




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Drew Porter</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Community Roots Housing Public Development Authority</i>		Position Title: <i>Vice Chair</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment	City Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> City Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>PDA Governing Council</i>	Term of Position: * 4/1/2021 to 3/31/2024 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>	
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Leschi</i>	Zip Code: <i>98122</i>	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: <i>Drew is an attorney with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and works across program areas on issues relating to grant making, advocacy, governance, and compliance. Previously, he worked in private practice with nonprofit clients in philanthropy, including low-income housing. He also served as Tax Counsel to a senior member of the Ways & Means Committee of the US House of Representatives. Drew holds a law degree from Columbia University and a Masters of Law in Taxation from Georgetown University, and graduated from the University of Washington. He lives with his family in the Leschi neighborhood of Seattle.</i>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 	Appointing Signatory: <i>Shalimar Gonzales</i> <i>Community Roots Housing Governing Council, Board Chair</i>	
Date Signed (appointed): April 12, 2021		

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

Drew Porter
Associate General Counsel

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Drew Porter joined the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation as Associate General Counsel in July 2008, and works with all program areas primarily focusing on issues relating to grant making, program-related investments, audit readiness, the advocacy activities of the foundation and its grantees, corporate governance and compliance with the unique tax laws applicable to private foundations.

Prior to joining the foundation, Drew was an attorney in the Washington, D.C. office of the law firm of Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP. As part of the Exempt Organizations Practice, he counseled clients regarding the organization and operation of tax-exempt entities including public charities, private foundations, social welfare organizations and trade associations. Drew also worked in the general tax practice of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP and served as Tax Counsel to a senior member of the Ways & Means Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Drew received his undergraduate degree from the University of Washington, his law degree from Columbia University School of Law and a Masters of Law in Taxation from Georgetown University Law Center. He is admitted to practice law in the District of Columbia and New York.

Drew lives on Capitol Hill and has three children, two currently attending Montlake Elementary. His wife Liz is currently a visiting professor at the UW Law School.

EXPERIENCE

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Seattle, WA • 2008 – Present

Associate General Counsel: Support foundation's global health program in international grant-making, program-related investments and advocacy activities. Ensure compliance with tax law requirements, negotiate co-funding and equity transactions and provide training and guidance on legal and corporate governance matters. Legal representative for foundation polio eradication initiative.

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Washington, D.C. • 2005 – Present

Exempt Organizations Associate: Broad-based tax-exempt organization practice, counseling charities, foundations and other tax-exempt organizations on excise tax compliance, domestic and international grant-making and program-related investments, corporate governance and regulatory and legislative developments and seeking informal and formal guidance on specific transactions.

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP, Washington, D.C. • 2003 – 2005

Tax Associate: Practice included tax accounting, legislative analysis and drafting, exempt organization planning and federal tax compliance, state and local taxation of affordable housing and R&D tax credits.

The Hon. Lloyd Doggett (D-TX), U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. • 2001 – 2003

Ways & Means Counsel: Developed legislation in fields of pension law, lobbying disclosure, exempt organizations, tax accounting, tax havens and tax shelter enforcement. Crafted floor statements, op-eds, press releases and oversaw correspondence with constituents.

American Civil Liberties Union of Montana, Billings, MT • 2000 – 2001

Visiting Attorney: Prepared testimony on proposed state legislation; authored constitutional radio series; prepared *amicus curiae* brief for Montana Supreme Court in an anti-discrimination suit.

McDermott, Will & Emery, New York, NY • 1997 – 2000

Associate, Trial Department: Practiced in international commercial litigation and not-for-profit regulatory law.

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.

Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Taxation • 2003

Graduated with Distinction

Cali Excellence Award for Best Exam in Tax Treatment of Charities Course

Columbia Law School, New York, NY

J.D., Stone Scholar • 1998

Journal of East European Law, Comment Editor 1997 – 1998

Columbia Human Rights Law Review, Staff 1996 – 1997

Columbia's RightsLink, Co-Founder, Director, Advisor 1994 – 1998

Law Clerk, U.S. Department of Justice, Executive Office of Immigration Review, Spring 1997

Extern, Hon. Robert M. Levy, Magistrate Judge, EDNY, Spring 1996

Stroock & Stroock & Lavan Human Rights Fellow (The AIRE Centre, London, England), Summer 1996

Human Rights Intern (Human Rights Watch, Americas, Washington, D.C.), Summer 1995

Columbia School of International and Public Affairs, New York, NY

Masters of International Affairs (Emphasis: Economics, Finance and Statistics) • 1998

University of Washington, Jackson School of International Studies, Seattle, WA

Bachelor of Arts in International Studies and History, *cum laude* • 1993

Member Phi Beta Kappa

La Universidad de Guadalajara, Mexico • 1990 - 1991

PUBLICATION

"The Inter-American System of Human Rights Protection: Freedom of Expression, 'National Security Doctrines' and the Transition to Elected Governments." (with Viviana Krsticevic *et al.*) in *Secrecy and Liberty: National Security, Freedom of Expression and Access to Information*, Martinus Nijhoff, 1999.

Community Roots Housing Public Development Authority

No less than 11 members and no more than 15 members: Pursuant to RCW 35.21.730 and Seattle Municipal Code 3.110, *all* members subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms:

- 3 Mayor-appointed
- 8 to 12 Other Appointing Authority-appointed (specify): CHH Governing Council

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
2	M	5	1.	Member	George Staggers	4/1/20	3/31/23	2	Governing Council
3	M	3	3.	Member	Frank F. Alvarado III	4/1/21	3/31/24	3	Governing Council
	F		3.	Member	Sarah Cubillos	4/1/20	3/31/23	1	Governing Council
2	F	4	4.	Member	Michelle Purnell-Hepburn	4/1/20	3/31/23	1	Governing Council
6	M	3	5.	Member	Paul Breckenridge	4/1/20	3/31/23	2	Governing Council
6	F	3	6.	Member	Jill Cronauer	4/1/20	3/31/23	2	Governing Council
6	F	3	7.	Member	Rachel Ben-Shmuel	4/1/19	3/31/22	3	Governing Council
2	F	N/A	8.	Member	Michelle Morlan	4/1/20	3/31/23	1	Governing Council
6	M	3	9.	Member	Bob Fikso	4/1/20	3/31/23	2	Governing Council
2	F	3	10.	Member	Barbara Nabors-Glass	4/1/21	3/31/24	3	Governing Council
6	M	3	11.	Member	Drew Porter	4/1/21	3/31/24	3	Governing Council
6	M	3	12.	Member	Eric Snow	4/1/21	3/31/24	2	Mayor
6	M	7	13.	Member	Chasten Fulbright	4/1/20	3/31/23	2	Mayor
9	F	7	14.	Member	Shalimar Gonzales	4/1/20	3/31/23	2	Mayor
4	M	3	15.	Member	Derrick Belgarde	4/1/19	3/31/22	2	Governing Council

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)				
	Men	Women	Transgender	Unknown	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other (Specification Optional)	Caucasian/ Non- Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	2	1								2			1
Council	6	6				4	1	1		5			
Other													
Total	8	7				4	1	1		7			1

Key: *D List the corresponding *Diversity Chart* number (1 through 9) – Diversity information is self-identified & voluntary

**G List *gender*, M = Male, F= Female, T= Transgender, U= Unknown

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