



# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

## Land Use Committee

### Agenda

Thursday, July 6, 2023

9:30 AM

### Special Meeting - Public Hearing

Council Chamber, City Hall  
600 4th Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

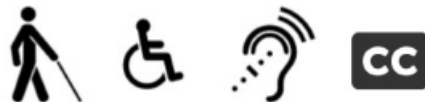
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**A. Call To Order**

**B. Approval of the Agenda****C. Public Comment****D. Items of Business**

1. [CB 120592](#) **AN ORDINANCE** relating to land use and zoning; updating regulations for rooftop features in the Pioneer Square Preservation District; and amending Sections 23.49.008 and 23.66.140 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

*Supporting Documents:*

[Summary and Fiscal Note](#)

[Summary Att 1 - Map of Eligible Pioneer Square Preservation District Sites](#)

[Director's Report](#)

[Central Staff Memo \(6/28/23\)](#)

[SDCI Presentation \(6/28/23\)](#)

**Briefing, Discussion, Public Hearing, and Possible Vote** (20 minutes)

**Presenters:** Mike Podowski and Gordon Clowers, Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI); Lish Whitson, Council Central Staff

2. **Public Hearing on Shoreline Master Program Moratorium Replacement of Vessel-Floating On-Water Residences (Council Bill 120588 | Ordinance 126838)**

*Supporting Documents:*

[CB 120588 \ Ord 126838](#)

**Briefing, Discussion, and Public Hearing** (20 minutes)

3. [Appt 02591](#) **Appointment of Jennell L. Hicks as member, Equitable Development Initiative Advisory Board, for a term to February 28, 2026.**

Attachments: [Appointment Packet](#)

**Briefing, Discussion, and Possible Vote** (5 minutes)

**Presenter:** Abesha Shiferaw, Office of Planning and Community Development

4. [Appt 02592](#) **Appointment of Andrew L. Dannenberg as member, Seattle Planning Commission, for a term to April 15, 2026.**

Attachments: [Appointment Packet](#)

**Briefing, Discussion, and Possible Vote** (5 minutes)

**Presenter:** Vanessa Murdock, Office of Planning and Community Development

5. [Appt 02593](#) **Appointment of Monika Sharma as member, Seattle Planning Commission, for a term to April 15, 2026.**

Attachments: [Appointment Packet](#)

**Briefing, Discussion, and Possible Vote** (5 minutes)

**Presenter:** Vanessa Murdock, Office of Planning and Community Development

6. [Appt 02594](#) **Reappointment of Dhyana Quintanar Solares as member, Seattle Planning Commission, for a term to April 15, 2025.**

Attachments: [Appointment Packet](#)

**Briefing, Discussion, and Possible Vote** (5 minutes)

**Presenter:** Vanessa Murdock, Office of Planning and Community Development



7. [Appt 02595](#) **Appointment of Nicholas R. Whipple as member, Seattle Planning Commission, for a term to April 15, 2024.**
- Attachments:* [Appointment Packet](#)
- Briefing, Discussion, and Possible Vote** (5 minutes)
- Presenter:** Vanessa Murdock, Office of Planning and Community Development
8. [Appt 02597](#) **Appointment of Alicia Kellogg as member, Urban Forestry Commission, for a term to March 31, 2026.**
- Attachments:* [Appointment Packet](#)
- Briefing, Discussion, and Possible Vote** (5 minutes)
- Presenter:** Patricia Bakker, Office of Sustainability and Environment
9. [Res 32097](#) **A RESOLUTION endorsing strategies to improve the movement of people and goods in Seattle’s industrial and maritime areas.**
- Supporting Documents:* [Summary and Fiscal Note](#)  
[Central Staff Presentation \(7/6/23\)](#)
- Briefing and Discussion** (30 minutes)
- Presenter:** Lish Whitson, Council Central Staff

## E. Adjournment



Legislation Text

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**File #:** CB 120592, **Version:** 1

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**CITY OF SEATTLE**

**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**

**COUNCIL BILL \_\_\_\_\_**

AN ORDINANCE relating to land use and zoning; updating regulations for rooftop features in the Pioneer Square Preservation District; and amending Sections 23.49.008 and 23.66.140 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Section 23.49.008 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 126600, is amended as follows:

**23.49.008 Structure height**

The following provisions regulating structure height apply to all property in Downtown zones except the DH1 zone. Structure height for PSM, IDM, and IDR zones is regulated by this Section 23.49.008, and by Sections 23.49.178, 23.49.208, and 23.49.236.

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**D. Rooftop features**

1. The following rooftop features are permitted with unlimited rooftop coverage up to the maximum heights indicated below:

a. Open railings, planters, clerestories, skylights, play equipment, parapets, and firewalls up to 4 feet above the applicable height limit;

b. Insulation material, rooftop decks and other similar features, or soil for landscaping located above the structural roof surface, may exceed the maximum height limit by up to 2 feet if enclosed by parapets or walls that comply with subsection 23.49.008.D.1.a;

c. Solar collectors up to 7 feet above the applicable height limit; and

d. The rooftop features listed below shall be located a minimum of 10 feet from all lot lines and may extend up to 50 feet above the roof of the structure on which they are located or 50 feet above the applicable height limit, whichever is less, except as regulated by Chapter 23.64:

- 1) Religious symbols for religious institutions;
- 2) Smokestacks; and
- 3) Flagpoles.

2. The following rooftop features are permitted up to the heights indicated below, as long as the combined coverage of all rooftop features listed in this subsection 23.49.008.D.2, does not exceed 75 percent of the roof area for structures that are subject to maximum floor area limits per story pursuant to Section 23.49.058; or 50 percent of the roof area for other structures, unless a different limit is specified by other provisions.

a. The following rooftop features are permitted to extend up to 15 feet above the applicable height limit:

- 1) Solar collectors that exceed the height listed in subsection 23.49.008.D.1.c;
- 2) Stair penthouses;
- 3) Play equipment and open-mesh fencing, as long as the fencing is at least 15 feet from the roof edge;
- 4) Covered or enclosed common recreation areas ~~((or))~~ and eating and drinking ~~((establishment))~~ establishments;
- 5) Covered or enclosed rooftop recreational spaces within the PSM 100/100-120 zone and permitted uses within them, with coverage limits as described by subsection 23.66.140.C.4.j;
- ~~((5))~~ 6) Mechanical equipment; ~~((and))~~
- ~~((6))~~ 7) Greenhouses and solariums; and

~~((7))~~ 8) Wind-driven power generators.

b. Elevator penthouses as follows:

1) In the PMM zone, up to 15 feet above the applicable height limit;

2) Except in the PMM zone, up to 23 feet above the applicable height limit for a penthouse designed for an elevator cab up to 8 feet high;

3) Except in the PMM zone, up to 25 feet above the applicable height limit for a penthouse designed for an elevator cab more than 8 feet high;

4) Except in the PMM zone, if the elevator provides access to a rooftop designed to provide usable open space, an additional 10 feet above the amount permitted in subsections 23.49.008.D.2.b.2 and 23.49.008.D.2.b.3 shall be permitted.

c. Minor communication utilities and accessory communication devices, regulated according to Section 23.57.013, shall be included within the maximum permitted rooftop coverage.

d. Greenhouses are permitted to extend up to 15 feet above the applicable height limit, as long as the combined total coverage of all features gaining additional height listed does not exceed 60 percent of the roof area.

e. Mechanical equipment, whether new or replacement, may be allowed up to 15 feet above the roof elevation of a structure existing prior to June 1, 1989.

### 3. Screening of rooftop features

a. Measures may be taken to screen rooftop features from public view through the design review process or, if located within the Pike Place Market Historical District, by the Pike Place Market Historical Commission.

b. Except in the PMM zone, the amount of roof area enclosed by rooftop screening may exceed the maximum percentage of the combined coverage of all rooftop features as provided in subsection 23.49.008.D.2.

c. Except in the PMM zone, in no circumstances shall the height of rooftop screening exceed ten percent of the applicable height limit, or 15 feet, whichever is greater. In the PMM zone, the height of the screening shall not exceed the height of the rooftop feature being screened, or such greater height necessary for effective screening as determined by the Pike Place Market Historical Commission.

4. Administrative conditional use for rooftop features. Except in the PMM zone, the rooftop features listed in subsection 23.49.008.D.1.d may exceed a height of 50 feet above the roof of the structure on which they are located if authorized by the Director through an administrative conditional use under Chapter 23.76. The request for additional height shall be evaluated on the basis of public benefits provided, the possible impacts of the additional height, consistency with the City's Comprehensive Plan, and the following criteria:

a. The feature shall be compatible with and not adversely affect the downtown skyline.

b. The feature shall not have a substantial adverse effect upon the light, air, solar, and visual access of properties within a 300 foot radius.

c. The feature, supporting structure, and structure below shall be compatible in design elements such as bulk, profile, color, and materials.

d. The increased size is necessary for the successful physical function of the feature, except for religious symbols.

5. Residential penthouses above height limit in a DRC zone

a. A residential penthouse exceeding the applicable height limit shall be permitted in a DRC zone only on a mixed-use, City-designated Landmark structure for which a certificate of approval by the Landmarks Preservation Board is required. A residential penthouse allowed under this Section 23.49.008 may cover a maximum of 50 percent of the total roof surface. Except as the Director may allow under subsection 23.49.008.D.5.b:

1) A residential penthouse allowed under this subsection 23.49.008.D.5 shall be set back a minimum of 15 feet from the street lot line.

2) A residential penthouse may extend up to 8 feet above the roof, or 12 feet above the roof if set back a minimum of 30 feet from the street lot line.

b. If the Director determines, after a sight line review based upon adequate information submitted by the applicant, that a penthouse will be invisible or minimally visible from public streets and parks within 300 feet from the structure, the Director may allow one or both of the following in a Type I decision:

1) An increase of the penthouse height limit under subsection 23.49.008.D.5.a by an amount up to the average height of the structure's street-facing parapet; or

2) A reduction in the required setback for a residential penthouse.

c. The Director's decision to modify development standards pursuant to subsection 23.49.008.D.5.b shall be consistent with the certificate of approval from the Landmarks Preservation Board.

d. A residential penthouse allowed under this subsection 23.49.008.D.5 shall not exceed the maximum structure height in the DRC zone under Section 23.49.008.

e. No rooftop features shall be permitted on a residential penthouse allowed under this subsection 23.49.008.D.5.

6. For height limits and exceptions for communication utilities and accessory communication devices, see Section 23.57.013.

