



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

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| Appointee Name: <i>Margaret Szeles</i> | | |
| Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle Planning Commission</i> | | Position Title: <i>Get Engaged Member</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment | | City Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> City Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i> | | Term of Position: * 9/1/2025 to 8/31/2026 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i> |
| Residential Neighborhood: <i>Fremont</i> | Zip Code: <i>98107</i> | Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED] |
| Background: <i>Margaret is currently a third-year law student at the University of Washington School of Law. Prior to law school she worked as a transportation planner in Boise, Idaho. Margaret is passionate about the intersection of land use, transportation, and environmental justice. Through her service on the Planning Commission, Margaret aims to use her knowledge and experience to help encourage accessible and community-focused land-use decisions. Margaret resides in the Fremont neighborhood and spends her free time climbing and trail running around the Seattle area.</i> | | |
| Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date Signed (appointed): July 18th, 2025 | | Appointing Signatory: <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.*

MARGARET SZELES

EDUCATION

University of Washington School of Law | Seattle, Washington

Juris Doctor |

anticipated June 2026

- Notes and Comments Editor, *Washington Law Review*
- Pro Bono Director, Environmental Law Society; Secretary, OUTlaws
- Relevant coursework including administrative; environmental; environmental justice; real estate; business organizations; civil procedure II; and water law amongst others.

Boise State University | Boise, Idaho

Bachelor of Science, Political Science; Bachelor of Arts, Environmental Studies, *magna cum laude*

Certificate in Environmental Education |

May 2022

- 2021 Andrus Scholar, Andrus Center for Public Policy
- Blue Thunder Marching Band

EXPERIENCE

Van Ness Feldman | Seattle, Washington

Summer Associate

June 2025 – August 2025

- Will do legal research and writing pertaining to energy, environment, and natural resources law and policy

Green Diamond Resource Company | Seattle, Washington

Legal Intern

August 2024 – October 2024

- General corporate counsel and in-house legal research and writing relating to land use, property, environmental, and commercial transactional law

U.S. District Judge Tana Lin, Western District of Washington | Seattle, Washington

Judicial Extern

June 2024 – August 2024

- Exposure to broad civil and criminal proceedings
- Conducting research and writing for Judge Lin's chambers around contract litigation

Ada County Highway District | Boise, Idaho

Senior Transportation Planner

August 2022 – July 2023

- Programmed \$70 million in infrastructure projects for the successful adoption of the 2024-2028 Integrated Five-Year Work Plan (IFYWP) by the Board of Commissioners

Current Planner

February 2022 - August 2022

- Analyzed the impact of land-use development projects on transportation infrastructure

Conservation Voters for Idaho | Boise, Idaho

Fellow, Boards and Commissioners Fellowship

January 2023 – June 2023

- Received policy training to advance conservation policy on local boards or commissions

Advocates for the West | Boise, Idaho

Legal Intern

May 2021 – July 2021

- Prepared comprehensive NEPA legal research and memorandum for supervising staff attorney

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality | Boise, Idaho

Outreach Intern

August 2020 – December 2020

- Assisted with outreach program for sustainable products to auto maintenance facilities

INTERESTS

- Rock climbing (outdoor sport lead, indoor bouldering, & youth climbing instructor for indoor gym); trail running; pizza making (homemade dough, of course); figure drawing and acrylic painting

Seattle Planning Commission

JULY 2025

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

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

Roster:

| *D | **G | RD | Position No. | Position Title | Name | Term Begin Date | Term End Date | Term # | Appointed By |
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| 6 | F | 3 | 1. | Member | McCaela Daffern | 4/16/25 | 4/15/28 | 2 | City Council |
| 3 | F | 3 | 2. | Member | Dhyana Quintanar Solares | 4/16/25 | 4/15/28 | 2 | Mayor |
| 6 | F | 6 | 3. | Member | Rebecca Brunn | 4/16/25 | 4/15/28 | 1 | City Council |
| 2 | M | 2 | 4. | Member | Kelabe Tewolde | 4/16/25 | 4/15/22 | 2 | Mayor |
| 2 | F | 6 | 5. | Member | Julia Jannon-Shields | 4/16/25 | 4/15/28 | 1 | City Council |
| 6 | M | 4 | 6. | Member | Andrew Dannenberg | 4/16/23 | 4/15/26 | 1 | Mayor |
| 9 | F | 1 | 7. | Member | P Xiomara (Xio) Alvarez | 4/16/23 | 4/15/26 | 1 | City Council |
| 1 | F | 5 | 8. | Member | Radhika Nair | 4/16/23 | 4/15/26 | 2 | Mayor |
| 6 | M | 1 | 9. | Member | Matt Hutchins | 4/16/23 | 4/15/26 | 2 | City Council |
| 9 | NB | 3 | 10. | Member | Monika Sharma | 4/16/23 | 4/15/26 | 1 | Mayor |
| 6 | F | 4 | 11. | Member | Cecelia Black | 4/16/24 | 4/15/27 | 1 | City Council |
| 9 | F | 5 | 12. | Member | Rose Lew Tsai-Le Whitson | 4/16/24 | 4/15/27 | 2 | Mayor |
| 6 | M | 3 | 13. | Member | Dylan Glosecki | 4/16/24 | 4/15/27 | 1 | City Council |
| 6 | M | 1 | 14. | Member | Nick Whipple | 4/16/24 | 4/15/27 | 1 | Mayor |
| 4 | M | 7 | 15. | Member | Dylan Stevenson | 4/16/24 | 4/15/27 | 1 | Commission |
| 6 | F | 5 | 16. | Get Engaged | Margaret Szeles | 9/1/25 | 8/31/26 | 1 | Mayor |

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

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

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.