





# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Laurie Torres</i>		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> <i>Levy to Move Seattle Oversight Committee</i>		<b>Position Title:</b> <i>Member</i>
<b>X Appointment</b> OR <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Reappointment</b>		<b>Council Confirmation required?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>
<b>Appointing Authority:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Council</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Mayor</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other: <i>Specify appointing authority</i></b>		<b>Term of Office:</b> <i>1/1/2016 12/31/2019</i>
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>Central District</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> <i>98122</i>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b>
<b>Legislated Authority:</b> <i>Ord. 124796</i>		
<p><b>Background:</b> Laurie Torres is a recent graduate of the Community Leadership Institute, a program designed by Puget Sound Sage to deepen knowledge about affordable housing, transportation justice, economic and workforce development and labor, health equity and climate justice, and land use planning. The Community Leadership Institute focused on ethical municipal budgeting.</p> <p>As a resident of the Central District, Laurie spoke frankly in her interview about being one of the few remaining residents of color in the neighborhood where she has observed first-hand the challenges of transit access and gentrification.</p> <p>Laurie does organizing work and volunteers her time mainly with communities of color in Southeast Seattle.</p> <p>Laurie lives in District 3 in the Central District neighborhood.</p>		
<b>Date of Appointment:</b> <i>4/11/16</i>	<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b> 	<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <i>Councilmember Mike O'Brien</i> <i>Chair, Sustainability and</i> <i>Transportation Committee</i> <i>Seattle City Council</i>



Dear Mr. Helmbrecht,

I am submitting my resume for review to be considered for the Move Seattle Levy Oversight Committee. I heard about the position from Carla Chavez, and through the Community Leadership Institute, a program staffed by Puget Sound Sage. I would like to be part of this committee because I believe intentional planning around transportation is needed to ensure that our city is one where all communities can thrive. The intentionality can only happen with the oversight of a committee well-informed and grounded in the interests and needs of the diverse communities of Seattle.

I have been a resident of Seattle since 2013, when I moved to take on a fellowship with Puget Sound Sage. Through this fellowship, I learned the intricacies of land use, planning and development, and the imperative need for equitable transit oriented development and policies especially for low-income and communities of color in southeast Seattle. I continue to support Sage's work through the South Communities Organizing for Racial and Regional Equity coalition (S.CORE) and have been actively involved as an avid volunteer in these communities. I currently work at the Transportation Choices Coalition, supporting the opening of Sound Transit 3. The work I do is grounded in a lens of economic, racial, and environmental justice.

I currently live in the Central District as one of the few remaining residents of color where I have observed and have been complicit in the irony of transit accessibility and gentrification. While it is a neighborhood that is pretty well situated for transit, and was historically comprised of low-income black communities who would benefit most from well maintained and well-funded public transportation, the people who can afford to live in the Central District now tend to be affluent white workers from the tech sector, who often have their own cars as communities of color are pushed further south, away from transit hubs. Although I reside in the Central District, much of my organizing time is spent with the communities of color in southeast Seattle.

As part of the Community Leadership Institute cohort, I have committed 6 months to deepening my knowledge about affordable housing, transportation justice, economic and workforce development and labor, health equity and climate justice, and land use planning. The CLI also has given trainings on Parliamentary Procedure and effective and ethical municipal budgeting.

If you believe my skills and experiences would be an asset to the Oversight Committee, I would be happy to meet to discuss the position.