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Section 2. Section 23.66.140 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 126600, is amended as follows:

**23.66.140 Height**

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C. Rooftop features and additions to structures

1. The height limits established for the rooftop features described in this Section 23.66.140 may be increased by the average height of the existing street parapet or a historically substantiated reconstructed

parapet on the building on which the rooftop feature is proposed.

2. For development in the PSM 85-120 zone in the area shown on Map A for 23.49.180 and subject to the provisions of Section 23.49.180, the height limits for rooftop features are provided in subsection 23.49.008.D. The standards contained in subsections 23.66.140.C.1 and 23.66.140.C.4 do not apply to rooftop features on development subject to the provisions of Section 23.49.180.

3. The setbacks required for rooftop features may be modified by the Department of Neighborhoods Director, after a sight line review by the Preservation Board to ensure that the features are minimally visible from public streets and parks within 300 feet of the structure.

4. Height limits for rooftop features

a. Religious symbols for religious institutions, smokestacks, and flagpoles may extend up to 50 feet above the roof of the structure or the maximum height limit, whichever is less, except as regulated in Chapter 23.64, provided that they are a minimum of 10 feet from all lot lines.

b. For existing structures, open railings, planters, clerestories, skylights, play equipment, parapets, and firewalls may extend up to 4 feet above the roof of the structure or the maximum height limit, whichever is less. For new structures, such features may extend up to 4 feet above the maximum height limit. No rooftop coverage limits apply to such features regardless of whether the structure is existing or new.

c. Solar collectors, excluding greenhouses, may extend up to 7 feet above the roof of the structure or the maximum height limit, whichever is less, with unlimited rooftop coverage, provided they are a minimum of 10 feet from all lot lines. For new structures, solar collectors may extend up to 7 feet above the maximum height limit, except as provided in subsection 23.66.140.C.4.j.1, and provided that they are a minimum of 10 feet from all lot lines.

d. The following rooftop features may extend up to 8 feet above the roof or maximum height limit, whichever is less, if they are set back a minimum of 15 feet from the street and 3 feet from an alley. They may extend up to 15 feet above the roof if set back a minimum of 30 feet from the street. A setback

may not be required at common wall lines subject to review by the Preservation Board and approval by the Department of Neighborhoods Director. The combined coverage of the following listed rooftop features shall not exceed 25 percent of the roof area:

- 1) Solar collectors, excluding greenhouses;
- 2) Stair and elevator penthouses;
- 3) Mechanical equipment;
- 4) Minor communication utilities and accessory communication devices, except

that height is regulated according to the provisions of Section 23.57.014.

Additional combined coverage of the rooftop features listed in subsection 23.66.140.C.4.d.1 through 23.66.140.C.4.d.4, not to exceed 35 percent of the roof area, may be permitted subject to review by the Preservation Board and approval by the Department of Neighborhoods Director.

e. On structures existing prior to June 1, 1989, and on additions to such structures permitted according to subsection 23.66.140.C.4.i or otherwise, new or replacement mechanical equipment and stair and elevator penthouses may extend up to 8 feet above the elevation of the existing roof or addition, as applicable, when they are set back a minimum of 15 feet from the street and 3 feet from an alley; or may extend up to 12 feet above the elevation of the existing roof or addition, as applicable, if they are set back a minimum of 30 feet from the street, subject to review by the Preservation Board and approval by the Department of Neighborhoods Director. On structures where rooftop features are allowed under subsection 23.66.140.C.4.e, the combined coverage of these rooftop features and any other features listed in subsection 23.66.140.C.4.d shall not exceed the limits provided in subsection 23.66.140.C.4.d or the limits in subsection 23.66.140.C.4.k if they apply.

f. Rooftop penthouses. The following types of occupied rooftop penthouse uses are permitted as a rooftop feature of a new building, or as a rooftop addition on an existing structure if it is at least 40 feet in height. Measurement of height for purposes of this subsection 23.66.140.C.4.f may include the height



of already-permitted and already-built rooftop penthouses regulated by this subsection 23.66.140.C.4.f.

1) Residential penthouses may cover a maximum of 50 percent of the total roof surface and may extend up to 8 feet above the roof if set back a minimum of 15 feet from the street property line, or ~~((12))~~ 15 feet above the roof if set back a minimum of 30 feet from the street property line.

2) When permitted, office penthouses may cover a maximum of 50 percent of the total roof surface, may extend up to ~~((12))~~ 15 feet above the roof of the structure, shall be functionally integrated into the existing structure, and shall be set back a minimum of 15 feet from all property lines. Accessory mechanical equipment may be placed on roofs of these penthouses if needed to support these uses. The height of this equipment is limited to the minimum needed to serve its function, and its coverage is subject to the coverage limits in subsection 23.66.140.C.4.d.

3) Penthouses for lodging uses. When permitted, penthouses for lodging uses may cover a maximum of 50 percent of the total roof surface, may extend up to ~~((12))~~ 15 feet above the roof of the structure, shall be functionally integrated into the existing structure, and shall be set back a minimum of 15 feet from all property lines. For purposes of this subsection 23.66.140.C.4.f.3, lodging uses may include accessory uses such as dining areas, and eating and drinking establishments. Accessory mechanical equipment may be placed on roofs of these penthouses if needed to support lodging uses. The height of this equipment is limited to the minimum needed to serve its function, and its coverage is subject to the coverage limits in subsection 23.66.140.C.4.d.

4) Penthouses for eating and drinking establishments. When permitted, penthouses for these uses may cover a maximum of 50 percent of the total roof surface, may extend up to ~~((12))~~ 15 feet above the roof of the structure, shall be functionally integrated into the existing structure, and shall be set back a minimum of 15 feet from all property lines. Accessory mechanical equipment may be placed on roofs of these penthouses if needed to support these uses. The height of this equipment is limited to the minimum needed to serve its function, and its coverage is subject to the coverage limits in subsection

23.66.140.C.4.d.

5) The combined height of the structure and a penthouse, if permitted, shall not exceed the maximum height limit for that area of the District in which the structure is located.

6) View studies depicting views toward a proposed improvement, including from distances up to 300 feet, are required for all rooftop penthouses. Increasing setbacks, lowering roof heights, or other design adjustments may be required to ensure the penthouse is minimally visible.

g. Screening of rooftop features. Measures may be taken to screen rooftop features from public view subject to review by the Preservation Board and approval by the Department of Neighborhoods Director. The amount of rooftop area enclosed by rooftop screening may exceed the maximum percentage of the combined coverage of rooftop features listed in subsection 23.66.140.C.4.d. In no circumstances shall the height of rooftop screening exceed 15 feet above the maximum height limit or height of an addition permitted according to subsection 23.66.140.C.4.i or otherwise, whichever is higher.

h. See Section 23.57.014 for regulation of communication utilities and accessory devices.

i. For a structure that has existed since before June 10, 1985, and is nonconforming as to structure height, an addition to the structure may extend to the height of the roof of the existing structure if:

1) The use of the addition above the limit on structure height applicable under Section 23.49.178 is limited to residential use; and

2) The addition occupies only all or a portion of the part of a lot that is bounded by an alley on one side and is bounded on at least two sides by walls of the existing structure that are not street-facing facades.

j. ~~((Enclosed))~~ Covered or enclosed rooftop recreational spaces for new structures and structures built later than January 19, 2008

1) If included on new structures or structures built later than January 19, 2008, covered or enclosed rooftop recreational spaces and solar collectors are authorized and may exceed the

maximum height limit by up to 15 feet. A covered or enclosed rooftop recreational space may be used as a recreational space or as an eating and drinking establishment if the standards in this subsection 23.66.140.C.4.j are met. The applicant shall make a commitment that the proposed development will meet the green building standard and shall demonstrate compliance with that commitment, all in accordance with Chapter 23.58D, and meet a Green Factor requirement of .30 or greater according to the provisions of Section 23.86.019. Each covered or enclosed rooftop recreational space shall include interpretive signage explaining the sustainable features employed on or in the structure. ((Commercial, residential, or industrial uses shall not be established within enclosed rooftop recreational spaces that are allowed to exceed the maximum height limit under this subsection 23.66.140.C.4.j.)) Measurement for purposes of this subsection 23.66.140.C.4.j shall include the height and setbacks of any already-permitted and already-built enclosed rooftop recreational spaces regulated by this subsection 23.66.140.C.4.j. Accessory mechanical equipment may be placed on roofs of these rooftop spaces if needed to support these uses. The height of this equipment is limited to the minimum needed to serve its function, and its coverage is subject to the coverage limits in this subsection 23.66.140.C.4.j.

2) Elevator penthouses serving a covered or an enclosed rooftop recreational space or eating and drinking establishment may exceed the maximum height limit by up to 20 feet.

3) ~~((Enclosed))~~ Covered or enclosed rooftop recreational spaces, eating and drinking establishments, mechanical equipment, and elevator and stair penthouses shall not exceed ((45)) 50 percent coverage of the roof area.

4) ~~((Enclosed))~~ Covered or enclosed rooftop recreational spaces, eating and drinking establishments, mechanical equipment, and elevator and stair penthouses on new structures shall be set back a minimum of 30 feet from all streets and 3 feet from all alleys. Solar collectors shall be set back as provided in subsections 23.66.140.C.4.c and 23.66.140.C.4.d.

5) Owners of structures with covered or enclosed rooftop recreational spaces permitted pursuant to this subsection 23.66.140.C.4.j shall submit to the Director, the Pioneer Square

Preservation Board, and the Director of Neighborhoods a report documenting compliance with the commitment and Green Factor requirements set forth in subsection 23.66.140.C.4.j.1.

k. Greenhouses are permitted if they meet height and setback provisions in subsection 23.66.140.C.4.d and if the combined total coverage of greenhouses, solar collectors, stair and elevator penthouses, and mechanical equipment does not exceed 35 percent of the roof area. If the coverage includes greenhouses, a combined coverage of these rooftop features not to exceed 45 percent of the roof area may be permitted subject to review by the Preservation Board and approval by the Department of Neighborhoods Director.

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Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

Approved / returned unsigned / vetoed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Bruce A. Harrell, Mayor

Filed by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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\_\_\_\_\_, City Clerk

(Seal)

**SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE\***

<b>Department:</b>	<b>Dept. Contact:</b>	<b>CBO Contact:</b>
SDCI	Gordon Clowers	Christie Parker

*\* Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

**1. BILL SUMMARY**

**Legislation Title:** AN ORDINANCE relating to land use and zoning; updating regulations for rooftop features in the Pioneer Square Preservation District; and amending Sections 23.49.008 and 23.66.140 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

**Summary and Background of the Legislation:** The legislation clarifies and corrects standards for permissible rooftop features and uses downtown and in the Pioneer Square Preservation District.

