

# City of Seattle



**Director**

## **Office of Planning and Community Development**

**Confirmation Packet  
July 20, 2022**

**Rico Quirindongo**



July 20, 2022

The Honorable Debora Juarez  
President, Seattle City Council  
Seattle City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Council President Juarez:

It is my pleasure to transmit to the City Council the following confirmation packet for my appointment of Rico Quirindongo as Director of the Office of Planning & Community Development (OPCD).

The materials in this packet are divided into two sections:

**A. Rico Quirindongo**

This section contains Mr. Quirindongo's appointment and oath of office forms and his resume.

**B. Background Check**

This section contains the report on Mr. Quirindongo's background check.

At his core, Rico Quirindongo is a servant leader who uplifts the voices of community to inform Seattle's growth. As Rico guides his office through the *One Seattle* Comprehensive Plan Update, we have someone who sees the big picture and will seek the most creative, resourceful, and resilient ideas to help shape the city we want Seattle to become. Since serving as Acting Director, Rico has demonstrated an ability to facilitate challenging conversations, using a profound sense of empathy to bridge divides between people with different motivations and aspirations. It's a gift to have someone so able to bring disparate voices together to find common cause on issues ranging from industrial lands strategy to long-term planning.

Rico's qualifications are rooted in his depth and breadth of experience in the private, public and academic sectors. He earned his degree in Architecture from the University of Washington, where he would later return to facilitate the UW College of Built Environments Strategic Planning Process. He brings decades of experience practicing in both the architecture and planning fields, designing community assets like Seattle's Northwest African American Museum. As former Council Chair of the Pike Place Market Preservation & Development Authority, Rico was intensely focused on community building and finding consensus. As a former board member of the Historic Seattle PDA, he's committed to preserving Seattle's treasured places in the midst of Seattle's increasing population. Rico's diversity of experience and his commitment to embracing and managing growth while considering impacts to Seattle's people, neighborhood institutions, and intrinsic character is what makes him the clear and obvious choice for Director of Seattle's OPCD.

Mr. Quirindongo has served as Acting Director since March 2021, and I've been thoroughly impressed with the manner in the way he's managed his office and approached community engagement. To better

inform my perspective before nominating Rico for permanent appointment, my office consulted with stakeholders regarding his performance, including representatives from the Nehemiah Initiative, the University of Washington's College of the Built Environment, the Pike Place Market Preservation & Development Authority, the Seattle Planning Commission, Arte Noir, Historic Seattle, the Equitable Communities Initiative, and the Seattle Industrial & Maritime Strategy Council. The clear conclusion from stakeholders was that Rico is a respected, approachable leader with a positive disposition and strong personal integrity. Review of his community-centered and forward-thinking work since serving as head of OPCD and the strong support shown by the affected stakeholders is the process that informed my decision to advance Mr. Quirindongo for your consideration today.

Rico Quirindongo is committed to serving Seattle's culturally diverse communities through reinvesting in neighborhoods and addressing disproportionate impacts from Seattle's history and built environment. He looks to advance solutions to address displacement and support community resilience, like the Council-adopted legislation that provides additional density for affordable housing projects on land owned by faith-based organizations. Further, he demonstrates selflessness through his mentorship of both students and his peers, giving his time, expertise, and knowledge. In short, I believe we'd be fortunate to have Rico's continued leadership at OPCD.

I trust that after reviewing Rico's application materials, meeting with him, and following the diligent review of his credentials and vision through Councilmember Strauss' Land Use Committee, you will find that he is the right choice to serve as permanent Director of the Office of Planning & Community Development.

If you have any questions about the attached materials or need additional information, Deputy Mayor Tiffany Washington would welcome hearing from you. I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce A. Harrell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Bruce A. Harrell  
Mayor of Seattle

**SECTION**

**A**



**City of Seattle**

Mayor Bruce Harrell

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July 15, 2022

Rico Quirindongo  
Seattle, WA  
Transmitted via e-mail

Dear Rico,

It gives me great pleasure to appoint you to the position of Director of the Office of Planning and Community Development at an annual salary of \$189,570.

Your appointment as Director is subject to City Council confirmation; therefore, you will need to attend the Council's confirmation hearings. Once confirmed by the City Council, your initial term is until August 1, 2026.

