



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Che Fortaleza</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Design Review Board</i>		Position Title: <i>Local Community Representative</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment	City Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> City Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Term of Position: * 4/4/2022 to 4/3/2024 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>	
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Belltown</i>	Zip Code: <i>98104</i>	Contact Phone No.: <i>Business phone # - NOT personal phone #</i>
Background: <p>Ms. Fortaleza has practiced architecture for 24 years and currently works as a project manager at Jackson Main Architecture. Her focus is on multifamily projects and her portfolio includes mixed-use, adaptive reuse, hospitality, retail, and industrial work.</p> <p>Ms. Fortaleza was born, raised, and educated in the Philippines, where she practiced architecture for 5 years prior to moving to America. She has also lived and worked in Tennessee, Colorado, and California, exposing her to a wide range of codes, cultures, and jurisdictions. She views design review as an opportunity to deeply engage with and serve her community.</p> <p>Ms. Fortaleza earned both a Bachelor of Science in architecture and a Bachelor of Fine Arts from University of Santo Tomas.</p>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date Signed (appointed): 5/31/2022	Appointing Signatory: <i>Bruce A. Harrell</i> <i>Mayor of Seattle</i>	

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



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PROFILE

Exceptional project management skills. Key player in organizational change. Strong background in architecture and interior design. Results-oriented, focused, highly-organized professional with 20+ years of diversified project experience. Proven track record at different levels in all phases and aspects of architecture. Reputable and highly efficient leader. Excellent team player. Fosters strong client and consultant relationships. Pioneer in direct and strategic marketing. Expert in Client Satisfaction.

Project Types

- Mixed-Use Retail-Multi-Family, Student Housing
- Hospitality
- Corporate Retail
- Condominium and High-End Residential, Senior Housing
- Office Buildings, Tenant Fit-Outs, and BOMA Calculations
- Speculative Buildings and Adaptive Reuse
- Urban Design, Planning, and Site Development
- Restaurants, Retail, Art Studio, Hotels, Wellness Center, Salon and Spa
- Religious Buildings, Technical Colleges, Banks, City Hall, Correctional Facility, Medical Offices
- Industrial Facilities
- Forensic Architecture
- International Exhibitions, Museums, International Airport

EXPERIENCE

Project Manager, Jackson Main Architecture

Seattle, WA — June 2019 - Present

Focus on Multi-Family. Project Management.. Manages project team, schedule, production, coordination, and delegation. Works with local jurisdictions on design review and plan approvals, permit processing, and submittals. Construction administration, RFI and submittal process.

Project Manager, Stanton Architecture

San Francisco, CA — March 2017 - May 2019

Focus on Hospitality. Project Management, Team Building and Client Relations. Manages project team, schedule, budget and fees, production, coordination, and delegation. Works with local jurisdictions on plan review and approvals, project development, and permit acquisitions. Active involvement with the Standards Committee.

Architect/Project Manager, CR architecture + design



Seattle, WA — August 2014 - March 2017

Focus on Corporate Retail. Project Management, Team Building/Staff Allocations, and Client Relations. Managed project team, schedule, budget and fees, production, construction administration. Worked with different jurisdictions for plan approvals, permit acquisitions, inspections and certificates of occupancy.

Architect/Project Manager, Studio19 Architects, LLC

Seattle, WA — February 2014 - August 2014

Focus on Multi-Family and Micro-Housing. Heavily involved in direct marketing to Public Agencies, Prime Contractors, as well as Private Developers. Preparation of development potential, site analysis, and cost studies. Leader in client satisfaction and project management.



Architect/Project Manager, PWN Architects and Planners, Inc.

Greenwood Village, CO — October 2012 - February 2014

Focus on Senior Housing. Project management and execution of architectural and interior design services from marketing, planning, design, client and consultant coordination, code research, drawings production, bid clarifications, and construction administration.

Architect/Project Manager, METHOD Architecture

Chattanooga, TN — September 2008 - August 2012

Diversified practice with emphasis on Office Buildings, Tenant Fit-outs, and Adaptive Reuse. Project management and execution of architectural services from marketing, design, client and consultant coordination, code research, drawings production and specification writing, LEED documentation, bidding, contract negotiations, and construction administration. Performed post-construction services such as due diligence of existing conditions, BOMA calculations, and life safety building inspections. Highly involved with the practice and business management.

