



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Andrew L. Dannenberg</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle Planning Commission</i>		Position Title: <i>Member</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: * 4/16/2023 to 4/15/2026 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>	
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Laurelhurst</i>	Zip Code: <i>98115</i>	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: Dr. Dannenberg holds faculty appointments in urban planning and in public health at the University of Washington where he teaches courses on Public Health and the Built Environment and on Health Impact Assessments (HIA). He is currently semi-retired from a long and successful career in public health in both the public and academic sectors. He has published numerous papers related to community design, equity, transportation, land use, and housing and can help provide a scientific evidence base for proposed planning policies when appropriate. Dr. Dannenberg also has experience serving on volunteer boards and advisory committees including the Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board, the Health and Equity Subcommittee of the Autonomous Vehicles Working Group of the Washington State Transportation Commission and the Transportation and Public Health Committee (previously a subcommittee) of the Transportation Research Board in Washington DC.		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): <i>Bruce C. Harrell</i> Date Signed (appointed): 6/14/2023	Appointing Signatory: <i>Mayor Bruce Harrell</i>	

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

11 April 2023

Vanessa Murdock, Executive Director
Seattle Planning Commission
Vanessa.Murdock@seattle.gov

Re: Request for appointment as a Commissioner on the Seattle Planning Commission

Dear Ms. Murdock:

I would like to be considered for an appointment as a Commissioner on the Seattle Planning Commission. For this role, I offer a variety of knowledge and experience that could contribute to the range of expertise on the Commission:

Public health knowledge and expertise: I can contribute knowledge to support community designs that promote health and equity, based on my four decades of experience in teaching, research, and practice of public health as a physician in government and in academia. Reducing health inequities is a major focus of public health, and improving affordable housing and transportation for low-income and diverse populations through planning decisions are central to achieving this goal.

Prior service on boards and advisory committees: I have served on various boards and advisory committees relevant to the Seattle Planning Commission:

- Member, Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board, 2018-2022, <https://www.seattle.gov/seattle-bicycle-advisory-board>
- Chair, Health and Equity Subcommittee, Autonomous Vehicles Working Group, Washington State Transportation Commission, Olympia, 2019-present, <https://avworkgroupwa.org/>
- Member, Transportation and Public Health Committee (previously a subcommittee), Transportation Research Board, Washington DC, 2013-present, www.trbhealth.org
- Board of Directors, Walkable and Livable Communities Institute, Port Townsend WA, 2012-2017
- Member, Sustainable and Healthy Communities Subcommittee, Board of Scientific Counselors, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington DC, 2014-2017
- Board of Directors, PEDS pedestrian advocacy organization, Atlanta, 2003-2010

Academic research related to healthy community design: As listed below, I have published numerous papers related to community design, equity, transportation, land use, and housing and can help provide a scientific evidence base for proposed planning policies when appropriate. I co-authored a book focused on healthy community design that includes land use, transportation, and housing in the larger picture of a healthy equitable community: Botchwey N, Dannenberg AL, Frumkin H. *Making Healthy Places: Designing and Building for Well-being, Equity, and Sustainability*. 2nd edition. Island Press, 2022, <https://islandpress.org/books/making-healthy-places-second-edition>. I hold faculty appointments in urban planning and in public health at the University of Washington where I teach courses on Public Health and Built Environment and on Health Impact Assessment (HIA) that regularly attract urban planning students and public health students into the same classroom. In recent years, the HIA class collaborated with local agencies such as the Seattle Department of Transportation, Seattle Office of Planning and Community Development, King County Parks, and the Bellevue Department of Community Development on projects including the Interbay redevelopment project, the Rainier RapidRide project, two new King County parks in low-income areas, and the BelRed Neighborhood Subarea Plan.

Time to participate in Planning Commission activities: I retired from federal service, including 15 years at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and currently do multiple part-time activities

including teaching, mentoring, consulting, and serving on boards and committees related to transportation, equity, and healthy community design.

As a progressive city, Seattle has incredible opportunities to promote innovative approaches to improve social justice including affordable housing and transportation for vulnerable populations. Policies, plans, and programs developed and implemented in Seattle could influence planning decisions made throughout the country. Decisions about issues such as single-family zoning, minimum lot sizes, minimum parking requirements, accessory dwelling units, and anti-displacement policies have major implications for improving social equity and the long-term vitality of the city. On an individual level, I added an attached ADU to my house in 2017 in part to add a reasonably priced unit to the area's housing stock.

I would welcome the opportunity to serve on the Seattle Planning Commission to support equity and sustainability in Seattle. Please let me know if you need further information.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Andrew L. Dannenberg, MD, MPH
Affiliate Professor
Dept. of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences, School of Public Health
Dept. of Urban Design and Planning, College of Built Environments
University of Washington, Seattle



Selected list of my published papers related to community design, equity, transportation, land use, and housing. Copies available on request.

- Osterhage DR, Acolin J, Fishman PA, Dannenberg AL. Economic impact on local businesses of road safety improvements in Seattle: Implications for Vision Zero projects. Submitted for publication, 2023.
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Seattle Planning Commission

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16 Members: Pursuant to SMC 3.6, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms (except for position 16 which serves a one-year term and is a Get Engaged member):

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

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	F	3	1.	Member	McCaella Daffern	4/16/22	4/15/25	1	City Council
3	F	3	2.	Member	Dhyana Quintanar Solares	4/16/22	4/15/25	1	Mayor
6	F	2	3.	Member	Lauren Squires	4/16/22	4/15/25	2	City Council
2	M	2	4.	Member	Kelabe Tewolde	4/16/22	4/15/25	1	Mayor
7	F	5	5.	Member	Jamie Stroble	4/16/22	4/15/25	2	City Council
6	M	4	6.	Member	Andrew Dannenberg	4/16/23	4/15/26	1	Mayor
			7.	Member	Vacant	4/16/23	4/15/26	1	City Council
1	F	5	8.	Member	Radhika Nair	4/16/20	4/15/23	1	Mayor
6	M	1	9.	Member	Matt Hutchins	4/16/20	4/15/23	1	City Council
9	NB	3	10.	Member	Monika Sharma	4/16/23	4/15/26	1	Mayor
3	M	3	11.	Member	Julio Sanchez	4/16/21	4/15/24	2	City Council
9	F	5	12.	Member	Rose Lew Tsai-Le Whitson	4/16/21	4/15/24	1	Mayor
6	M	4	13.	Member	David Goldberg	4/16/21	4/15/24	2	City Council
6	M	1	14.	Member	Nick Whipple	4/16/21	4/15/24	1	Mayor
6	M	4	15.	Member	Rick Mohler	4/16/21	4/15/24	2	Commission
2	F	6	16.	Get Engaged	Dalton Owens	9/1/22	8/31/23	1	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
Mayor	3	4		1	1	2	1			2			2
Council	3	3					1			4	1		
Other	1									1			
Total	7	7		1	1	2	2			7	1		1

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.