Your contingent offer letter provided employment information related to the terms of your employment, benefits, vacation, holiday and sick leave.

I look forward to working with you in your role as Director and wish you success. We have much work ahead of us, and I am confident that the Office will thrive under your leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce A. Harrell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bruce A. Harrell  
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Seattle Department of Human Resources file



# City of Seattle Department Head Notice of Appointment

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| <b>Appointee Name:</b><br><i>Rico Quirindongo</i>   |   |   |
| <b>City Department Name:</b><br><i>Office of Planning and Community Development</i>   |   | <b>Position Title:</b><br><i>Director</i>   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Appointment</b> <i>OR</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Reappointment</b>  |   | <b>Council Confirmation required?</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <b>Appointing Authority:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Council<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Specify appointing authority</i>  |   | <b>Term of Office:</b><br><i>City Council Confirmation to August 1, 2026</i>                                    |
| <b>Legislated Authority:</b><br><i>Seattle Municipal Code Section 3.14.991</i>  |   |   |
| <b>Background:</b><br>Rico Quirindongo’s qualifications are rooted in his depth and breadth of experience in the private, public and academic sectors. He earned his degree in Architecture from the University of Washington, where he would later return to facilitate the UW College of Built Environments Strategic Planning Process. He brings decades of experience practicing in both the architecture and planning fields, designing community assets like Seattle’s Northwest African American Museum. As former Council Chair of the Pike Place Market Preservation & Development Authority, Rico was intensely focused on community building and finding consensus. As a former board member of the Historic Seattle PDA, he’s committed to preserving Seattle’s treasured places in the midst of Seattle’s increasing population. Rico’s diversity of experience and his commitment to embracing and managing growth while considering impacts to Seattle’s people, neighborhood institutions, and intrinsic character is what makes him the clear and obvious choice for Director of Seattle’s OPCD. |   |   |
| <b>Date of Appointment:</b><br><i>7/20/2022</i>   | <b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b><br><i>Bruce A. Harrell</i> | <b>Appointing Signatory:</b><br><i>Bruce A. Harrell</i><br><i>Mayor</i>   |



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OATH OF OFFICE

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State of Washington

County of King

I, Rico Quirindongo, swear or affirm that I possess all of the qualifications prescribed in the Seattle City Charter and the Seattle Municipal Code for the position of the Director of the Office of Planning and Community Development; that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Washington, and the Charter and Ordinances of The City of Seattle; and that I will faithfully conduct myself as the Director of the Office of Planning and Community Development.

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Rico Quirindongo

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Elizabeth M. Adkisson, Interim City Clerk

# Rico Quirindongo, AIA

City of Seattle - Acting Director at Office of Planning and Community Development



Driven by the desire to have a meaningful impact on both the urban and natural landscape, **Rico works with community organizations to have a greater positive influence in their own neighborhoods through design.**

In his 27 years of professional experience as an architect, Rico developed a keen awareness of the special requirements for non-profit and public projects. His clients included Department of Social and Health Services, City of Seattle, and Seattle Public Schools.

As project architect for the Northwest African American Museum, he became well versed in the intricacies of adaptive reuse and historic renovation. Rico believes that buildings provide a rich context for our daily lives and that **investment in and care of our built environment are critical if we are to create sustainable and resilient communities.**

Rico is on the Bullitt Foundation Board and AIA National Strategic Council, was chair of the Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority Council, was a Downtown Seattle Association board member, and was AIA Seattle President in 2012-13. He was a mayoral appointee to the Historic Seattle Council, and a founding member of the National Organization of Minority Architects Northwest Chapter. Rico sat on the AIA+2030 national steering committee, a committee born out of AIA Seattle that has seen to it that 24 cities nationally provided curriculum to help designers and engineers reduce our national carbon footprint through high performance building design.

Rico's first Ted talk is called **Transforming Communities Through Architecture**. In both his professional and philanthropic activities, Rico places an emphasis on working with community leaders and youth because of his belief in the value and importance of their voice in shaping the future of our cities and our communities.