- This bill allows rooftop features to have both common recreation areas and eating and drinking establishments in newer buildings in Pioneer Square, and clarifies which coverage limits apply to them.
- The legislation increases permissible heights in Pioneer Square from 12 feet to 15 feet above rooftops for rooftop penthouses, including on historic-contributing buildings. Such uses and heights would continue to be subject to site-specific evaluation by the Pioneer Square Preservation District Board as part of a permitting process, to ensure their compatibility with the District. No increase in roof coverage would be associated with this change.
- The legislation accommodates an eating and drinking establishment use to be permitted in covered or enclosed recreational spaces of buildings built in Pioneer Square since 2008. This would apply to approximately 11 properties in Pioneer Square, including existing buildings, vacant properties, and properties currently with non-historic contributing buildings that could be subject to future development. No increase in height limit would be associated with this change, but a 5 percent increase in roof coverage allowing a total of 50% roof coverage by these uses is proposed.

A variety of rooftop penthouse uses, including eating and drinking establishments, is already allowed in most other Downtown zones, but only for certain rooftop spaces in Pioneer Square as was authorized in Ordinance 126600. The proposal would slightly broaden this opportunity in Pioneer Square to be allowed in rooftop recreational spaces in buildings built since 2008 or future new buildings, allowing additional economic activity in keeping with the historic character of the neighborhood.

**2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project?**          Yes   X   No

### 3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

**Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget?**                     Yes  No

**Does the legislation have other financial impacts to The City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?**

No. Implementing the proposal could generate additional business activity in 2023 that would generate tax revenues and aid customer visits and economic activity in the Pioneer Square neighborhood. This could complement other similar activity that is already under review, with similar investments in lodging and entertainment uses in Pioneer Square. Permit applications, including those with review by the DON Historic Preservation Office, would not be significantly changed and no staff costs are anticipated.

**Are there financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?**

No.

### 4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

**a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**

Rooftop features are mostly of interest to SDCI and DON in their reviews of new buildings in Pioneer Square. Both departments have collaborated on the legislation.

**b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**

Yes. It would occur during the City Council's deliberations on the proposal.

**c. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**

Yes. Notices will be published in the DJC and the City's Land Use Information Bulletin.

**d. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**

As noted above, approximately 11 properties could benefit from the accommodation of eating and drinking establishments in recreational spaces in buildings 15 years old or younger, of which 5 properties contain existing buildings. In such buildings, the permissible site coverage would increase by 5 percent, but the height limit of these uses would not change.

**e. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?**

This legislation would not adversely impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities or perpetuate race and social justice inequities. A language access plan for communications is not warranted beyond those already in use by SDCI and DON as part of their permit processes.

**f. Climate Change Implications**

**1. Emissions: Is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way?**

Recent and ongoing updates to the Seattle Energy Code will continue to help reduce carbon emissions into the air by affecting fuel use and use of electricity in many future new buildings. For example, space heating and hot water heating for many residential uses would be less often achieved by natural gas use. With respect to the current proposal, the differences relate to allowing 3 feet more height for rooftop spaces than under the current code. Also, it would allow use of another already-allowed type of roof penthouse to be occupied by eating and drinking establishments in addition to other recreational uses. This was already evaluated for the 2022 rooftop features, for which no likelihood of increased carbon emissions was identified. Other “green” requirements relating to satisfying the requirements of this kind of rooftop space would continue to be required.

**2. Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle’s resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way? If so, explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.**

The proposed minor clarifications in height and use for rooftop penthouses in Pioneer Square would not make a tangible difference in overall resiliency of the neighborhood or city as a whole.

**g. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program’s desired goal(s)?**

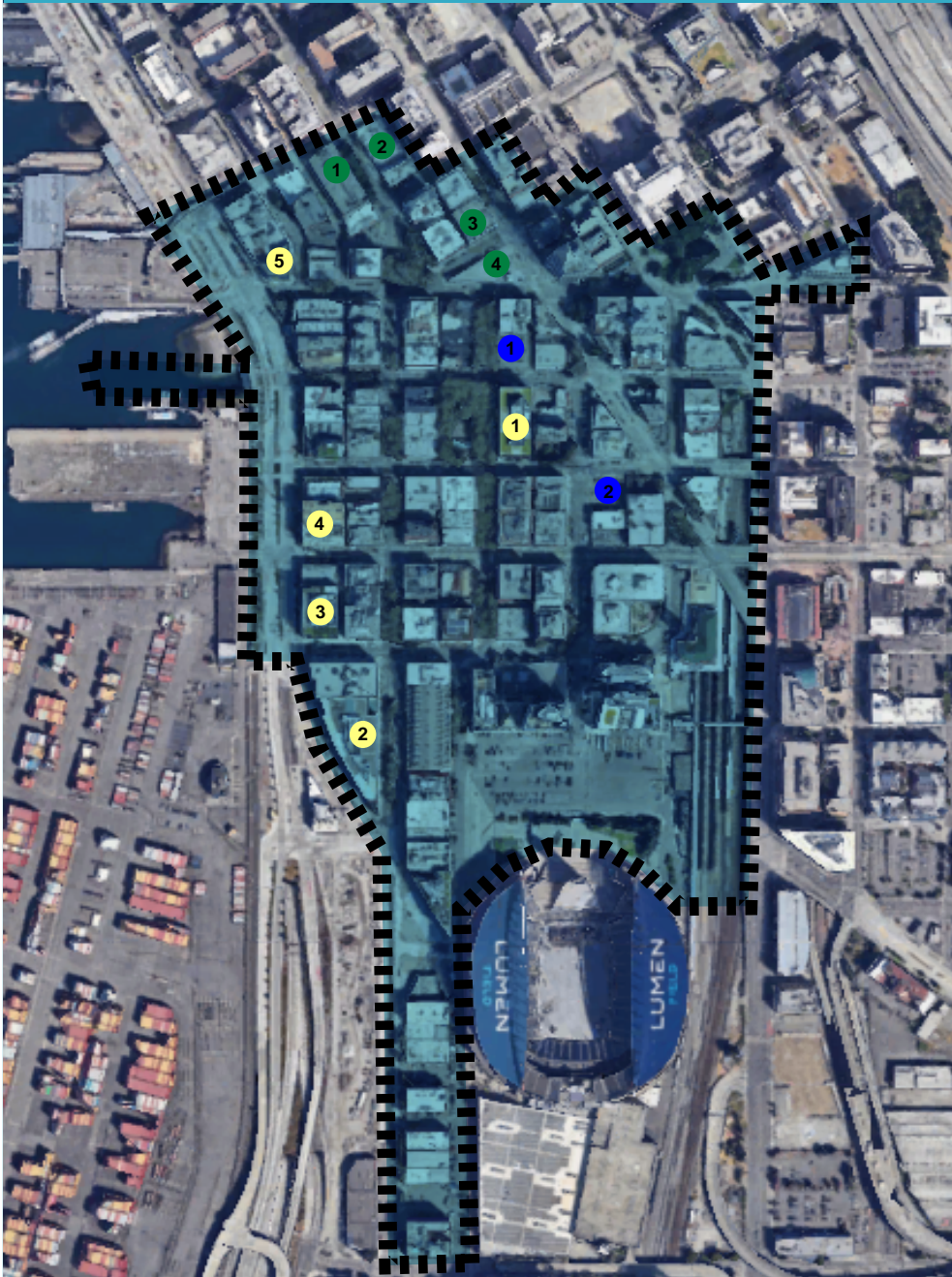
This proposal does not introduce a new program or initiative.

**Summary Attachments:**

Summary Attachment 1 – Map of eligible Pioneer Square Preservation District sites for new construction rooftop features amendment



## Eligible Pioneer Square Preservation District sites for "new construction" rooftop features amendment



### Existing Development built after Jan 19, 2008:

- 1 200 Occidental
- 2 505 1st Ave
- 3 450 Alaskan
- 4 74 S Jackson
- 5 Citizen M Hotel

### Surface Parking Lots:

- 1 112 Occidental
- 2 300 2nd Ave

### Non-Contributing Parking Garages:

- 1 1st & Columbia Garage
- 2 714 1st Ave Garage
- 3 Butler Garage
- 4 Sinking Ship Garage

### Notes and Clarifications:

- Assumes existing residential developments built after 2008 (80 S. Main and Gridiron, etc.) would not be viable economic candidates for rooftop conversion
- Assumes no contributing structures would be demolished for redevelopment or be eligible for this provision because of SMC 23.66.115.A.1.
- Excludes all Pre-2008 construction or contributing buildings to the District.

## **Director's Report and Recommendation Pioneer Square Rooftop Features Cleanup Amendments**

### **Summary of Proposal**

The current proposal would amend various provisions of the Land Use Code addressing rooftop features in the Pioneer Square neighborhood of Downtown Seattle. This includes amendments that would correct and amend provisions that were previously made in Ordinance 126600. The new amendments clarify and slightly expand the height provisions and range of use options for certain penthouse uses and recreational spaces on rooftops in Pioneer Square.

The current proposal would:

- Increase height allowances for rooftop penthouse features in the Pioneer Square Preservation District from 12 feet to 15 feet, to increase consistency with similar provisions in other Downtown zones; this affects heights for penthouses with residential, office, lodging, and eating and drinking establishments.
- Clarify that lodging uses' rooftop penthouse additions may include accessory uses such as dining areas, and eating and drinking establishments. This is meant to avoid confusion about the ability to allow the presence of a combination of such uses as part of a principal lodging use.
- Allow for eating and drinking establishments to be a commercial use located within rooftop recreational spaces already accommodated by the Land Use Code on new buildings and buildings built since January 2008. This removes a prohibition against such commercial uses in the current code text, and it also allows placement of accessory mechanical equipment on top of these spaces if needed to support these uses.
- Correct a discrepancy between rooftop features guidance in Section 23.49.008 pertaining to all Downtown zones and the subset of Downtown zones located in the Pioneer Square Preservation District. This clarifies that the relevant coverage limits for enclosed or covered rooftop recreational spaces are contained in Section 23.66.140 and not Section 23.49.008.
- Clarify that rooftop recreational spaces already accommodated by the Land Use Code on new or existing buildings built since 2008 may have covered spaces as well as enclosed spaces, and that covered and enclosed spaces should both be counted and documented for permit reviews.
- Clarify that height allowances for elevators serving rooftop recreational spaces, and other related coverage limits and setbacks also apply to eating and drinking establishment uses in such spaces. The proposal also increases the roof coverage limit for this kind of rooftop use by 5%, to a total of 50%, matching the coverage allowed for other rooftop

penthouse use types in Pioneer Square.