Warmly,  
Laurie Torres

# Laurie Torres

<p><b>Paid Work Experience</b></p>	<p><i>Part-Time Event Assistant, Transportation Choices Coalition</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinates and develops of marketing and collateral materials.</li> <li>• Coordinates with agency staff from the City of Seattle, Sound Transit, King County Metro.</li> </ul> <p><i>WorkSource Connection Lab Assistant, Seattle Goodwill</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assists students and public with job searching.</li> <li>• Structures and edits cover letters and resumes.</li> <li>• Connects individuals with services, resources, and information.</li> </ul> <p><i>Part-Time BASE Outreach Coordinator, Bayan Queer Collective</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distributes information for free self-defense and wellness class series designed for queer and trans people of color participants.</li> <li>• Coordinates with allied organizations for participant recruitment.</li> <li>• Manages barriers to class attendance such as transportation and childcare.</li> </ul> <p><i>Project Associate, Forterra</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manages event invitee and attendees using constituent management program Raisers Edge.</li> <li>• Conducts necessary research to deepen organization understanding of pertinent topics (e.g. climate change, timber market, millennial trends)</li> </ul> <p><i>Organizing Fellow, Fuse Washington</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organized and ran volunteer phonebank efforts for Democratic State Senate candidates Matt Isenhower and Tammy Green</li> <li>• Recruited volunteers for phonebanking and door to door GOTV efforts</li> </ul> <p><i>Annual Dinner Event Coordinator, Social Justice Fund Northwest</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supported coordination of vendors, venue, and in-kind sponsors.</li> <li>• Tracked event sponsorships, and confirm sponsor benefits.</li> </ul>	<p>2016 - Present</p> <p>2015 - Present</p> <p>2014 - 2015</p> <p>2014</p>
<p><b>Volunteer Corps Experience</b></p>	<p><i>Fellow, Quaker Experiential Service and Training (QuEST)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initiated discussion to analyze and revise admission policy to ensure equity in alignment with organizational values.</li> <li>• Proposed tangible process for admissions procedures, evaluation, and restructuring.</li> <li>• Completed placement at Puget Sound Sage</li> </ul>	<p>2013 -2014</p>

## **Levy to Move Seattle Oversight Committee**

16 members: Per Ord. 124796, all subject to City Council confirmation, 4-year terms (The initial terms for appointed board members and residents shall be four years, except for two two-year terms [one mayoral appointee and one Council appointee] and four three-year terms [two mayoral appointees and two Council appointees]):

- Chair of the City Council’s Transportation Committee or its successor committee with responsibility for transportation
- City Budget Director
- 5 City Council-appointed (to include a licensed engineer with bridge and structures experience)
- 5 Mayor-appointed
- 4 Other Appointing Authority-appointed (specify):
  - One representative each chosen by and from among the respective members of the Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board, Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board, Seattle Transit Advisory Board, and Seattle Freight Board

### Roster:

*D	**G	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Start Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
	F	1.	Member	Rachel Ben-Shmuel	1/1/16	12/31/19	1	Mayor
1	F	2.	Member	Shefali Ranganathan	1/1/16	12/31/18	1	Mayor
	F	3.	Member	Elizabeth Kiker	1/1/16	12/31/18	1	Mayor
	M	4.	Member	Calvin Goings	1/1/16	12/31/19	1	Mayor
	M	5.	Member	Alexandre Krieg	1/1/16	12/31/17	1	Mayor
1	M	6.	Engineer	Nick Paranjpye	1/1/16	12/31/19	1	City Council
	M	7.	Member	Brian Estes	1/1/16	12/31/18	1	City Council
3	F	8.	Member	Laurie Torres	1/1/16	12/31/19	1	City Council
	M	9.	Member	Joseph Laubach	1/1/16	12/31/18	1	City Council
	F	10.	Member	Betty Spieth-Croll	1/1/16	12/31/17	1	City Council
	M	11.	Ped. Board Member	Paul Muldoon	1/1/16	12/31/19	1	Pedestrian Advisory Board
2	F	12.	Bicycle Board Member	Phyllis Porter	1/1/16	12/31/19	1	Bicycle Advisory Board
	M	13.	Transit Board Member	Ron Posthuma	1/1/16	12/31/19	1	Transit Advisory Board
		14.	Freight Board Member	Pat Cohn	1/1/16	12/31/19	1	Freight Advisory Board
	M	15.	Councilmember	Councilmember Mike O’Brien	N/A	N/A		Ord. 124796
	M	16.	Budget Director	Ben Noble	N/A	N/A		Ord. 124796

**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	2	3		1	1					4			
Council	3	2		2	1		1			3			
Other	5	1		1		1				5			
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>12</b>			

**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*