## Professional Highlights

| Education  | Registration & Licensing | Professional Affiliations   |
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| Master of Architecture, University of Washington, 1998<br>Bachelor of Arts in Architecture and African: Afro-American Studies, Washington University, 1993 | Architect: WA            | Member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA)<br>Member of the American Planning Association (APA) |

## Selected Articles / Presentations

- 2022 US Conf of Mayors-Reno, NV
- 2022 Civic Engagement in American Climate Policy: Collaborative Models- Civic Green, Tufts University
- 2022 American Planning Association National Planning Conference Equity Panel
- 2022 AIA Seattle Practicing Equity & Advocacy in Rapid Decarbonization
- 2022 AIA Grassroots panel: The World We Want: Designing for Economic, Racial, Climate, and Environmental Justice
- 2022 New Cities Masterclass on housing, public private partnerships, ecodistricts
- 2021 Indiana University SE Applied Research dept.- Lecture for Community class- Sustainability & Regenerative Studies.
- 2021 National Building Museum presentation and panel discussion: Equity in the Built Environment: Improving Racial Equity through Greener Design
- 2021 Design in Public Breakfast Keynote
- 2021 NOMA Conference- Changing the Narrative: The Black Architect-Removing Obstacles, Creating Opportunities
- 2020 TEDxSeattle presentation goes live <https://tedxseattle.com/>
- 2020 Emerging Trends / State of Seattle's Waterfront
- 2020 CREW Luncheon - Seattle Waterfront
- 2020 AIA Forefront: Civic Leadership & Empowerment- A Conversation With Mayors & Architects
- 2020 Learning from Others Session | AIA Seattle's Establishing Meaningful Relationships with Communities You Serve
- 2020 NOMA Panel discussion: Changing the Narrative
- 2020 AIA Oklahoma Conference - Keynote Speaker
- 2020 AIA NW+PR Virtual Leadership Summit- Event Leader

## Accomplishments since joining OPCD

- Rico joined the City of Seattle staff in January 2021, became Interim Director in March 2021, and since then has seen forth the following accomplishments:
- Through **EDI grants, the Strategic Investment Fund, and Strategic Land Acquisition budget**, OPCD has overseen community led decision making processes to allocate over \$47 million dollars to community-led development projects.
  - OPCD has increased efforts related to **Sound Transit 3** WSBL Community Engagement and Station Area planning.
  - OPCD grew the team, momentum, and strategy related to **Comprehensive Plan Major Update**, including launch of the One Seattle Plan community engagement strategy.
  - OPCD brought on a **Community Engagement** expert and began telling community stories that have allowed staff to celebrate successes with community, and advocate for greater resource for the long term planning work that is critical to the City's future success.
  - OPCD removed a longstanding log-jam in the City's **Industrial and Maritime Strategy** by getting consensus around 11 strategies with our stakeholder community in 2021 and saw forth the DEIS process in 2022.
  - Rico introduced the **Equitable Communities Framework** to the Capital Subcabinet and renewed a conversation around interdepartmental collaboration on behalf of community.
  - With the Mayor's Office and SDCI, OPCD launched the **Housing Subcabinet** to begin a conversation around collecting data, removing barriers, and developing strategic initiatives to increase all forms of housing in the City, particularly missing middle housing.
  - OPCD got **eight major pieces of legislation** passed in 2021, including legislation on Filling Vacant Storefronts in the downtown core, providing affordable housing on religious properties, and creating opportunity for development of an Interbay sports facility.
- Rico has been able to grow the momentum and impact of OPCD in the last year and a half, both as leader of the Office and as collaborator on a diverse, dynamic, and talented team.



## Selected Articles / Presentations (cont'd)

- 2020 Kansas State University Panel Discussion: Building Equity/ Confronting Racism Thru Practice & Design
- 2020 Design In Public AIA Diversity Roundtable Discussion: Architect's Role in the Civic Conversation for Design Justice
- 2020 AIA Turbulent Times Webinar - Changing the Narrative: The Black Architect – Removing Obstacles, Creating Opportunities
- 2020 Digital Design Series AIA Oregon Presents Rico Quirindongo
- 2020 Bisnow Seattle: Equity, Inclusion, & Urban Planning Webinar
- 2020 AIA Art of Project Management Panel
- 2020 AIA Seattle Racial Justice Town Hall
- 2020 BuildingGreen Sustainable Communities presentation
- 2020 AIA Seattle Path to Equitable Leadership
- 2020 ULI Rapid Adaptation Panel
- 2020 IGTV Community Space in the Public Realm
- 2020 Bisnow Seattle Architecture & Design Summit
- 2020 Art & Architecture in Sports Venues Panel
  