## **Background and Purpose**

The City Council adopted Ordinance 126600 in 2022 which, in part, allowed more rooftop coverage in most zones across the city to accommodate more mechanical equipment to meet Energy Code requirements. For Pioneer Square, the prior amendments also defined new opportunities for rooftop penthouse uses to include lodging uses, eating and drinking establishments, and retrofitting of recreational spaces on roofs of existing buildings built since January 2008. This gave more flexibility in use to encourage new investment, customer visits, and economic activity in existing buildings in Pioneer Square, to aid neighborhood revitalization efforts.

### **Rooftop requirements in the Land Use Code primarily relate to height and coverage limits**

Seattle's Land Use Code measures height limits for the main physical bulk of a building from ground level to roof level. Because other rooftop features serving a building, like the penthouse above an elevator, skylights, and mechanical equipment must sit on top of a roof, the Land Use Code allows them to be located above the height limit so that the main portion of the building can reach the intended maximum height set by the zoned height limit. The code sets the terms for how high those rooftop features can be and what percentage of a rooftop they can cover. These terms have evolved over many years to recognize that certain features need to be taller, sometimes up to 15 feet above the height limit or more, to work properly. The intent is to allow those necessary rooftop features to be present but avoid having them appear to add significant bulk to a building.

The Land Use Code allows the presence of a diverse range of uses on rooftops. For residential uses, recreational amenity features like decks and entertainment rooms may be provided. It also allows features such as solar power systems, antennas, and greenhouses, to name a few.

## **Analysis**

This section describes the rationale for the proposed amendments in this 2023 legislation.

### **Intent of the 2023 proposal**

The overall intent of the proposed amendments is to:

- Correct and clarify provisions of codes relating to rooftop uses in the Pioneer Square Preservation District, with respect to amendments previously made in Ordinance 126600 in particular:
  - Adjust height limits upward by 3 feet for certain rooftop features, increasing them from 12 feet to 15 feet in height in the Pioneer Square neighborhood.
  - Add a new capability to have eating and drinking establishments located in rooftop recreational spaces located on new buildings or buildings built since 2008 in the Pioneer Square Preservation District. This is meant to add support for these uses to occur in more buildings and add to the neighborhood's economic activity and revitalization.

### **Three-foot increase in permissible height for rooftop penthouse uses**

The prior amendments for Pioneer Square had maintained a 12-foot height allowance for penthouse uses, following past limits set for office and residential penthouses. The probable past reasoning for this allowance and setback provisions related to limiting the chances of penthouse additions being visible from surrounding locations.

Going forward, a 12-foot height above roof elevation for these uses might prove to be too limiting of building and mechanical system design or other future code requirements. The proposal would adjust this penthouse height allowance up to 15 feet, which is a frequently-used height allowance in other zones throughout the city, including Downtown zones. This would result in a greater standardization of roof feature height allowances, with a modest 3 foot increase in height allowances for certain kinds of penthouses on existing buildings in Pioneer Square. The difference in maximum height capability and related potential for visibility of rooftop features would continue to be addressed by the Pioneer Square Preservation District Board's review of proposed penthouse additions, which includes site-specific analysis. This means there is little or no chance of an adverse outcome related to land use compatibility or visual impacts due to historic building rooftop additions.

### **Eating and drinking establishments in rooftop recreational spaces on newer buildings**

This type of rooftop feature for recreational space is a distinct category of Pioneer Square rooftop use addressed by the Land Use Code. The proposal would increase the diversity of possible uses that may occur in these spaces, to include a commercial use – eating and drinking establishments. This use is different than the typical range of accessory recreational uses contemplated by the existing code, which may include spaces for active recreation, or passive recreation like group dinners and socializing.

While similar in nature to dinners and socializing by building occupants, this new kind of eating and drinking establishment use would likely accommodate an increased activity level, with customers, and entertainment and outdoor activities on rooftops being possible. This might generate spillover potential for noise received by other nearby building occupants, as was evaluated in the SEPA environmental review for Ordinance 126600.

Because Ordinance 126600 already has enabled such activities to occur on other existing buildings in Pioneer Square, this is not a wholly new kind of rooftop activity in Pioneer Square. Rather, it would extend the eligibility for this possible activity to a small subset of existing and potential future building sites in the neighborhood. These are identified in the attached figure (“Eligible Pioneer Square Preservation District sites for new construction rooftop features amendment”).

This subset of proposed rooftop recreational space amendments are written to apply only to the category of future new buildings or existing buildings built since 2008. The existing 15-foot height limit and coverage limit for these recreational spaces would continue to be 15 feet. So, this would not result in any additional height scaling of these uses on building rooftops in Pioneer Square. Buildings using this provision also must be able to meet existing green building

performance standards, a “green factor” landscaping requirement, and code-defined rooftop coverage limits. A proposed increase of 5% in coverage limit for this use would accommodate the counting of covered as well as enclosed spaces, and match the level of coverage given by the code for other rooftop penthouse uses in Pioneer Square.

The City allows for many potential uses to be located on rooftops with limits already prescribed in the Land Use Code regarding heights and setbacks. Evaluation of future proposals of these enclosed spaces would continue to be the responsibility of the Pioneer Square Preservation District Board, who would consider if a given proposal might create any concerns about localized impacts. Design details and other site characteristics would be relevant to a particular development proposal's review, which would be evaluated for their sufficiency by the Board, to minimize these potential impacts.

## **Comprehensive Plan Policies**

### ***Land Use Element***

*Policy LU-5.4: Use maximum height limits to maintain the desired scale relationship between new structures, existing development, and the street environment; address varied topographic conditions; and limit public view blockage. In certain Downtown zones and in Industrial zones, heights for certain types of development uniquely suited to those zones may be unlimited.*

*Policy LU-5.5: Provide for residents' recreational needs on development sites by establishing standards for private or shared amenity areas such as rooftop decks, balconies, ground-level open spaces, or enclosed spaces.*

*Policy LU-5.15: Address view protection through*

- *zoning that considers views, with special emphasis on shoreline views;*
- *development standards that help to reduce impacts on views, including height, bulk, scale, and view corridor provisions, as well as design review guidelines; and*
- *environmental policies that protect specified public views, including views of mountains, major bodies of water, designated landmarks, and the Downtown skyline.*

### ***Land Use Element – Commercial/Mixed-Use Areas***

*Policy LU-9.15: Allow limited exceptions to the height limit in order to accommodate ground-floor commercial uses or special rooftop features, encourage development of mixed-use structures, enable structures to function appropriately, accommodate special features consistent with the special character or function of an area, or support innovative design that furthers the goals of this Plan.*

## **Public Outreach and Notice**

For the prior rooftop features ordinance, opportunities for public input included a discussion at the Construction Codes Advisory Board (CCAB) on August 5, 2021. Members of CCAB expressed support for the proposed updates of the rooftop coverage limits. The prior proposal was also discussed during the Pioneer Square Preservation Board meeting held on October 20, 2021. The Council adopted the legislation on June 14, 2022 and no appeal was raised.

A public hearing on the proposed legislation will occur at the Council's Land Use Committee. Additional opportunities to provide input will occur as the City Council deliberates on the current proposal.

## **Recommendation**

The SDCI Director recommends that the Mayor send the legislation to City Council for their approval, to correct and update rooftop feature regulations pertaining to the Pioneer Square Preservation District in the Land Use Code. This would slightly expand provisions related to new height and use options for penthouse and recreational spaces on rooftops in Pioneer Square.

June 21, 2023

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Land Use Committee  
**From:** Lish Whitson, Analyst  
**Subject:** Council Bill 120592 – Pioneer Square Rooftop Regulations

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On June 28, the Land Use Committee (Committee) will receive a briefing on [Council Bill \(CB\) 120592](#), which would modify height limits and rooftop use requirements in Pioneer Square. The bill is intended to encourage investment and economic activity in keeping with the neighborhood’s historic character. The bill would amend the height provisions in the Downtown Chapter of the Land Use Code, [Chapter 23.49](#) of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC), and Pioneer Square Special Review District regulations, SMC [Chapter 23.66](#). This memorandum describes the bill and identifies next steps.

### **Pioneer Square rooftop regulations**

To mitigate the appearance of the height, bulk, and scale of structures, the Land Use Code (Code) regulates rooftop features. Rooftop features are defined by the Code as, “any part of or attachment to the structure that projects above a roof line,” and include things like mechanical equipment, parapets and railings, penthouses for stair and elevator overruns, solar collectors, greenhouses, and amenity areas. Generally speaking, the lower a building, the more likely it is for a person to see rooftop features from the street and for the building to, consequently, appear taller and bulkier.

CB 120592 would make the following changes to rooftop regulations for buildings built in 2008 or later in Pioneer Square Mixed zones:

1. Allow covered or enclosed rooftop recreational spaces on rooftops to extend up to 15 feet above the applicable height limit;
2. Permit covered and unenclosed rooftop recreational spaces or eating and drinking establishments on rooftops to exceed the height limit by up to 15 feet (previously only enclosed spaces were permitted); and
3. Provide that accessory mechanical equipment may extend above these spaces.

For any buildings, including historic structures, the bill would increase the height that penthouses containing residences, offices, lodging, or eating and drinking establishments can extend above roofs from 12 feet to 15 feet.

Height limits in the Pioneer Square Mixed zone range from 85 feet to 150 feet, with the Smith Tower zoned to allow heights up to 245 feet. With this change, rooftop features may be a little bit more noticeable from street level. Open air rooftop restaurants and bars may lead to increased nighttime noise levels on nearby blocks.

Council Bill 120592 would update regulations regarding rooftop features adopted last year under [Ordinance 126600](#). Among other changes to rooftop coverage limits to zones across the City, Ordinance 126600 allowed extra height for mechanical equipment serving rooftop penthouses in Pioneer Square. The Ordinance also allowed penthouses for lodging and eating and drinking establishments in Pioneer Square. The Ordinance required view studies for rooftop penthouses and authorized the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections to require increased setbacks, lower heights, or other design adjustments to reduce the visual impacts of rooftop penthouses.

### **Next Steps**

The Committee will hold a public hearing on the bill at its July 6 Special Meeting. If the Committee decides to vote on the bill at that meeting, it will need to waive the Council rules that discourage voting on the bills on the same day as the hearing. If the Council votes on the bill on July 6, it could be considered by the City Council as early as July 11.

cc: Esther Handy, Executive Director  
Aly Pennucci, Deputy Director  
Yolanda Ho, Supervising Analyst



A panoramic view of the Seattle skyline under a clear blue sky. The Space Needle is the central focus, surrounded by various high-rise buildings. In the foreground, there are green trees and a white building with a flat roof.