Project Manager, Tune Design Architecture and Interiors

Chattanooga, TN — March 2003 - September 2008

Diversified practice with emphasis on Speculative Buildings, Tenant Fit-outs, and Mixed-Use. Managed residential and commercial projects from marketing, team building and delegation, design, contract documents, construction administration to project close-out. Developed BOMA calculations and documentation standards for the firm. In-charge of all project and production scheduling and resourcing.

Intern Architect, SRE and Associates

Chattanooga, TN — September 2001 - February 2003

Diversified practice with emphasis on High-End Residential and Hospitality Prototypes. Worked on details, production, and coordination of architectural and engineering drawings. Introduced FormZ 3D modeling software and graphics development in Corel Draw. Developed company CAD standards and production manual.

Architect, Lor Calma and Associates

Makati City, Philippines — August 1997 - August 2001

Diversified practice with focus on high end custom design and Interior Architecture. Design conceptualization, production and coordination of working drawings, computer 3D modeling and physical model construction, project management, and construction administration. Systems administrator for the office network. Facilitated office file server and initial set-up of company web domain and email accounts.

CADD Technician, Gadi and Partners

Pasig City, Philippines — May 1997 - August 1997

Production of working drawings.

Apprentice, Lor Calma and Associates

Makati City, Philippines — April 1994 - May 1994

Manual drafting and detailing. Scaled model making.

EDUCATION

University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines

Bachelor of Science, Major in Architecture — 1992-1997

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Major in Interior Design — 1991-1992

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB)

Certified, 2012

American Institute of Architects AIA

Architect Member, 2012

Tennessee Board of Architectural and Engineering Examiners

Registered Architect, 2012

American Institute of Architects, Tennessee State Chapter (AIA TN)

Associate Director, 2008

American Institute of Architects, Chattanooga Chapter (AIA Chattanooga)

Associate Director, 2007

American Institute of Architects, Tennessee State Chapter (AIA TN)

International Associate, 2004-2012

National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB)

Completed Intern Development Program, 2004

Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), Manila Philippines

Registered Architect, 2000

Continuing Education Courses

HONORS AND AWARDS

Stanton Awards 2018

Glass Half Full Award: Most Likely to Turn a Frown Upside Down

Stanton Architecture, Culture Committee

Presidential Award 2008

American Institute of Architects, Tennessee State Chapter

Service Award 2006

American Institute of Architects, Chattanooga Chapter

Employee of the Year 1997

Lor Calma Design and Associates, Inc.

SKILLS

- Excellent in Project Management, Organization, Client Relations
- Proficient in Revit, Bluebeam, Microsoft Office, Smartsheets
- Experienced in AutoCAD, Microsoft Project, ArchiOffice, Deltek, and Primavera Project Management Software, Speclink, Adobe Photoshop and InDesign

REFERENCES

Matt Lasse

Principal, Jackson | Main Architecture

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David E. Lash

Sr. Associate Architect, PWN Architects and Associates, Inc.

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Thomas M. Bartoo

President, Method Architecture

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Design Review Board

42 Design Review Board Members: Pursuant to SMC 23.41.008, *all* members are subject to City Council confirmation, *two*-year terms that may be re-appointed to a second term:

- 12 City Council-appointed
- 13 Mayor-appointed
- 15 Joint Mayor and Council appointed
- 2 *Mayor appointed per SMC 3.51 (Get Engaged)*