- 2019 PSMJ Resources Panelist: A/E/C Diversity and Inclusion Recruiting
- 2019 Waterfront Park Development Presentation for CoreNet
- 2019 New Arena at Seattle Center CREW Seattle Presentation and Panel Discussion
- 2017 Panel Moderator: 'Imagineering a Postcarbon Seattle'
- 2017 Presentation: 'The Power of Community Engagement in the Design of Our Urban Fabric'
- 2017 AIA Course: "Civic Engagement: Think Globally, Act Locally"
- 2016 Placemaking Leadership Forum: presenter and panelist for "City Conversation: Vancouver's Spectacular Waterfront Opportunity"
- 2016 Walk21 Hong Kong Conference Presentation: "Seattle Waterfront Symposium- Creating an Equitable Walkable Urban Neighborhood"
- 2015 AIA National Convention course presentation on the Business Case for the 2030 Commitment
- 2014 AIA National Webinar 'Business Case for the 2030 Challenge'
- 2013 ARCHITECT: Magazine of the AIA. AIA Voices article Titled "The Collaborator: Working Through Transition"
- 2012 GoGreen Conference- Panel discussion on Emerging Leaders: Trends and Culture Shifts as a New Generation Takes The Torch.
- 2011 BIM There, Done That - Presentation to 100 attendants discussing the business case for firm transition to BIM
  
- 2010 NOMA Conference- presentation on sustainability, affordable housing, and community planning
- 2010 Building Science Seminar Panelist - Aggressive Retrofits vs. Historic Preservation
- 2010 Seattle Green Festival Panelist - De-paving Seattle: Increasing Green/Open Space
- 2010 Built Green Conference Presentation 'Beyond Vanilla Green: Pushing the Affordable Housing Envelope'
- 2010 Puget Sound Business Journal - Article in The Green Report: "Built to Last"
- 2010 Daily Journal of Commerce Building Green 2010 Article "African-Americans and Sustainability"
- 2009 Puget Sound Business Journal Article "Benefits of Sustainable Design Must Spread"
- 2009 NOMA Magazine Article "The New Black is Green"
- 2008 Daily Journal of Commerce Article "A New Beginning for the Colman School"

## Radio Shows and Podcasts

- 2022 Rethink Real Estate For Good Podcast interview
- 2021 Morning Update Show interview- Midtown Square development
- 2020 KPTZ Interview RE: TEDxSeattle presentation
- 2020 KKNW Sustainability Sessions - Interview on Rebecca Sayre Radio
- 2020 KPTZ Interview: BlackSpace Manifesto, Board Service, SC Arena
- 2020 The AEC Leadership Today Podcast: Episode 031 Advancing AEC Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in 2020
- 2020 The AEC Leadership Today Podcast: Episode 007 Advancing Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

## Selected Experience

### Principal at DLR Group

Rico was Civic Design Leader for the Northwest Region at DLR Group. Since joining DLR Group in 2013, Rico had been project manager for over a dozen projects and design pursuits, including management of work at Google's Kirkland campus, preliminary design work for Seattle Center Arena, and the Master Use Permit Design Review process for a 244 unit student housing project east of University Village. He represented DLR Group on the local AIA 2030 Commitment Roundtable and the National 2030 Commitment working group and presented the business case for the 2030 Challenge at the AIA National Convention in 2015. Rico has been a mentor for dozens of the staff and annually creates events like Seattle Waterfront Symposium in 2015 and Pike St. Hillclimb Kiosk competition to provide young designers in the office engaging opportunities for civic design and community engagement locally. As Principal in Charge, Rico led DLR Group's efforts as local architect for the Seattle Center Arena project.

### 'Design Agency'

Rico led an initiative at DLR Group called 'Design Agency'. At its core, 'Design Agency' is intended to inspire staff at all levels of the practice to engage in their local community, invest in advocacy and pro bono efforts in which they are personally interested, and recognize that regardless of station, we all have agency to champion and affect social change through design.

