



# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Joel Paisner</i>		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> <i>City Light Review Panel</i>		<b>Position Title:</b> <i>Suburban Franchise Representative, Position 9</i>
<b>Appointment</b> <i>OR</i> <b>X Reappointment</b>	<b>City Council Confirmation required?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes No	
<b>Appointing Authority:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> City Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	<b>Term of Position: *</b> 5/1/2024 <b>to</b> 4/30/2027  <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>	
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>Lake Forest Park</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> <i>98155</i>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Background:</b> Mr. Paisner brings over thirty years of experience advising, representing, and providing strategic advice to businesses and governmental entities. His practice today is focused on the energy and telecommunications sectors and serving as general counsel to electric utilities in Washington and Alaska.  Mr. Paisner has worked on a wide variety of issues facing electric utilities from project development work to community solar projects, to operational issues, and labor issues. His telecommunication experience involves work for both corporations and utilities assisting with deployment of facilities and negotiating strategic agreements. Mr. Paisner’s corporate work includes representation of wireless carriers and service providers, fiber optic providers, cable companies, and covers all aspects of deployment of facilities and operational issues. He has been involved in siting work for many years. He also works with electric utilities throughout the Pacific Northwest and Alaska, advising management and boards on a wide range of issues in this increasingly dynamic area.		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b>  <i>Bruce A. Harrell</i> <b>Date Signed (appointed):</b> 4/8/2024	<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <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

## Joel Paisner



### Practice and Background

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Beyond Joel's years in private practice, he has corporate in-house experience, having served as counsel to InterNAP Network Services, and as Vice President for the Pacific Northwest Region for Western Integrated Networks, an early fiber-to-the-home cable television company.

Joel comes to Ascent Law Partners after working at Ater Wynne, LLP for fifteen years, where he was Chair of the Energy Practice and Telecommunications practice and Managing Partner of the Seattle office. Joel began his career as a Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the Civil Division of King County, representing a wide variety of county agencies, and work included land use, construction and rights-of-way issues.

Recent transactions include negotiating a unique joint venture agreement between a national wireless carrier and electric utility involving shared use of facilities, frequency lease swaps, MVNO development, wireless broadband and LTE deployment in a difficult terrain and local regulatory environment. Electric utility work includes serving as counsel to Jefferson County Public Utility District in its successful purchase of Puget Sound Energy's distribution assets, the first new public electric utility established in Washington state in over 60 years.

## **Education**

- B.A., University of Washington, 1981
- J.D., William Mitchell (magna cum laude), 1986
- Law Review

## **Bar Memberships**

- Alaska
- Oregon
- Washington

## **Professional Associations**

- Electric Cooperative Bar Association
- Federal Communications Bar Association
- Alaska Power Association

## **Other Activities**

- Chair, City of Lake Forest Park Planning Commission (past)
- Member, City of Lake Forest Park Sustainability Task Force
- Board of Directors, Temple Beth Am (past)

# City Light Review Panel

9 Members: Pursuant to Ordinance 123256, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms:

- 4 City Council- appointed
- 5 Mayor- appointed

**Roster:**

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	M	3	1.	Economist	Timothy Skeel	4/11/23	4/10/26	2	Mayor
6	M	4	2.	Financial Analyst	John Putz	4/12/23	4/11/26	2	City Council
6	F	1	3.	Non-Profit Representative	Kerry Lynn Meade	5/1/24	4/30/27	2	Mayor
1	M	6	4.	Residential Customer Representative	Leo Lam	10/1/22	9/30/25	2	City Council
6	M	n/a	5.	Commercial Customer Representative	Mikel Hansen	4/13/24	4/12/27	3	Mayor
6	F	3	6.	Industrial Customer Representative	Amy Altchuler	10/1/22	9/30/25	1	City Council
6	F	n/a	7.	Low-Income Customer Representative	Oksana Savolyuk	4/12/24	4/11/27	2	Mayor
1	F	6	8.	Member at Large	Thien-Di Do	10/1/22	9/30/25	1	City Council
6	M	n/a	9.	Suburban Franchise Representative	Joel Paisner	5/1/24	4/30/27	2	Mayor

**SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART**

	(1)		(2)		(3)		(4)		(5)		(6)		(7)		(8)		(9)	
	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					
<b>Mayor</b>	3	2								5								
<b>Council</b>	2	2			2					2								
<b>Other</b>																		
<b>Total</b>	5	4			2					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.*