vacant	4/16/23	4/15/26	1	City Council
1	F	5	8.	Member	Radhika Nair	4/16/20	4/15/23	1	Mayor
6	M	1	9.	Member	Matt Hutchins	4/16/20	4/15/23	1	City Council
9	NB	3	10.	Member	Monika Sharma	4/16/23	4/15/26	1	Mayor
3	M	3	11.	Member	Julio Sanchez	4/16/21	4/15/24	2	City Council
9	F	5	12.	Member	Rose Lew Tsai-Le Whitson	4/16/21	4/15/24	1	Mayor
6	M	4	13.	Member	David Goldberg	4/16/21	4/15/24	2	City Council
6	M	1	14.	Member	Nick Whipple	4/16/21	4/15/24	1	Mayor
6	M	4	15.	Member	Rick Mohler	4/16/21	4/15/24	2	Commission
2	F	6	16.	Get Engaged	Dalton Owens	9/1/22	8/31/23	1	Mayor

## SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

			(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)		
	Male	Female	Transgender	NB/O/U	Asian	Black/African American	Hispanic/Latino	American Indian/Alaska Native	Other	Caucasian/Non-Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	3	4		1	1	2	1			2			2
Council	3	3					1			4	1		
Other	1									1			
Total	7	7		1	1	2	2			7	1		1

## 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.