### Community Engagement

Rico's community engagement and design work at DLR Group placed him in a primary role of facilitating user groups, client groups, design teams and assisting teams regarding messaging, prioritization, implementation planning. Rico has done extensive work related to public domain, public right-of way and community engagement, including sitting on the One Center City Advisory, Imagine Greater Downtown Advisory, and serving as the Chair of the Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority Council. For the Seattle Center Arena, Rico led the effort which culminated in community surveys, two open houses with over five hundred attendants each, and a community engagement report for the City of Seattle, the developer Oak View Group and the National Hockey League documenting community input on the process. Rico also led the community engagement, open houses, survey, and public reporting for the Midtown development, a 429 unit mixed use project at 23rd and Union for Lake Union Partners in concert with Africatown Community Land Trust.

### Principal at DKA Architecture

As former principal of a 28 person firm, Rico oversaw hiring, management, and evaluation of staff for over nine years, wrote the office human resource manual, and was in charge of staffing for all office projects. Rico was principal for five years and was a management team member for five years before becoming a principal. Rico ran management team and corporate board meetings, provided financial oversight for a firm that at its height grossed annual revenues in excess of \$5.8 million. Rico oversaw office management activities in addition to doing business development, marketing, design and project management of office architecture projects. Rico was a mentor for young staff and regularly engaged in studio critiques, AIA Young Architect gatherings, and AIA Diversity Roundtable events in order to meet, engage, and be a resource for students and young designers transitioning into practice. Rico worked alongside firm founder Donald King and Ted Sive to lead strategic planning efforts for the firm in 2009 and 2010.

### City Planning Charrettes and Committees

Rico was a member of the selection panel for the Center City Art Plan artist residency in winter quarter of 2016. Rico was a participant in the Seattle Center: What's Next all-day planning charrette convened by the Mayor's office in September of 2016. He was a standing member of the One Center City Advisory Group, Imagine Greater Downtown Advisory and the Pike and Pine Streetscape Project Sounding Board.

## Selected Experience (cont'd)

### Involvement with UW College of Built Environment Post Graduation

With an emphasis on connecting academia back to practice, Rico has maintained regular involvement with the University of Washington College of Built Environment (UW CBE) at multiple levels.

1. UW College of Real Estate class lecture on community-informed development and UW Urban Form Class lecture, both in 2021.
2. Co-facilitated development of CBE Strategic Plan 2019-2020 with Ted Sive, executive leadership, faculty, and student body.
3. Annual UW Graduate design studio & thesis juries 2008-2019.
4. Thesis advisor for Ishmael Nunez with Rachel Berney, thesis on The Black Spatial Imaginary in Urban Design Practice: Lessons for Creating Black-affirming Public Spaces.
5. UW CBE Professional Practice class annual guest lecturer 2012-2018 (with Sharon Sutton through 2015).
6. 2011 BIM and the Changing Nature of Practice - Presentation to students and practitioners hosted by AIAS UW.
7. Guest review for multiple CEP 460 classes 2015-2016.
8. Practitioner roundtable participant in UW Design Lab with Rob Corser 2014.
9. Collaborated with Carrie Dossick on Interdisciplinary Design studios 2008-2010.

### American Institute of Architects (AIA)

As a board member of AIA Seattle for six years and board president in 2013, Rico provided leadership on issues ranging from the fiduciary responsibility of the organization's \$1 million dollar annual budget to direction of the organization's goals and priorities. Rico was a founding committee member of the first Seattle Design Festival. He helped create AIA Seattle's partner not-for-profit, Design-In-Public, an organization focused on the betterment of design within the public realm. Rico helped drive creation of an AIA Seattle position paper on critical design values and issues related to redevelopment of Yesler Terrace, and engaged early meetings with Seattle Housing Authority leadership and Seattle City Council regarding development plans for the site. Rico developed strategic plans for both AIA Seattle and Design In Public in concert with Ted Sive and AIA Seattle Board members during his tenure as a board member.

