




# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

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| <b>Appointee Name:</b><br>John Persak  |                                     |   |
| <b>Board/Commission Name:</b><br>Seattle Freight Advisory Board  |                                     | <b>Position Title:</b><br>Member  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment  |                                     | <b>Council Confirmation required?</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No                                     |
| <b>Appointing Authority:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Council<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>   | <b>Date Appointed:</b><br>4/18/2019 | <b>Term of Position: *</b><br>6/1/2019<br><b>to</b><br>5/31/2021<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i> |
| <b>Residential Neighborhood:</b><br>Georgetown   | <b>Zip Code:</b><br>98108           | <b>Contact Phone No.:</b><br><div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div>   |
| <b>Background:</b><br>Mr. Persak is a maritime industry veteran who serves as an officer for ILWU Local 19. Mr. Persak has been a strong advocate for freight mobility in the areas surrounding the Port of Seattle. He served on the City's Industrial Land Use Advisory Panel and currently serves on the Port of Seattle's Port Community Action Team advising neighbors and stakeholders on policy issues around the port, and helping the community understand the impacts of the marine terminal and related operations. Mr. Persak's voice will be a valuable addition to the Seattle Freight Advisory Board. |                                     |   |
| <b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b><br>  |                                     | <b>Appointing Signatory:</b><br>Jenny A. Durkan<br>Mayor of Seattle   |

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

# John Persak

## PROFILE

A dedicated, detail oriented, and collaborative leader with over 20 years of combined professional level experience in political advocacy, policy work, board governance, media relations, and community engagement. I am a union officer in ILWU Local 19 and work in the maritime industry. I live in the Georgetown neighborhood of Seattle with my wife and son. I have spent a lifetime in civic engagement, politics, and policy work.

## EXPERIENCE

### **Currently: Political, Policy, and Media advocacy, ILWU Local 19, Seattle WA** **2011-present**

I represent our union in political advocacy at the local and State level, advancing the common interests of the organization on land use, freight mobility, Port policy, environment, and marine terminal safety. I served as the union's state political director (Puget Sound District Council) in 2016 & 2017. I represented the ILWU on the City of Seattle's Industrial Land Use Advisory Panel, and I serve as an alternate on the Puget Sound Regional Council's Transportation Policy Committee. Since 2012 I have been the local union's chief strategist on various public issues impacting our workforce and the maritime industry. I represent the maritime trades in our labor community, serving on the executive board of MLK Labor, AFL/CIO.

### **Currently: Longshore worker (full time), ILWU/PMA, Seattle WA** **2004-present**

My first involvement in marine logistics and longshoring dates to 1998. I am familiar with container, breakbulk, and cruise ship operations, related work practices, and use of various equipment. I have worked at Terminals 2, 5, 18, 25, 30, 46, 86, 90, and 91 over many years. This experience informs the important relationship with stakeholders in my political and policy work, and provides a living income for my family.

### **Seattle Freight Master Plan Advisory Board, City of Seattle/SDOT, Seattle WA** **2014-2017**

My role in representing neighborhood residents and businesses in Georgetown, near the Duwamish Manufacturing Industrial Center, required attention to planning impacts on and knowledge about the community interest in livability, social justice, environment, land use, freight mobility, workforce, and the maritime/manufacturing industry. Working with city staff and consultants enhanced my comprehensive understanding of city wide freight systems and mobility, especially in relation to City of Seattle processes, while working with stakeholders to develop solutions for long term planning and growth.

### **Waterfront Federal Credit Union (WFCU) Board of Directors/Supervisory Committee, Seattle WA** **2006-2011**

My role as chair of the WFCU supervisory committee and subsequent service on the Board of Directors required attention to detail concerning overall operations and goal setting on regulatory compliance, labor relations and negotiations (staff and CEO), budgeting, marketing to our field of membership, and financial controls for \$50m of net assets.

### **Other Experience:**

I ran for public office in 2017 (Port of Seattle Commissioner) and received high competency ratings, along with dozens of endorsements from community organizations across King County. From 2016 to 2017 I served on the Port of Seattle's Energy and Sustainability Committee. In 2014, I served on the original stakeholder panel for the Duwamish River Opportunity Fund, a Seattle Department of Neighborhoods effort to improve livability in Georgetown and South Park. I was the initiator for Livable Workable Georgetown, a community survey and self assessment, funded by the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods NMF (2014-15). In 2001-03 I served at a Trustee of Central Coop in the Capitol Hill neighborhood of Seattle.

