




# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Laura Keil</i>		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> <i>Urban Forestry Commission</i>		<b>Position Title:</b> <i>Get Engaged Member</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		<b>City Council Confirmation required?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Appointing Authority:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> City Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>		<b>Term of Position: *</b> 9/1/2022 to 8/31/2023  <input type="checkbox"/> Serving remaining term of a vacant position
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>Phinney Ridge</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> <i>98103</i>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Background:</b> <i>Drawing from ecological restoration, cartography, and art, Laura's work synthesizes a breadth of information to create enduring multifunctional spaces. Laura received her Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture at the University of Washington where she focused on researching how ecological, geographic, and cultural narratives shape the natural and built environments for resilient futures. While interning with the Seattle Department of Transportation Urban Forestry Division, Laura conducted field research quantifying the impact of Seattle's urban forest on quality of life. Green infrastructure (urban tree canopy being a key example) plays an important role in revising the current rhetoric of the built environment. Laura intends to continue working to illuminate how systems of privilege can be shifted for a more equitable and sustainable world, and make these changes tangible through physical design interventions. She currently practices the art of balancing science and design through interdisciplinary collaboration as a Landscape Designer at The Watershed Company. Laura looks forward to continuing participating in public dialogue as a re-appointed member of the Urban Forestry Commission. When communities are engaged meaningfully, green spaces become drivers of increased social equity.</i>		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b>  <b>Date Signed (appointed):</b> 10/11/2022		<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.

# LAURA KEIL

## contact



## education

### UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture 2021  
Minor in Environmental Science

### UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN

Study Abroad 2018  
Independently researched the impacts of climate change on Copenhagen's built landscape; exploration sponsored by the Scan|Design Foundation

## interests

I am passionate about visual and auditory communication, particularly through the mediums of ink illustration, cartography, and music. I enjoy working with my hands be it playing cello in a musical pit orchestra, baking unusual pastries, or participating in restoration work parties. I am happiest when exploring cities on bicycle and traveling to new places.

## technical skills

AutoCAD  
Adobe Creative Cloud  
ArcGIS  
Hand rendering  
Microsoft Office  
PNW Plant ID  
Rhino  
Lumion

## work experience

### LANDSCAPE DESIGNER

*The Watershed Company (2022 - present)*

Provide a wide range of design and planning services for both private and public clients with an emphasis on native habitat restoration, mitigation, and sustainable design/low-impact development.

### LANDSCAPE & MITIGATION DESIGNER

*Talasea Consultants (2021 - 2022)*

Collaborate with ecologists on restoration designs for development impacts to wetlands and streams.

### GIS/GRAPHIC DESIGN INTERN

*Fehr & Peers (2020 - 2021)*

Translated complex technical concepts into intuitive visuals and narratives in a transportation planning/engineering firm. Prepared spatial analysis in a GIS environment and created project graphics.

### TREE INVENTORY MANAGEMENT INTERN

*Seattle Department of Transportation (Summer 2019)*

Quantified the environmental, social, and economic benefits and potential of Seattle's street trees through field research and GIS analysis.

## activities

### URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSIONER

*City of Seattle (2021 - present)*

Appointed youth member on the City of Seattle's Urban Forestry Commission, which is responsible for advising the mayor and city council on the policies and regulations concerning the management and conservation of urban trees and vegetation.

### COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH OFFICER

*UW Society for Ecological Restoration (2019 - 2021)*

Participated in ecological restoration work parties. Led event organization and collaborated with on- and off-campus environmental groups. Drafted newsletters, ran social media, and designed promotional materials.

### STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

*UW//LA Department Professional Advisory Council (2020 - 2021)*

Attended monthly meetings as the voice of the student body.

### SECRETARY

*UW Chapter of ASLA (2019 - 2020)*

Oversaw club recordkeeping; served as a peer leader and encouraged involvement and sense of community within the landscape department.

## awards & honors

ASLA STUDENT AWARD - COMMUNITY SERVICE (2021)

NATIONAL ASLA CONFERENCE STIPEND (2021)

NATIONAL ASLA STUDENT HONOR AWARD (2020)

SCAN|DESIGN FELLOWSHIP (2018)

# Urban Forestry Commission

6-1-21

13 Members: Pursuant to SMC 3.14.920, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms:

- 6 City Council-appointed
- 6 Mayor-appointed
- 1 Commission-appointed

## Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	F	6	1.	Wildlife Biologist	Julia Michalak	4/1/20	3/31/23	1	Council
3	M	6	2.	Urban Ecologist	Joe Sisneros	4/1/20	3/31/23	1	Mayor
1	NB	3	3.	Natural Resource Agency or University Representative	Falisha Kurji	4/1/22	3/31/25	2	Council
6	F	4	4.	Hydrologist or Similar Professional	Becca Neumann	4/1/21	3/31/24		Mayor
6	M	4	5.	Arborist	Stuart Niven	4/1/21	3/31/24	2	Council
1	M	5	6.	Landscape Architect	Hao Liang	4/1/21	3/31/24		Mayor
6	M	3	7.	NGO Representative	Joshua N. Morris	4/1/22	3/31/25	1	Council
6	M	7	8.	Development Community or Utility Representative	David Moehring	4/1/22	3/31/25	1	Mayor
6	M	n/a	9.	Economist, Financial Analyst, Realtor, or Similar Professional	Blake Voorhees	4/1/20	3/31/23	1	Commission
6	F	7	10.	Get Engaged Member	Laura Keil	9/1/22	8/31/23	2	Mayor
9	F	4	11.	Environmental Justice Rep.	Jessica Hernandez	4/1/21	3/31/24	1	Council
6	F	7	12	Public Health Rep.	Jessica Jones	4/1/21	3/31/24	2	Mayor
9	F	2	13	Community/Neighborhood Rep.	Lia Hill	4/1/21	3/31/24		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	Caucasian/Non-Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	3	3			1		1			4			
Council	2	3		Non-Binary	1					3			2
Other	1									1			
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>1</b>			<b>8</b>			<b>2</b>

### 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.