### AIA Diversity Roundtable

Rico is an elder with the AIA Seattle Diversity Roundtable (DRT) which seeks to provide education, advocacy, and conversation around equity, diversity, and inclusion in the built environment professional landscape. Rico has been with the DRT since 1996 and has organized and participated in the convening of numerous diversity workshops with the DRT. Of note recently are the panel discussions he has convened with the DRT in the last three years as part of the Seattle Design Festival to engage the City of Seattle in how Office of Planning and Community Development are supporting communities of culture and providing opportunities for impactful input from a POC (people of color) community related to built environment issues. In 2019, Rico was a facilitator for two workshops on diversity in the workplace, a collaboration between the DRT and the AIA Seattle Women In Design Committee.

### Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority Council

Rico joined the Council in 2013 and became chair of the Marketfront Committee in 2015, the committee overseeing design and construction of a \$74 million project connecting the Market to the Seattle Waterfront. He provided management leadership related to the project design, budget, and programming. He was an integral member of Pike Place Market's leadership in development of this public asset in partnership with the City of Seattle and the Office of the Waterfront as the City develops and implements future Waterfront projects. Rico also chaired the 2017 Executive Director Hiring Committee, overseeing the Market's successful search for and hiring of a new executive director. He was Chair of the PDA 2018 to 2021 and worked with the new director and a planning consultant to develop a new strategic plan for the organization in 2018 and 2019.

### Historic Seattle Council

As a mayoral appointee to the Council for five years, Rico was a regular part of the conversation about adaptive reuse and restoration of the rich historic fabric of buildings in our local built environment. Rico played a leadership role on the Council working with grassroots not-for-profits providing arts and cultural programming at Washington Hall, the most recent addition to Historic Seattle's portfolio of projects. Rico assisted in the development of the Memorandum of Understanding guiding the development of Washington Hall as a new cultural institution, and engaging the not-for-profits in creation of an interim governance plan.

### Friends of Waterfront Seattle

Rico began working with Friends of Waterfront Seattle (FOWS) in 2015. Rico supported FOWS revitalization efforts for Pike Street Hillclimb, collaborated regarding programming efforts at the Hillclimb and Waterfront Park, and curated a design competition that resulted in the design and construction of a portable public outreach information kiosk for FOWS use. Rico also led the effort to create the 1st Annual Seattle Waterfront Symposium in 2015, a conversation crafted to inform stakeholders and the general public about public private partnerships, District Energy, and development opportunities in a Seattle Waterfront neighborhood, all through a lens of social equity and community engagement.

### Urban League Village at Colman School

As project architect at DKA Architecture, Rico oversaw the conversion of a 1907 four-story brick school building into 36 units of affordable housing situated over an 18,000 SF Northwest African American Museum at the ground floor. Rico engaged the Seattle Landmarks Board in multiple design work sessions and presentations to reach consensus regarding the design of the 3-story elevator addition at this historic landmark building. Rico collaborated with the Urban League, Seattle Parks Department, and WSDOT to create a shared access easement along a portion the adjacent property vacated by WSDOT after the I-90 Lid project was completed, and engaged the Parks Department in collaborative design of the park which replaced WSDOT's former construction site. He worked hand-in-hand with the GC/CM Contractor on iterative project cost exercises and construction cost estimates to be responsive to a dynamic fundraising process and project programming goals that evolved throughout the design and construction process.

### Seattle Office of Arts and Culture

Rico worked with leadership at the Office of Arts & Culture (ARTS) on preliminary feasibility, programming, and concept/schematic design work for their new offices, meeting, and gallery spaces at King Street Station. Rico was also one of the inaugural members of the BASE Cohort, a group created by ARTS to connect the dots between the development community and the artist community and ensure that affordable artist live, work, and exhibition spaces continue to be developed and maintained within the downtown core and remain available to artists and creatives at all income levels.

***"We greatly appreciate Rico's persistent and creative contributions to bringing highly efficient shared energy solutions to the Waterfront area. The Seattle 2030 District relies on committed members like Rico and DLR Group to help us achieve our ambitious sustainability goals for the built environment in downtown Seattle and surrounding neighborhoods."***

Susan Wickwire, Director of Seattle 2030 District

## Selected Experience (cont'd)

### Transportation Infrastructure

Rico has done numerous projects connecting communities. While an architect with DKA Architecture, Rico worked with Parsons Brinckerhoff and Hewitt Architects on design work at Rainier Station and Mercer Island, helping direct the conversation related to how stations would reflect the needs and culture of the neighborhoods being served. Rico worked on the Sounder commuter rail platform at King Street Station, and later, as a project manager for DLR Group, Rico oversaw a joint Olson Kundig / DLR Group design and engineering team through initial feasibility study for establishing the Seattle Office of Arts and Culture new headquarters at King Street Station, along with exhibit, culture, and community use spaces.

