




## City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Chase Kitchen</i>		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> <i>Transportation Levy Oversight Committee</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> 1/1/2025 <b>to</b> 12/31/2028  <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>Ballard</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> <i>98107</i>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Background:</b> <i>With over fifteen years of experience in transportation policy and project development supporting federal, state, and local leaders with making effective, prudent decisions with the allocation of limited government resources, I am excited by the opportunity to serve my community on the Transportation Levy Oversight Committee. Across my professional career and volunteer commitments, I have found the most lasting successes are driven by a consistent, firm commitment to honesty and transparency, by encouraging greater accountability for decisions and programs, and by retaining a relentless focus on ensuring programs and investments maximize the benefits for the users of a system. I would be honored to contribute to building a Transportation Levy Oversight Committee that plays its role in ensuring taxpayer funds are used wisely, fairly, and for maximum benefit to our collective well-being.</i>		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b>    <b>Date Signed (appointed):</b> <b>April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025</b>		<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <i>Bruce A. Harrell</i> <i>Mayor of Seattle</i>

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

# Chase Kitchen

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### **Amtrak**

**Seattle, WA**

*Government Affairs Manager, National State and Local Relations*

*Mar. 2022 – current*

- Responsible for supporting the development and advancement of Amtrak's strategic, legislative, and network growth priorities in the Northwest United States and British Columbia, Canada
- Building positive relationships with state, provincial, and local governments as well as key business and community-based organizations to support passenger rail enhancements and high-speed rail opportunities
- Major projects include supporting North America's first customs preclearance facility for passenger rail and unprecedented federal appropriations for direct investments in passenger rail in the United States and Canada

### **City of Seattle, Office of the Mayor**

**Seattle, WA**

*Policy Advisor*

*Apr. 2019 – Jan. 2022*

- Coordinated the City's policy approach across a varied portfolio that included climate, sustainability, and environmental justice; parks and recreation; economic development, including emergency financial and technical assistance for small businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic; and certain land use and transportation issues
- Led cross-departmental teams of City staff to collaboratively design policy solutions to some of Seattle's most high-profile challenges, including developing program and project budgets, schedules, and performance measures
- Major projects included Industrial and Maritime Strategy, building and transportation electrification, Seattle Energy Code, Urban Forestry Management Plan and tree protection, and Small Business Stabilization Fund

### **Office of Senator Joe Donnelly**

**Washington, DC**

*Legislative Assistant*

*Feb. 2013 – Jan. 2019*

- Principal advisor to the Senator for a legislative portfolio that included all matters under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; environment; energy; and transportation issues, including all public transit matters under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
- Represented Senator with constituents and organizations, developing strong relationships with key stakeholders across the political spectrum, including business, environmental, and transportation advocacy organizations
- Managed a legislative team that included two Legislative Correspondents and a State Agriculture Liaison
- Supported strategic communications plans, including reporter engagement on background and off the record
- Awarded inaugural Outstanding Congressional Staff Award by a stakeholder organization important to the Senator

*Legislative Correspondent*

*Jan. – Feb. 2013*

- Designed and established a correspondence program for newly-elected Senate office

### **Office of Representative Joe Donnelly**

**Washington, DC**

*Legislative Assistant*

*June – Dec. 2012*

- Researched legislation, recommended votes, consulted on press releases, and represented Congressman Donnelly for a varied legislative portfolio that included veterans affairs, agriculture, transportation, energy, and labor

*Legislative Correspondent*

*Jan. – May 2012*

- Improved constituent response time by 17% as primary author and editor of hundreds of constituent letters

*Staff Assistant*

*May – Dec. 2011*

- Managed front office, including organizing and conducting Capitol tours, processing flag requests, and ordering office supplies; instituted electronic tour tracking process, replacing handwritten system

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## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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**Commute Seattle Treasurer, Advisory Board**

*2023 – current*

**Manufacturing, Maritime, Industrial Association Advisory Board**

*2024 – current*

**Cascade Bicycle Club Pedaling Relief Project Volunteer**

*2020 – current*

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## EDUCATION

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**B.A. – Indiana University Fort Wayne, IN (2008)**

**MALA – St. John's College Annapolis, MD (2012)**

# Transportation Levy Oversight Committee

19 Members: Pursuant to *Ordinance 127053*, all appointed members are subject to City Council confirmation, 4-year terms, except for the Get Engaged Member who will serve a 1-year term pursuant to SMC 3.51.

- 7 City Council-appointed
- 6 Mayor-appointed (includes 1 Get Engaged position)
- 1 Chair of City Council's Transportation Committee - Ordinance
- 1 City Budget Director - Ordinance
- 1 Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board
- 1 Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board
- 1 Seattle Transit Advisory Board
- 1 Seattle Freight Advisory Board

## Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
			1.	Chair of CC's Transportation Committee	Rob Saka	N/A	N/A		Ordinance
			2.	City Budget Director	Dan Eder	N/A	N/A		Ordinance
6	M	5	3.	Ex-Officio Member	Wes Mills	N/A	N/A		Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board
6	F	7	4.	Ex-Officio Member	Donna McBain Evans	N/A	N/A		Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board
6	M	7	5.	Ex-Officio Member	Zachary Burton	N/A	N/A		Seattle Transit Advisory Board
6	F		6.	Ex-Officio Member	Geri Poor	N/A	N/A		Seattle Freight Advisory Board
6	M	4	7.	Get Engaged Member	Leonard Harrison Jerome	01/01/25	8/31/25	1	Mayor
6	M	2	8.	Member	Jack Brand	01/01/25	12/31/28	1	Mayor
6	F	3	9.	Member	Alex Hudson	01/01/25	12/31/28	1	Mayor
6	M	6	10	Member	Chase Kitchen	01/01/25	12/31/28	1	Mayor
2	M	5	11.	Member	Kaid Ni Ray-Tipton	01/01/25	12/31/28	1	Mayor
2	F	2	12.	Member	Nafiso D. Samatar	01/01/25	12/31/28	1	Mayor
1	M	6	13.	Member	Steven C. Pumphrey	01/01/25	12/31/28	1	City Council
			14.	Member		01/01/25	12/31/28		City Council
3	M	3	15.	Member	Tyler J. Vasquez	01/01/25	12/31/28	1	City Council
			16.	Member		01/01/25	12/31/28		City Council

5	M	6	17.	Member	Jack Edson Whisner	01/01/25	12/31/28	1	City Council
			18.	Member		01/01/25	12/31/28		City Council
			19.	Member		01/01/25	12/31/28		City Council

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART					(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
	Male	Female	Transgender	NB/ O/ U	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other	Caucasian/ Non- Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	4	2				2				4			
Council	3						1			2			
Other	2	2								4			
Total	9	4				2	1			10			

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.*