# Pioneer Square Rooftop Code Amendments

Photo by John Skelton



**Seattle** Department of  
Construction & Inspections

City Council Land Use Committee  
June 28, 2023

# SDCI PURPOSE AND VALUES

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## Our Purpose

Helping people build a safe, livable, and inclusive Seattle.

## Our Values

- Equity
- Respect
- Quality
- Integrity
- Service

# PROPOSAL GOAL

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- Add more flexibility, while remaining compatible with the Preservation District character
- Support neighborhood revitalization and amenities
- Clarify, correct, and standardize guidance on rooftop features

# 2022 ROOFTOP CODE REFORMS

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- Defined new rooftop penthouse uses in Pioneer Square: lodging, and eating & drinking establishments
- Allowed penthouses to be placed on historic buildings less than 60 feet in height, and on smaller lots
- Allowed retrofit of newer buildings (built since 2008) with rooftop recreational amenity spaces

# AMENDMENTS PROPOSED

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- Standardizing rooftop uses and height limits
  - Increase heights for rooftop uses by 3 feet, to 15 feet max. above the roof, on historic buildings. Subject to recommendation by the District Board.
  - 15 feet height limit for rooftop features is typical of most other Downtown zones
- New rooftop uses on non-historic sites
  - Allow common recreation spaces + eating and drinking establishments in buildings built since 2008. To allow consistent uses for all building types.
  - Increase coverage limits by 5% to be 50% of roof area, to match limits for the other rooftop features in Pioneer Square

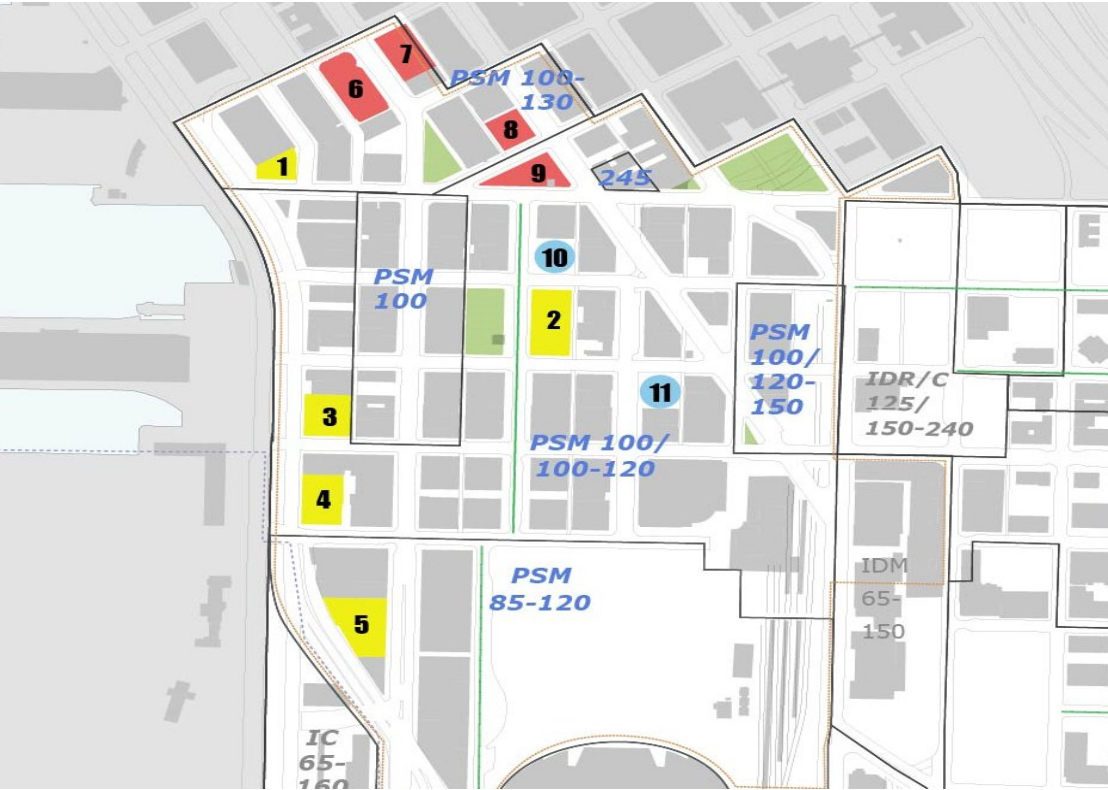
# NEW ROOFTOP USES IN NON-HISTORIC SITES

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- Allows the rooftop use to have recreational features for tenants, and a commercial eating and drinking establishment use
- One amendment is to allow the rooftop commercial use
- Minor roof coverage increase for this use, from 45% to 50%
- Still need to provide amenities for tenants, and meet green requirements



# MAP OF AFFECTED NON-HISTORIC PROPERTIES



- New buildings since 2008
- Non-historic buildings (garages)
- Vacant properties

Zoning:  
 Pioneer Square  
 Mixed (PSM)

# QUESTIONS?

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Public Hearing on Shoreline Master Program Moratorium Replacement of Vessel-Floating On-Water Residences (Council Bill 120588 | Ordinance 126838)



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Appointment of Jennell L. Hicks as member, Equitable Development Initiative Advisory Board, for a term to February 28, 2026.

The Appointment Packet is provided as an attachment.



# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Jennell L. Hicks</i>		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> <i>Equitable Development Initiative Advisory Board</i>		<b>Position Title:</b> <i>Member</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Equitable Development Initiative Advisory Board</i>	<b>Term of Position: *</b> 3/1/2023 to 2/28/2026  <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>	
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>Central District</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> 98144	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Background:</b>  Jennell Hicks has served King County residents for the last 23 years. She is an advocate and champion for vulnerable populations in King County. Jennell has a bachelor's degree from Seattle University in Public Administration and a master's in Social Work from Seattle University. She is active in the community participating on several boards. She has been active in labor contract negotiations at King County on the bargaining team for the last three contracts. Jennell is passionate about equity and social justice and everybody being able to live their best lives in King County. Jennell enjoys working with community and making a difference through direct service and policy work. In her free times she loves being a Gigi to her three grandchildren, singing Karaoke and performing with live bands.		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b> 		<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <i>Insert appointing signatory name</i> <i>Willard Brown</i>
<b>Date Signed (appointed):</b> <i>5.17.23</i>		<i>Insert appointing signatory title</i> <i>EDI Advisory Board Chair</i>

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

## JENNELL L. HICKS MSW, LSWAIC



### **Equity, Planning, Program Development, and Technical Assistance Expertise:**

- Developed protocol and management for a COVID quarantine and isolation center
- Develop relationships with, funders, stakeholders and community members to bolster community engagement
- Initiate Community Partnerships with Seattle Public Schools, Seattle Central Community College, Worksource Centers, Childcare Centers and numerous other community agencies
- Serve as a liaison and advocate for homeless households to ensure holistic and trauma-informed approaches
- Conducted needs assessments through Health Care for the Homeless Network
- Develop sustainable systems and community partnerships
- Serve on Equity and Social Justice Leadership Team in the Department of Community Human Services (DCHS)
- Provide technical assistance and training to DCHS staff and homeless housing providers on Race Equity and Social Justice
- Facilitate Equity and Social Justice Strategic Plan implementation on the DCHS's Leadership Operations and Services Team
- Serve as a Community Liaison for homeless services providers throughout King County
- Served as a Diversity Curriculum Trainer at King County Public Health

### **Community, Corporate, and Public/Labor Relations Expertise:**

- Serve as a Board Member on the Martin Luther King Jr. Labor Council (currently)
- Serve as a Trustee on Protec 17 Board (currently)
- Serve on Healthcare for the Homelessness Network Governance Board (Currently)
- Served on Board and as Spokesperson for Washington Women in Need
- Provided leadership with fund development for education, healthcare and dental services for Washington Women in Need
- Served as Vice President of King County Employee-based EEO/AA Advisory Committee
- Served on Public Health's Emergency Management Incident Command Team
- Served as an Advocate on the Single Adult Committee on Homelessness

### **Clinical and Service Delivery Expertise:**

- Served as Clinical Social Worker for Kids Plus Program that provided housing and removed systems barriers for high-risk homeless families
- Conducted bio-psychosocial and developmental assessments with families and children
- Provided technical assistance on Motivational Interviewing, Trauma-Informed Care, Strengths-based Perspective, Harm-Reduction Model, Progressive Engagement, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and Cultural Competency
- Delivered family reconciliation and preservation services in a therapeutic milieu while partnering with Child Protective Services
- Provided Maternity Support Services for pregnant women
- Led micro-level interventions for Tuberculosis patients to support treatment adherence and public health infectious disease control
- Designed outreach strategies to reduce racial disparities in who accesses Medicaid services

### **Awards:**

1. 2019 Puget Sound Sage Community Leadership Fellow
2. 2019 Protec 17 Organizing Award
3. 2016 Equity and Social Justice Academy Fellow
4. 2012 Award of Excellence from King County Public Health for Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Policy Work

### **Work Experience:**

**January 1997 to Present. King County Department of Public and Health and Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS).**

1. March 2021 to Present **Racial Equity and Community Engagement Manager**
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2. December 2018 to March 2021. ***Capacity Builder Program Manager for Coordinated Entry Systems***
  - Provide technical assistance and training to housing providers on HUD data standards, Equity, and coordinated entry policies and procedures
  - Monitor housing and homelessness providers to ensure compliance to HUD, CoC, and County policies and procedures
  - Develop curriculum and training content to improve the coordinated entry assessment, prioritization, and matching process



3. May 2016 to December 2018. ***Referral Program Manager for Coordinated Entry Systems***
  - Facilitate community case conference to prioritize the most vulnerable households for housing
  - Build buy-in and consensus with stakeholders and people with lived experience of homelessness to determine a new and more equitable prioritization rubric
  - Trouble-shoot housing placement difficulties to mitigate the impacts of institutional barriers and discrimination
4. July 2012 to May 2016. ***Infectious Disease Control Clinical Social Worker***
  - Social Worker in Maternity Support Services, Women Infant and Children's Program
  - Social Worker in Kids Plus Program
  - Social Worker in Tuberculosis Control Program (Special Duty Assignment)
5. March 2009 to July 2012. ***Community Health Worker***
  - Collaborated with multi-disciplinary team to provide basic health education and resources to clients
  - Worked as research assistant on Bed Time Basics Program to provide safe sleep education and reduce Sudden Infant Death Syndrome in infant populations
  - Created partnerships with other community agencies to better serve clients
6. October 1999 to March 2009. ***African American Communities Social Services Specialist***
  - Created outreach locations and community partnerships to enroll clients in Medicaid programs
  - Trained and provided technical assistance to public school nurses, social worker and administrative staff on Medicaid programs and benefits offered to their populations
  - facilitated focus groups around breast and cervical health for African American populations
  - Created partnerships with City of Seattle to ensure clients received one stop access to multiple benefit programs, basic food, utility discount, medical and other community resources