### Board & Civic Committee appointments

(selected list in order from most recent to least recent)

- Urban@UW External Advisory Board
- American Institute of Architects (AIA) National Strategic Council
- Building Green Sustainable Community Design Leaders
- Bullitt Foundation Board
- Seattle Fire Foundation (Founding Member)
- Downtown Seattle Association
- Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority
- Key Arena Advisory Group
- Imagine Greater Downtown
- One Center City Advisory Group
- Design in Public
- Historic Seattle Council
- National Organization of Minority Architects, Northwest Chapter (NOMA NW) (Founding Member)
- ARCADE Journal Board of Trustees
- AIA Seattle Board
- Tabor 100 Board

### Publications

- 2021 DIRT Community engagement is the foundation of equitable, built space
- 2020 BluePrint for Better: Improving Racial Equity Through Greener Design
- 2020 Architect Magazine: What Does Real Action Toward Achieving an Equitable Profession Look Like
- 2020 AIA ARCHITECT Article –A Seat at the Table

### Awards

- 2021 Commercial Real Estate Leadership Award as a Neighborhood Champion by the Puget Sound Business Journal
- 2020 AIA Citizen Architect Award
- 2020 Appointment to Strategic Council as NW+PR Strategic Council Representative
- 2014 AIA Seattle Young Architect Award
- 2011 AIA National Citizen Architect
- 2010 AIA National Diversity Best Practice Award AIA Seattle Diversity Roundtable Leader
- 2009 Puget Sound Business Journal's "40 Under 40"

### Awards Juries

- 2022 Bullitt Foundation Prize
- 2021 AIA ACSA Intersections Research Conference Co-Chair
- 2021 Office of Housing Rental Housing Awards
- 2020 AIA Utah ward jury chair
- 2020 AIA National Firm of the Year Award
- 2020 AIA Northwest and Pacific Region Student Awards
- 2016 AIA Georgia Honor Awards
- 2014 U.S. National WoodWorks Design Awards

***“Rico did a fantastic job of taking the design through the City of Seattle Landmarks Board design review and controls and incentives process. Rico also mediated the Section 106 design review at the State level that was required due to the HUD funding component to the project. In concert with the mediation of multiple funder and authorizing agency requirements, Rico leveraged adaptive reuse opportunities in the project design. The project (Colman School) has resulted in multiple awards of recognition, including the Award of Merit, by the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials in 2008.”***

Vaughn McLeod, Director of Facilities and Construction,  
"Housing Resources Group"

### Summary of Positions Held

- 03/21 - Present Interim Director, Office of Planning & Community Development, City of Seattle (1 yr 5 mos)
- 01/21 - 03/21 Deputy Director, Office of Planning & Community Development, City of Seattle (2 mos)
- 12/13 - 01/21 Architect/Principal, DLR Group (7 yrs 2 mos)
- 08/02 - 11/13 Architect/Principal, DKA Architecture (11 yrs 5 mos)
- 01/00 - 08/02 Designer, HKIT Architects (2 yrs 8 mos)
- 08/99 - 01/00 Designer, BAR Architects (5 mos)
- 01/96 - 08/99 Project Designer and IT/CAD manager, Donald I King Architects dba DKA (3 yrs 8 mos)

## **SECTION**

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# City of Seattle

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## Seattle Department of Human Resources

Kimberly Loving, Interim Director

**June 23, 2022**

TO: Adam Schaefer, City Budget Office

FROM: Annie Nguyen, Seattle Department of Human Resources

SUBJECT: Background check for Rico Quirindongo

The Seattle Department of Human Resources has received a copy of **Rico Quirindongo's** background check provided by Global Screening Solutions. There were no findings that would impact their employment eligibility.

Cc: Personnel File

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Seattle Department of Human Resources

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