



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>William J Pittz</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Labor Standards Advisory Commission</i>		Position Title:
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Date Appointed: <i>2/7/2019</i>	Term of Position: * <i>5/1/2019</i> to <i>4/30/2021</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Beacon Hill</i>	Zip Code: <i>98108</i>	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: Will Pittz has spent more than 20 years working to improve the lives of workers and low-income people. He served as Executive Director of Washington Community Action Network for 10 years, leading numerous campaigns on issues such as health care, immigration reform, housing, racial equity, and workers' rights. He has worked with labor unions such as the United Auto Workers and the Teamsters, focused on organizing workers to improve their lives and working conditions. He has also worked with a variety of community organizations focused on research, policy, and community leadership development. He received a masters in health, labor, and education policy at the Harvard Kennedy School.		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 	Appointing Signatory Teresa Mosqueda <i>Seattle City Councilmember, Pos. 8</i>	

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

Will Pittz

Professional Profile

- Deep commitment to social, racial, and economic justice
 - 20 years of senior-level experience in community, labor, and philanthropic organizations
 - Successful record of building organizations and campaigns that create power for low-income people, people of color, workers, families and communities
 - Proven ability to create high-level alignment across sectors including labor, community, philanthropy, and government
 - Effective manager of large and diverse staff teams
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Work Experience

Organizing and Research 2019-Present
Teamsters Local 117

- Developing innovative approaches to organizing and improving working conditions for platform-based workers, particularly for drivers of ride hail services
- Coordinating organizing efforts among public sector workers, particularly in the aftermath of the *Janus vs. AFSCME* ruling

International Consultant 2016-2018
United Auto Workers International Union

- Reporting directly to International President, developed long-term strategic plan for multi-industry growth in Western states (California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada)
- Launched five major campaigns, including recruiting, training, and managing dozens of staff in organizing, communications, political/legislative, and research roles
- Coordinated internal cross-departmental support with legal, political, research, and organizing departments and the President's office
- Built worker voice, won union recognition for thousands of new union members, and won hundreds of millions of dollars in improved wages and benefits for low and moderate-wage workers in public-sector higher education and private-sector manufacturing

Executive Director 2005-2015
Washington Community Action Network and Washington CAN! Education and Research Fund

- Directed 501(c)(4) and 501(c)(3) multi-issue community organizations with over 50,000 individual members statewide
- Managed 50+ staff including communications, legislative, canvass, program, research, and administration

- Tripled annual budget to \$3 million, purchased building in Seattle and established a cash reserve for long-term sustainability
- Led various statewide coalitions of advocacy, labor, business, faith-based, government, philanthropic, and community partners
- Advanced successful national and local campaigns that led to passage of the ACA, model policies for hospital financial assistance, paid sick and family leave, access to safety net programs for immigrants, and wage and benefits improvements for workers

National Organizer

2004-2005

Alliance for a Just Society

- Led national field campaign to protect Medicaid and the Immigrant Children’s Health Insurance Program from budget cuts
- Conducted regional living wage study titled “Searching for Work that Pays,” supporting wage increases for low-wage workers in government and private sectors
- Coordinated nonpartisan voter registration and get-out-the-vote effort in Montana that led to historic youth turnout in 2004 election

Senior Researcher

2001-2004

Race Forward (formerly Applied Research Center)

- Supervised research team at leading racial justice think tank
- Authored more than a dozen publications and articles, including (partial list):
 - “Closing the Gap: Solutions to Race-Based Health Disparities”
 - “Short Changed: Foundation Giving and Communities of Color” (with Rinku Sen)
 - “No Safe Haven” and “Small Town Justice,” investigations of the human impact of post-9/11 immigration policy and enforcement (Colorlines Magazine)
 - “Race and Recession,” a report exposing the disparate impact of the recession on people of color
 - “Searching for Work that Pays”, a multi-state living wage study

Other Accomplishments and Awards

- Served on Boards and Advisory Boards of local, state and national organizations including: Alliance for a Just Society, Community Catalyst, Demos Action, Para Los Niños, USAction, and the Washington State Budget and Policy Center
- Rockwood Leadership Institute: Yearlong Program
- Harvard Kennedy School: Carballo Prize for outstanding scholarship serving low-income communities, Public Service Fellowship
- Northwestern University: Phi Beta Kappa, Community Leadership Certificate

Education

Master in Public Policy – Harvard Kennedy School

Bachelor of Arts - Northwestern University

Labor Standards Advisory Commission

15 Members: Pursuant to *Ord. 124643*, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 2-year terms:

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

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
	F	2	1.	Commissioner	Elizabeth Ford	5/1/19	4/30/21	2	Mayor
2	M	NA	2.	Commissioner	Anthony Burnett	5/1/18	4/30/20	2	Mayor
			3.	Commissioner		5/1/19	4/30/21		Mayor
6	F	2	4.	Commissioner	Nicole Grant	5/1/18	4/30/20	2	Mayor
			5.	Commissioner		5/1/19	4/30/21		Mayor
6	M	2	6.	Commissioner	Andrew Beane	5/1/18	4/30/20	2	Mayor
	F	NA	7.	Commissioner	Betsy McFeely	5/1/19	4/30/21	1	Mayor
	U	NA	8.	Commissioner	Artie Nosrati	5/1/18	4/30/20	1	City Council
6	M	2	9.	Commissioner	Will Pittz	5/1/19	4/30/21	1	City Council
6	F	1	10.	Commissioner	Samantha Grad	5/1/18	4/30/20	1	City Council
6	F	3	11.	Commissioner	Gay Gilmore	5/1/19	4/30/21	1	City Council
6	F	2	12.	Commissioner	Mona Smith	5/1/18	4/30/20	2	City Council
6	F	2	13.	Commissioner	Marilyn Watkins	5/1/19	4/30/21	1	City Council
5	F	1	14.	Commissioner	Alia Abboud	5/1/18	4/30/20	2	City Council
1	F	2	15.	Commissioner	Janet Chung	5/1/19	4/30/21	2	Commission

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

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	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	2	3				1				2			
Council	1	6		1					1	5			
Other		1			1								
Total	2	7		1	1	1			1	7			

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.