# Equitable Development Initiative Advisory Board

**13 Members:** Pursuant to *Ordinance 119887*, all members subject to City Council confirmation.

- a) Initial members in positions 3, 6, 9, 12, and 13 shall be members of the Equitable Development Initiative’s Interim Advisory Board as of the effective date of this ordinance
  - b) The initial terms for positions 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 13 shall be one year
  - c) The initial terms for positions 2, 5, 7, 9, 11, and 12 shall be two years
  - d) All subsequent terms shall be for three years. With the exception of initial positions 3, 6, 9, 12, and 13 no member shall serve more than two consecutive three-year terms
- 3 City Council-appointed
  - 3 Mayor-appointed
  - 7 Other Appointing Authority-appointed (specify): Initial appointments by Interim Advisory Board, subsequent appointments by Advisory Board

**Roster:**

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
			1.	Member	Denise Perez Lally	3/1/2022	2/28/2025	1	Mayor
			2.	Member	Evelyn Thomas Allen	3/1/2023	2/28/2026	2	Mayor
			3.	Member	John Rodriguez	3/1/2022	2/28/2025	1	Mayor
			4.	Member	Lindsay Goes Behind	3/1/2022	2/28/2025	1	City Council
			5.	Member	Abdirahman Yusuf	3/1/2023	2/28/2026	2	City Council
			6.	Member	Kaleb Germinaro	3/1/2022	2/28/2024	1	City Council
			7.	Member	Mark R. Jones	3/1/2022	2/28/2025	2	Board
			8.	Member	Jamie Madden	3/1/2022	2/28/2024	1	Board
			9.	Member	Willard Brown	3/1/2021	2/28/2023	2	Board
			10.	Member	Diana Paredes	3/1/2022	2/28/2025	1	Board
			11.	Member	Quanlin Hu	3/1/2022	2/28/2024	2	Board
			12.	Member	Jennell L. Hicks	3/1/2023	2/28/2026	1	Board
			13.	Member	Sophia Benalfew	3/1/2022	2/28/2025	1	Board

**SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART**

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



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Appointment of Andrew L. Dannenberg as member, Seattle Planning Commission, for a term to April 15, 2026.

The Appointment Packet is provided as an attachment.





# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Andrew L. Dannenberg</i>		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> <i>Seattle Planning Commission</i>		<b>Position Title:</b> <i>Member</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Appointment</b> OR <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Reappointment</b>	<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> 4/16/2023 <b>to</b> 4/15/2026  <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>	
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>Laurelhurst</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> <i>98115</i>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Background:</b> 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.		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b>  <i>Bruce C. Harrell</i> <b>Date Signed (appointed):</b> 6/14/2023	<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <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](mailto: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](http://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.

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Appointment of Monika Sharma as member, Seattle Planning Commission, for a term to April 15, 2026.

The Appointment Packet is provided as an attachment.



# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Monika Sharma</i>		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> <i>Seattle Planning Commission</i>		<b>Position Title:</b> <i>Member</i>
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<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>Central District</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> <b>98122</b>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Background:</b> <b>Monika Sharma</b> is a mission driven; youth focused professional with years of experience working with diverse communities in the arenas of in affordable housing, transportation justice, and community building. Monika holds a master's degree in planning with a focus on Racial Inequity in crisis response. She most recently was a program manager at Bike Works where she focused on program construction, delivery, and evaluation, and community relationship management and development. Monika prides herself on a collaborative work approach with a social justice lens.		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b>  <b>Date Signed (appointed):</b> 6/14/2023	<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <i>Mayor Bruce Harrell</i>	

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# MONIKA SHARMA

COMMUNITY ORIENTED PLANNER



## PROFILE

I am a qualified and mission driven, youth focused professional with years of experience working with diverse communities. I take a collaborative work approach with a social justice lens. I have a passion for connectivity, accessibility, youth leadership, and community ownership.

## SKILLS & AWARDS

- Database Administration
  - Community Oriented
  - Public Speaking
  - Problem-Solving
  - Adaptable
  - Fast Learner
  - Strong Communication
  - Bicycle Mechanic
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- American Planning Association Massachusetts Chapter (APA-MA): Student Project Award for Graduate work on Boxborough Economic Development Study, Phase I
  - Community Star Spotlight (Starbucks/Seattle Kraken Honor): April 2022

## EDUCATION

### MASTER OF URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING

University of Massachusetts Amherst

2019-2021

### BACHELOR OF CRITICAL STUDIES IN HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mount Holyoke College

2015-2019

## EXPERIENCE

### PROGRAM MANAGER

Bike Works Seattle

2021 - Present

- Program construction, delivery, and evaluation
- Community relationship management and development
- Systems and database administration and design
- Curriculum and budget development and adaptation

### LEADERSHIP TEAM MEMBER & FACILITATOR

King County Play Equity Coalition

2022-Present

- Collaborate on budget, direction, and organizational structure with Leadership Team members
- Lead Outdoor Recreation Action Team funded by Thrive Outside Grant
- Coalition and movement building in relation to equity in outdoor access for youth in King County

### AMERICORPS PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Rebuilding Together Seattle

2020-2022

- Directed, and completed home improvement, including connecting homeowners to local resources
- Conducted outreach and relationship building efforts with low-income legacy homeowners in the Greater Seattle area
- Created long term organizational goals and strategies, including DEI initiatives, future program management, and organizing volunteer networks

### RESEARCH ASSISTANT

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

2020-2022

- Supported research design and methods through equity-lens to elevate and validate diverse knowledge types
- Assisted faculty on research project: Rebirth and Resilience: Building Social, Cultural, and Green Infrastructure to Revitalize Legacy Cities to Make Them More Resilient to the Effects of Climate Change based in Springfield, MA

### COMMUNITY-BASED LEARNING FELLOW

Wayfinders, Western Massachusetts

2018-2019

- Conducted market research and supported Zoning Board of Appeals hearings in relation to affordable housing projects in Massachusetts.
- Managed and facilitated community engagement, and resident research with student groups in Amherst including in-person surveys and project organization.



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Reappointment of Dhyana Quintanar Solares as member, Seattle Planning Commission, for a term to April 15, 2025.

The Appointment Packet is provided as an attachment.



# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Dhyana Quintanar Solares</i>		
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<b>Background:</b> Ms. Quintanar Solares has 14 years of experience driving change in sustainable transportation, public space and urban development in the public, non-profit and private sectors. Having worked much of her career in Mexico City, she understands the complexities and tensions in decision-making for policies that work for all members of society, in a context of vast income inequality with competing identities and contrasting access to opportunity. Prior to arriving in Seattle to join WSP she worked on the strategic development of complex urban projects, including public spaces and facilities that provide safe multimodal access. She led the Authority of Public Space of Mexico City, where she was responsible for the transformation of approximately 125 acres into more livable, safe and iconic places. Prior to that role, she led Mexico City's Transportation Planning and Roads office.		
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# DHYANA QUINTANAR SOLARES



## QUALIFICATIONS

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- 14 years of experience in transportation, public space, land use and environmental planning and project management in the public, non-governmental and private sectors.
- Leadership and management of organizations with multimillion-dollar budgets and 100+ personnel.
- Experience working with elected officials, technical staff and community partners to improve the public realm, transportation systems and access.
- Expertise in regulatory reform and internal lobbying in political campaigns and with legislators in Mexico.
- Co-author of technical and policy manuals on bicycle planning, sidewalk and urban design, and resilience.
- Master's degree in Environmental Management with a focus in transportation and urban development.

## KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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- Headed the Authority of Public Space of Mexico City, responsible for transforming approximately 125 acres into more livable, safe and iconic places, managing over a dozen projects with a yearly budget of over US\$ 27 million and 45 staff.
- Led Mexico City's Transportation Planning and Roads office, developing the city's Comprehensive Mobility Program 2013-2018 and conceptualizing and drafting Mexico City's new Mobility Law, resulting in the approval of the bill by unanimous vote in the local congress.
- Served as Mexico City's first Bicycle Coordinator and implemented Mexico City's Bikeshare Program ECOBICI, the first automated public bicycle system in the Americas with 90 stations and 1 200 bicycles.
- Designed and led innovative departments at global nonprofits, including the World Resources Institute (WRI) Mexico and the Institute for Transportation & Development Policy (ITDP) Mexico, determining programmatic strategy, spearheading policy and advocacy efforts, partnership development, and successful fundraising.

## EXPERIENCE

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January 2019 - Present

### **WSP USA (Seattle, WA) | Mobility and Urban Innovation Lead (Senior Supervising Planner)**

- Lead the strategy development and implementation for transportation opportunities associated with urban planning, public space, multimodal transportation, travel demand management, new and shared mobility, and technology-driven innovation and services for the Pacific Northwest; assess market opportunities and strategy.
- Project Manager for the I-5 Lid Feasibility Study (City of Seattle). Key lead, managing a \$1.4 million dollar study to overbuild the freeway through 0.8 miles of downtown Seattle; lead a multidisciplinary team with seven subconsultants, through a complex multi-stakeholder process.

March 2018 - December 2018

### **Freelance Consultant**

- Project development and technical assistance for clients on sustainable mobility, public space, urban design, and public policy.  
*Client list and project details available upon request.*

June 2016 - February 2018

### **Nexity ([www.nexity.com.mx](http://www.nexity.com.mx)) | Principal**

- Founded and directed Nexity, a Mexican company that develops and implements sustainable mobility, public space and urban design solutions for cities.

September 2014 - February 2016

### **Authority of Public Space of Mexico City | General Coordinator**

- Led Mexico City's department of urban design, planning and development of the public realm, responsible for the development of strategic public spaces, including parks, plazas, streets and medians (refer to portfolio); outdoor advertisement regulation; and privately-owned public spaces.
- Implemented quick-build, tactical urbanism projects such as pocket parks, curb

extensions and activation programs, using public life and public space metrics to evaluate their success.

- Managed EcoParq, Mexico City's on-street parking program, regulating over 26 600 parking spaces and expanding operation zones by 20%.
- Coordinated six city departments to redesign 54 intersections on six corridors with high pedestrian crash rates to improve safety and efficiency by 53% in one year, through the Pasos Seguros program.