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	M		1.	Local Residential, DT	Bissen, Matthew	4/4/2021	4/3/2023	1	Mayor/Council
3	M		2.	Local Community, NE	Castaneda, Manuel	4/4/2021	4/3/2023	1	Mayor
6	F		3.	Development, SW	Baxter, Brenda L.	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	1	Mayor
6	F		4.	Business/Landscape, W	Montessor, Jen	4/4/2021	4/3/2023	2	Mayor/Council
6	F		5.	Local Residential, SW	Lirman, Johanna	4/4/2021	4/3/2023	1	Mayor
6	F		6.	Business/Landscape, E	van Geldern, Emily	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	2	Mayor/Council
6	F		7.	Local Community, SE	Richmond, Lisa	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	1	Mayor
6	M		8.	Development, SE	Germain, Stewart	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	2	Council
6	M		9.	Local Community, NW	Johnson, Brian	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	2	Council
6	F		10.	Local Business, NW	Bogert, Phoebe	4/4/2021	4/3/2023	2	Mayor/Council
6	F		11.	Design Professional, E	Gage, Gina	4/4/2021	4/3/2023	1	Mayor
6	M		12.	Development, NW	DiJulio, Penn	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	2	Mayor
6	M		13.	Business/Landscape, DT	Luoma, Aaron	4/4/2020	4/3/2022	2	Mayor/Council
6	M		14.	Development, E	Bendix, Christopher	4/4/2021	4/3/2023	1	Council
6	M		15.	Development, NE	Gunter, Christian	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	2	Council
6	M		16.	Local Community, SW	Schaefer, Gavin	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	1	Council
1	M		17.	Design Professional, NE	Lim, Kun	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	1	Council
6	F		18.	Design Professional, W	Eckrich, Janell	4/4/2021	4/3/2023	1	Council
3	F		19.	Local Community, W	Barrientos, Maria	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	1	Mayor
6	F		20.	Development, DT	Dagliano, Carey	4/4/2021	4/3/2023	1	Council
6	M		21.	Business/Landscape, SW	Cobb, Patrick	4/4/2021	4/3/2023	1	Mayor/Council
1	F		22.	Design Professional, SE	So, May	4/4/2021	4/3/2023	2	Council
9	F		23.	Design Professional, NW	Watkins, Adrienne	4/4/2021	4/3/2023	1	Mayor

9	M		24.	Local Community, E	Reilly, Joe	4/4/2021	4/3/2023	1	Council
1	F		25.	Local Residential, NW	Lin, Christina	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	1	Mayor/Council
1	F		26.	Local Community, DT	Fortaleza, Che	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	1	Mayor
6	F		27.	Development, W	Ratray, Tiffany	4/4/2021	4/3/2023	1	Mayor
6	M		28.	Local Residential, NE	Carter, Tim	4/4/2021	4/3/2023	2	Mayor/Council
1	F		29.	Design Professional, DT	Li, Nicole	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	1	Mayor
6	M		30.	Design Professional, SW	Grainger, Alan	4/4/2021	4/3/2023	2	Mayor/Council
6	M		31.	Business/Landscape, SE	Maritz, Benjamin	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	1	Mayor/Council
6	M		32.	Local Residential, W	Farkas, Allan	4/4/2021	4/3/2023	1	Mayor/Council
6	M		33.	Local Residential, E	Cannon, Michael	4/4/3021	4/3/2023	1	Mayor/Council
6	M		34.	Local Residential, SE	Maier, Daniel	4/4/2021	4/3/2023	2	Mayor/Council
6	F		35.	Business/Landscape, NE	Liss, Katharine	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	2	Mayor/Council
6	F		36.	Get Engaged	Hevly, Charlotte	9/1/2021	8/31/2022	1	Mayor (SMC 3.51)
6	M		37.	Local Residential, CA	Britt, Troy	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	1	Council
1	F		38.	Local Community, CA	Hu, Quanlin	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	1	Mayor
6	M		39.	Design Professional, CA	Floor, Jeffrey	4/4/2020	4/3/2022	2	Council
			40.	Development, CA	Vacant	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	1	Mayor
3	F		41.	Business/Landscape, CA	Garcia, Ana Cristina	4/4/2022	4/3/2024	2	Mayor/Council
			42.	Get Engaged	Vacant	9/1/2021	8/31/2022		Mayor (SMC 3.51)

New Appointments
Re-appointments
Vacant

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	Caucasian/Non-Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	2	10	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	7	0	0	1
Council	9	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	1
Joint	9	6	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	13	0	0	0
Total	20	20	0	0	6	0	3	0	0	29	0	0	2

Key:

***D** List the corresponding *Diversity Chart* number (1 through 9)

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

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

Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.