**Education:** I graduated from Oak Harbor High School in 1988. All of my subsequent education has been through life long learning and experience along with independent study and inquiry.

## SKILLS

Writing and composition, computer proficiency, research, policy development, media communications, budget and finance, community engagement planning, collaboration with peers, social media, press conferences, news releases, working independently, computer and social media literacy, fast and intuitive learning, understanding of maritime industry and economic/political challenges, managing risk. Special areas of knowledge: labor relations and collective bargaining, global and local politics, political economy, movement politics, and history.

References and cover letter available upon request.

# Seattle Freight Advisory Board

12 Members: Pursuant to Seattle City Council Resolution 31243, 11 members subject to City Council confirmation, 2-year terms (1-year terms to refresh membership continuity):

- 5 City Council-appointed
- 6 Mayor-appointed
- 1 Other Appointing Authority-appointed (specify):

**Note:** This roster is reflective of the recommendations included in this packet, *not* the current makeup of the board. Please see highlighted sections below.

## Roster:

| *D | **G | RD  | Position No. | Position Title | Name            | Term Begin Date | Term End Date | Term # | Appointed By    |
|----|-----|-----|--------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|--------|-----------------|
| 6  | M   | N/A | 1.           | Member         | Warren Aakervik | 6/1/18          | 5/31/20       | 1      | Council         |
| 6  | M   | N/A | 2.           | Member         | Todd Biesold    | 6/1/18          | 5/31/19       | 1      | Council         |
| 6  | F   | N/A | 3.           | Member         | Kristal Fiser   | 1/1/18          | 12/31/19      | 2      | Mayor           |
| 3  | F   | 3   | 4.           | Member         | Jeanne Acutanza | 6/1/18          | 5/31/20       | 2      | Mayor           |
| 6  | M   | N/A | 5.           | Member         | Johan Hellman   | 6/1/18          | 5/31/20       | 2      | Mayor           |
| 6  | M   | N/A | 6.           | Member         | Mike Elliott    | 6/1/18          | 5/31/20       | 2      | Mayor           |
| 6  | M   | N/A | 7.           | Member         | Hal Cooper      | 6/1/18          | 5/31/19       | 2      | Council         |
| 6  | M   | N/A | 8.           | Member         | Pat Cohn        | 6/1/18          | 5/31/19       | 2      | Council         |
| 6  | M   | N/A | 9.           | Member         | John Persak     | 6/1/19          | 5/31/21       | 1      | Mayor           |
| 6  | M   | N/A | 10.          | Member         | Frank Rose      | 6/1/18          | 5/31/19       | 2      | Council         |
| 6  | M   | N/A | 11.          | Member         | Kris DeBuck     | 6/1/18          | 5/31/20       | 1      | Mayor           |
| 6  | F   | N/A | 12.          | Member         | Geraldine Poor  | 6/1/18          | 5/31/19       | NA     | Port of Seattle |

## SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

|              | (1)      |          | (2)         |        | (3)   |                               | (4)                 |   | (5)   |                                | (6)                 |                   | (7)         |  | (8) |  | (9) |  |
|--------------|----------|----------|-------------|--------|-------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---|-------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------|--|-----|--|-----|--|
|              | Male     | Female   | Transgender | NB/O/U | Asian | Black/<br>African<br>American | Hispanic/<br>Latino | American<br>Indian/<br>Alaska<br>Native | Other | Caucasian/<br>Non-<br>Hispanic | Pacific<br>Islander | Middle<br>Eastern | Multiracial |  |     |  |     |  |
| Mayor        | 4        | 2        |             |        |       |                               | 1                   |   |       | 5                              |                     |                   |             |  |     |  |     |  |
| Council      | 5        |          |             |        |       |                               |                     |   |       | 5                              |                     |                   |             |  |     |  |     |  |
| Other        |          | 1        |             |        |       |                               |                     |   |       | 1                              |                     |                   |             |  |     |  |     |  |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>3</b> |             |        |       |                               | <b>1</b>            |   |       | <b>11</b>                      |                     |                   |             |  |     |  |     |  |

## 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.*