December 2012 -  
August 2014

### **Secretariat of Transportation and Roads of Mexico City (SEMOVI) | General Director of Planning & Roads**

- Directed Mexico City's transportation planning and roads unit, overseeing 100+ staff, and responsible for developing the Comprehensive Mobility Program 2013-2018 through a multi-stakeholder process.
- Led the development of Mexico City's new Mobility Law and new Rules of the Road, with a Vision Zero approach, protecting vulnerable road users, reducing speed limits, and increasing sanctions.
- Updated the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices of Mexico City to include new materials, technologies and services for pedestrians, cyclists and transit users.
- Spearheaded the development of Mexico City's Transit Open Data Program and developed an Access Planning Tool for Mexico City with technical assistance from the World Bank.
- Established innovative street designs, showcasing the first Complete Street of Mexico City on line 5 of the Metrobus BRT system, as well as the design of the shared road on 16 de Septiembre Street.

March -  
November 2012

### **Campaign for Mayor of Mexico City | Coordinator of Mobility, Public Space and Public Policy**

- Advised Dr. Miguel Ángel Mancera, drafted campaign proposals and debate platforms on sustainable mobility, urbanism, public space, city management, urban innovation and transversal policies.
- Organized forums and meetings between the candidate and NGO leaders and experts in the subjects.

August 2010 -  
February 2012

### **Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP Mexico) | Director of Strategic Projects**

- Delivered technical assistance in non-motorized mobility strategies for Latin-American cities (including the six largest Mexican cities, Lima and Buenos Aires), facilitating knowledge transfer in the planning, design and promotion of policies and projects, with context-sensitive proposals.
- Established parking policy and travel demand management strategies for Mexican cities, including technical assistance to decision makers of the first multi-space on-street parking program in Mexico City, EcoParq, to manage 16 000 parking spaces.
- Fundraised US\$ 200 000 and led the development of the Car-Use Reduction in Mexican Cities' project with the British Embassy in Mexico (Prosperity Fund).
- Co-authored the Cyclecities manual ([www.ciclociudades.mx](http://www.ciclociudades.mx)), integrated best-practice guidelines for Transit-Oriented Development and Smart Growth for Mexican Cities, as well as for Comprehensive Programs of Urban Sustainable Mobility in Mexico.

June 2008 -  
July 2010

### **Secretariat of Environment of Mexico City | Coordinator of the Bicycle Mobility Strategy**

- Led the Bicycle Mobility Strategy 2009-2012, including planning and implementation of bicycle infrastructure, parking facilities, bikeshare, education programming, metrics and evaluation.
- Drafted and passed the new regulation for the Rules of the Road to protect cyclists and provide rights and obligations to share the road; updated construction regulation to include cycle-inclusive criteria.
- Established Mexico City's Urban Cycling School initiative, and the Urban Cycling Manual with NGOs.

August 2006 -  
May 2008

### **World Resources Institute / EMBARQ-CTS Mexico | Director of Mobility and Urban Development**

- Created the Mobility and Urban Development area, increasing institutional capacity and scope of work to integrate land use, urban development and transport, securing funds for a team of five collaborators, four interns and managed seven international consultants.
- Fundraised and led the development of the Transit-Oriented Development in Mexico City project with the Secretariat of Urban Development and Housing of Mexico City (SEDUVI), raising US\$ 515 000 from the British Prosperity Fund.
- Organized and led a placemaking process for Michoacan Street in Condesa neighborhood in Mexico City, creating a common vision amongst various stakeholders for the project.

## EDUCATION

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**Yale University School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.** New Haven, CT, USA

Master of Environmental Management (MEM), 2006

Focus in Urban Systems, Land Use and Environmental Planning. Honors in 12 of 16 courses.

**Bryn Mawr College.** Bryn Mawr, PA, USA

Bachelor of Arts in Biology (BA), 2004

*Cum Laude.* Honors in Biology major. Concentration in Environmental Studies.

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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

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Council	3	3					1			4	1		
Other	1									1			
Total	7	7		1	1	2	2			7	1		1

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Appointment of Nicholas R. Whipple as member, Seattle Planning Commission, for a term to April 15, 2024.

The Appointment Packet is provided as an attachment.





# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Nicholas R. Whipple</i>		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> <i>Seattle Planning Commission</i>		<b>Position Title:</b> <i>Member</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Appointment</b> OR <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Reappointment</b>	<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> 4/16/2021 <b>to</b> 4/15/2024  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>	
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>Delridge</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> <b>98106</b>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Background:</b> Nick Whipple is an urban planner with over a decade of experience working in the public sector. Currently the City of Bellevue’s Code and Policy Planning Manager, Nick advises that city council and planning commissioners on key policy topics, including housing, environmental regulations, urban design, and transit-oriented development. Nick is well versed in policy requirements at various levels of government and how those inform local plans and policies. Nick believes the work of planners and policymakers is to lift the voices of people that are typically underrepresented and to address systemic inequities. As a resident of North Delridge, he sees the importance of authentically applying a race, equity, and social justice lens, particularly when implementing large public investments.		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b>  <i>Bruce C. Harrell</i> <b>Date Signed (appointed):</b> 6/14/2023	<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <i>Mayor Bruce Harrell</i>	

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

## Experience

### **City of Bellevue Development Services**

Sept. 2021 – Present

#### *Code and Policy Manager*

- Manage the Code and Policy work program, lead a team of planners dedicated to policy and code development efforts, and process several code development projects.
- Serve as the primary point of contact for public inquiries about the work program and play a primary role in presenting information to boards, commissions, and the City Council.
- Serve as legislative liaison for my department on state and regional matters.

### **City of Bellevue Development Services**

Sept. 2019 – Aug. 2021

#### *Code and Policy Senior Planner*

- Processed several code amendments.
- Conducted complex technical analysis for implementation of the City's affordable housing strategy and other special initiatives.
- Presented complex planning topics to City Council, Planning Commission, and other stakeholders.
- Represented the City on various committees, at neighborhood organizations and community meetings, and at public hearings.

### **City of Bellevue Development Services**

Feb. 2014 – Sept. 2019

#### *Land Use Planner*

- Project manage and prepare staff reports and recommendations for discretionary land use permit applications.
- Conduct community meetings and engage with neighborhoods about development in their area.
- Provide expert testimony related to land use matters during public hearings and appeal hearings as necessary.
- Advise the public and professionals on a daily basis at the counter, via email, or through phone conversations about project feasibility and zoning requirements.

### **Island County Planning and Community Development**

October 2012 – February 2014

#### *Shoreline and Land Use Planner*

- Project managed complex planning projects which required constructive review of wetland reports, biological site assessments, archaeological reports, coastal geologic reports, and geotechnical reports.
- Identified and recommended changes to zoning code and related policies and procedures to ensure consistency with Washington State regulations and to provide clarity to the general public.
- Worked closely with the senior planner and planning director to establish methodology and a work program for the County's Buildable Lands Analysis.
- Analyzed and developed methodological assumptions to support the County's Buildable Lands Analysis for the 2016 Comprehensive Plan update.
- Prepared and communicated staff decisions and recommendations to County Commissioners, the Planning Commission, Department of Ecology, and the Hearing Examiner.

# Seattle Planning Commission

JUNE 29 2023

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:**

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3	F	3	2.	Member	Dhyana Quintanar Solares	4/16/22	4/15/25	1	Mayor
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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**

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Other	1									1			
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>			<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>

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Appointment of Alicia Kellogg as member, Urban Forestry Commission, for a term to March 31, 2026.

The Appointment Packet is provided as an attachment.



# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Alicia Kellogg</i>		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> <i>Urban Forestry Commission</i>		<b>Position Title:</b> <i>Position 2 – Urban Ecologist</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Appointment</b> OR <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Reappointment</b>		<b>Council Confirmation required?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Appointing Authority:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	<b>Date Appointed:</b> <i>06/25/23</i>	<b>Term of Position: *</b> <i>4/1/2023</i> <b>to</b> <i>3/31/2026</i>  <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>TBD</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> <i>TBD</i>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b>
<b>Background:</b>  Alicia Kellogg received a Master of Landscape Architecture from the University of Washington, as well as a Bachelor of Science in Technical Communication and a Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics. She currently works as a Duwamish Basin Steward for King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks. As a conservation professional and licensed landscape architect, she has experience designing and managing urban landscapes that balance ecological and social goals. As a member of the commission, Alicia would strive to ensure that urban forestry policies and strategies are developed through a collaborative and inclusive process that involves all stakeholders. She is committed to working with the commission to develop solutions that balance the needs of the environment, the economy, and the community.  <i>Alicia is being appointed to serve a three-year term ending March 31, 2026.</i>		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b>  <i>Bruce A. Harrell</i> <b>Date Signed (appointed):</b> 6/25/2023		<b>Appointing Signatory:</b>  <i>Bruce A. Harrell</i> <i>Mayor of Seattle</i>

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# Alicia Kellogg



## EDUCATION

University of Washington  
Seattle, WA

Master of Landscape Architecture 6/2021  
Bachelor of Science, Technical Communication 6/2009  
Bachelor of Arts, Linguistics 6/2009

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## Proficiencies

- Familiarity with principles of PNW natural resource management and salmon habitat restoration
- Comfortable public speaking and presentation delivery, both in-person and virtual
- Experience working in situations requiring cross-cultural sensitivity and centering racial equity and social justice principles

## Licenses

### & Certifications

- WA State Landscape Architect #23004023
- WSDA Pesticide License #84236

## DUWAMISH BASIN STEWARD

King County DRNP 4/2022 – present  
Seattle, WA

Coordinate and support efforts to establish, maintain, and conserve salmon habitat on the Duwamish River. Build relationships, find funding, and provide networking connections to enable more efficient cross-jurisdictional work.

## GREEN START PROGRAM COORDINATOR

King County DRNP 4/2022 – 1/2023  
Seattle, WA

Developed, managed, and administered the Green Start Program, which employs people experiencing homelessness to complete ecological restoration projects throughout the Green/Duwamish watershed.

## RESTORATION DESIGNER

The Watershed Company 1/2020 – 4/2022  
Kirkland, WA

Designed ecological restoration projects to mitigate environmental impacts from development. Worked closely with jurisdictions to navigate local bureaucracies and meet agency requirements.

## PROJECT MANAGER

Snohomish Conservation District 5/2017 - 9/2018  
Lake Stevens, WA

Collaborated with jurisdictional partners and landowners to complete green stormwater infrastructure projects. Managed planning, scheduling, budgeting, design, construction, and maintenance of small-scale cisterns and rain gardens. Completed outreach to the general public including developing digital and physical communication materials, and running community meetings.

## CREW SUPERVISOR & MEMBER/PHOTOGRAPHER

Washington Conservation Corps 10/2011 - 5/2017  
King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties

Supervised conservation crew to implement ecological restoration projects, including production tracking, photo documentation, and project management. Monitored restoration performance as necessary.

# Urban Forestry Commission

3/23/2023

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	1	1	Wildlife Biologist	Julia Michalak	4/1/23	3/31/26	1	Council
6	F	6	2	Urban Ecologist	Alicia Kellogg	4/1/23	3/31/26	1	Mayor
1	NB	3	3	Natural Resource Agency or University Representative	Falisha Kurji	4/1/22	3/31/25	1	Council
6	F	4	4	Hydrologist or Similar Professional	Becca Neumann	4/1/21	3/31/24	1	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	1	Mayor
6	M	3	7	NGO Representative	Joshua Morris	4/1/22	3/31/25	2	Council
2	M	7	8	Development Community or Utility Representative	David Baker	4/1/22	3/31/25	1	Mayor
6	M	1	9	Economist, Financial Analyst, Realtor, or Similar Professional	Nathan Collins	4/1/23	3/31/26	2	Commission
6	F	7	10	Get Engaged Member	Laura Keil	9/1/22	8/31/23	1	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 Hall	4/1/21	3/31/24	1	Council

**SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART**

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Other	1									1			
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**CITY OF SEATTLE**

**RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_**

A RESOLUTION endorsing strategies to improve the movement of people and goods in Seattle’s industrial and maritime areas.

WHEREAS, the maritime and industrial sectors are critical parts of the local, regional, and state economy; and

WHEREAS, Seattle contains two regionally designated Manufacturing Industrial Centers (MICs), a designation

that prioritizes long-term use for industry and serves a critical function to the regional and statewide economy, is subject to regional policy protections in the Puget Sound Regional Council’s (PSRC’s)

Vision 2050 plan, and is eligible for allocation of federal and state transportation funding; and

WHEREAS, industrial and maritime uses in the MICs provide quality jobs, two-thirds of which are accessible

without four-year college degrees; and

WHEREAS, a high proportion of jobs on industrial lands in fields including maritime, manufacturing,

transportation and logistics, construction, utilities, and services are unionized with high-quality benefits;

and

WHEREAS, there is a high potential for equitable access to quality jobs in industrial and maritime sectors by

women and other workers who are Black, Indigenous, and other people of color (BIPOC) when coupled

with job training and access programs provided by the City and other public agencies, private entities

and unions; and

WHEREAS, the economic contributions and the quality jobs provided by the businesses and major intermodal

transportation facilities in the MICs are dependent on maintaining and improving the functionality,

safety, and efficiency of the internal freight networks and the freight network that connects the MICs to



each other and to the regional and state freeway system; and

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle’s Complete Streets Ordinance (Ordinance 122386), Section 3, states: “Because freight is important to the basic economy of the City and has unique right-of-way needs to support that role, freight will be the major priority on streets classified as Major Truck Streets. Complete Street improvements that are consistent with freight mobility but also support other modes may be considered on these streets”; and

WHEREAS, it is a benefit to the regional, state, and national economy when supply chains are strong and a variety of agriculture products and goods supporting everyday life are manufactured in the United States and are exported through our ports around the world, and efforts are underway at all levels of government to onshore more manufacturing activities; and

WHEREAS, an Industrial and Maritime Strategy Advisory Council convened between December 17, 2019, and May 21, 2021, and issued a report based on an 80 percent consensus that recommended 11 strategies to strengthen and support our industrial maritime sectors; and

WHEREAS, the Industrial and Maritime Strategy Advisory Council report included transportation strategies that form the basis of this proposed legislation; NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE THAT:**

Section 1. The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT), Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI), Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD), and Office of Economic Development (OED) are requested to work collaboratively with the City’s regional transportation partners, the Port of Seattle and the Northwest Seaport Alliance, Seattle Freight Advisory Board, industrial trade unions, representatives of major Washington State agricultural commodities, and other stakeholders in the industrial areas of the City to:

A. Analyze transportation plans, industrial subarea plans, programs, project designs, changes to the operation of City streets, or changes to the allocation of right-of-way affecting truck mobility for their impacts

on all transportation modes, including freight, in order to provide the City with the information required to:

- a. Improve the movement of workers and goods by making transit and freight networks more efficient, in particular, for industrial and maritime users; and
- b. Improve last-mile connections to maritime, industrial, and railroad facilities for active transportation, transit, and freight, including large trucks; and
- c. Identify priority transportation projects on the City’s freight network and work to advance projects that can compete effectively for freight grant funding; and
- d. Prioritize those projects that ensure goods are moving in an efficient, safe, predictable, and sustained manner to help maintain and grow maritime jobs and the economic health of the Manufacturing Industrial Centers (MICs); and
- e. Identify funding strategies for this prioritized freight project list.

B. Continue advocating for Sound Transit’s West Seattle and Ballard Link Extensions, that include:

- a. A tunnel alignment for Ballard and Interbay future light rail; and
- b. Maintaining freight movement during construction of the light rail alignment.

C. Regulatory impact analysis by SDOT, OPCD, and SDCI: Within two years of the effective date of the ordinance introduced as Council Bill 120567, and every two years thereafter, report on non-industrial development in the MICs. For newly introduced non-industrial uses (such as lodging or office use), consider how new development patterns are improving or growing the industrial center and its transportation system as well as potential unintended consequences, such as impacts on truck mobility. Include recommendations for regulatory and transportation changes as needed to maintain efficient movement of goods and a strong maritime, manufacturing, and logistics ecosystem in these reports.

D. Site development impact analysis: When non-industrial uses, such as lodging or office uses, are proposed in MICs, SDOT and SDCI staff should work with the applicant to explore opportunities to address safety issues with pedestrians and other modes of transportation and freight movement in MICs including along

designated Major Truck Streets, State Routes, or heavy haul corridors. This work should be prioritized in areas where new uses are being allowed amongst major generators of vehicle and pedestrian traffic, such as in the Stadium Transition Area Overlay District.

E. Designate freight-only lanes that provide essential connections between port facilities, interstate and state highways.

F. Seek increased funding for pavement maintenance.

G. Support Vision Zero projects to reduce traffic deaths and injuries with unique industrial-area applications.

Adopted by the City Council the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

Filed by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk

(Seal)

**SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE\***

<b>Department:</b>	<b>Dept. Contact:</b>	<b>CBO Contact:</b>
Legislative	Lish Whitson/206-615-1674	N/A

*\* Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

**1. BILL SUMMARY**

**Legislation Title:**

A RESOLUTION endorsing strategies to improve the movement of people and goods in Seattle’s industrial and maritime areas.

**Summary and Background of the Legislation:**

This resolution voices support for a number of actions to improvement the movement of people and goods in the City’s industrial and maritime areas, including:

1. Analyzing transportation plans, programs, projects, changes to the right-of-way, and industrial subarea plans in order to identify and fund projects that support freight mobility;
2. Advocating for Sound Transit’s West Seattle and Ballard Link extensions;
3. Reporting on non-industrial development in Manufacturing/Industrial Centers;
4. Considering opportunities to address transportation safety issues during project review;
5. Designating freight-only lanes that provide essential connections between Port facilities and highways;
6. Seeking increased funding for pavement maintenance; and
7. Supporting Vision Zero projects with unique industrial-area applications.

**2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project?**      \_\_\_ Yes X No

**3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget?**      \_\_\_ Yes X No

**Does the legislation have other financial impacts to The City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?**

Yes, if implemented, the Resolution would call for increased transportation funding, particularly related to freight routes and increased funding for pavement maintenance. Implementing the resolution would require additional City staff to analyze the impacts of non-residential development in Manufacturing Industrial Centers (MICs) and may require additional time to review permits for development in the MICs, increasing staff and permitting costs. This could include the equivalent of one FTE split between SDOT and OPCD, with a cost of between \$150,000 and \$200,000 General Fund annually. Permitting costs would be covered by SDOT and SDCI permitting fees.

**Are there financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?**

The maritime, manufacturing, and logistics industries have a significant impact on the City's and regional economy. If the activities recommended as part of this Resolution are not implemented, there is the possibility that traffic congestion in the MICs increases with impacts to the City's and regional economy, and the attractiveness of the MICs to continue to foster a vibrant industrial ecosystem could be injured.

**4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

**a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**

Yes, the Resolution would ask the Seattle Department of Transportation, Office of Planning and Community Development, Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections, and the Office of Economic Development to work with partners in the Maritime and Industrial communities to implement the resolution.

**b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**

No

**c. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**

No

**d. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**

No

**e. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?**

The City's industrial and maritime areas include many businesses that provide living-wage and higher paying jobs to people who do not have college degrees. Maintaining and improving the freight network can help to keep those businesses in Seattle. However, these industrial areas, in particular the industrial area near South Park, are home to lower-income, BIPOC residents who are impacted by freight traffic and related transportation safety issues in their neighborhoods. To the extent that freight improvements are made that consider all modes of transportation, including walking and bicycling, this resolution can help those communities to lessen the impact of the surrounding industrial areas.

**f. Climate Change Implications**

**1. Emissions: Is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way?**

Not directly. Other activities, such as electrification of freight fleets and ships would have a larger impact on carbon emissions. This resolution is primarily about maintaining the current transportation network.

- 2. Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle’s resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way? If so, explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.**

No

- g. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program’s desired goal(s)?**

Not applicable.

**Summary Attachments (if any):**

None



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL  
**CENTRAL STAFF**

# Resolution 32097 - Industrial Maritime Transportation Resolution

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LISH WHITSON, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

LAND USE COMMITTEE

JULY 6, 2023

# Industrial Maritime Transportation Strategy

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**IM Strategy Council recommended the following strategies related to transportation:**

- Improve the movement of people and goods and make transit and freight networks work for industrial and maritime users with better service and facilities;
- Improve last mile connections for active transportation, transit, and freight, including large truck access to shoreline and railroad uses; and
- Advocate for a tunnel alignment for Ballard and Interbay light rail extension.



# Resolution 32097

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**Feedback from stakeholders identified the following more specific actions to implement those strategies:**

- Analyze plans and projects for their impacts on all transportation modes, including freight;
- Continue advocating for the light rail extensions, including a Ballard tunnel;
- Report every two years on non-industrial development in the MICs;
- Consider safety impacts in permit review;
- Designate freight-only lanes for essential connections;
- Increase funding for pavement maintenance; and
- Support Vision Zero projects in industrial areas.

# Questions?