




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Alex C. Hudson</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Community Involvement Commission</i>		Position Title: <i>At-large Member</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Date Appointed: <i>4/13/2017</i>	Term of Position: * <i>6/1/2017</i> to <i>5/31/2018</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>First Hill</i>	Zip Code: <i>98104</i>	Contact Phone No.: <i>N/A</i>
Background: <i>Alex has been the Director of the First Hill Improvement Association for the last 3 years, and has developed deep connections in that community, and with a wide variety of City agencies. At the FHIA, Alex has seen firsthand the gaps that can exist in outreach, both at the City level, and at the community level. While working on developing a vision for the First Hill park, Alex knew that in-person open houses were important, but that many stakeholders wouldn't be able to attend. She provided more ways for people to engage online, and also created a "Text the Park" program for people to provide feedback & ideas with a simple text message.</i>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 		Appointing Signatory: <i>Edward B. Murray</i> Mayor of Seattle

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2.1. Introduction and Applicant Information

01 First Name and Middle Initial

Alex C

02 Last Name (Family Name)

Hudson

03 Contact Information

Email address:

alex@firsthill.org

Best phone number:

Alternate phone number

I do not have an email address or phone number. You may contact me at:

04 Street Address

I have a permanent address (entered below),

Address

05 Neighborhood Information You can lookup your Council District Number here.

Council District Number

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Neighborhood Name

First Hill

06 Employer

First Hill Improvement Association

07 What is your primary occupation or expertise?

Director, Community Advocacy and Organizing

08 Are you currently under contract with the City of Seattle?

yes,

If yes, what is the nature of that contract?

> Only In Seattle grant for organization support to implement FHIA's Strategic Plan and support local businesses, residents, and visitors. > Department of Neighborhoods Neighborhood Matching Fund grant to manage development of design and construction documents for a remodel of First Hill Park.

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01 Tell us more about yourself.

I was born in rural Redmond, and except for my study-abroad in Bellingham for college, have lived in King County my entire life. I've lived in First Hill for 7 years, enchanted by its elegant and walkable streets, rich history, culture of care, and the incredible people who inhabit it.

It's been my honor and privilege to serve as the Director of the First Hill Improvement Association for three years. In this capacity, my job is to work on behalf of our residents, businesses, and visitors to advance a First Hill that is safe, vibrant, and welcoming for all people. Through education, organizing, advocacy, and activation we work to ensure that our rapidly developing community meets the needs of today, and tomorrow. This work means I have deep and meaningful connections with the various communities that make up our neighborhood, as well as city agencies such as OED, SPR, DON, SDOT, OAC, SDCI. I am the most successful at my job when I'm providing a platform for all to respectfully collaborate towards a First Hill that meets and anticipates the needs of today, and tomorrow. Even better when we're having fun at the same time!

Prior to my job as the Director of the First Hill Improvement Association, I worked in land use and economic development consulting at Community Attributes doing qualitative analysis and stakeholder outreach for various municipalities and advocacy groups throughout the Puget Sound Region. Before that, I was a staff intern and the Office of Economic Development in the Office of Film + Music where I worked to help Seattle be a great place to make a living making film and music. I transferred into that work with a background in campus organizing, event production, and the film industry after I graduated from university.

I received a B.A. from Western Washington University in Political Science with minors in Sociology and Economics in 2007, the same year I was named the WWU Student Employee of the Year and the ACLU-WA Youth Organizer of the Year.

In my recreational time I enjoy running, tending to my houseplants, tackling my ever-expanding stack of books to read, exploring Seattle on foot, and watching movies in Seattle's amazing cinemas.

02 Please describe why you are interested in serving on the Community Involvement Commission.

Seattle is an incredibly rich and diverse constellation of communities, all of whom have thoughts, ideas, and priorities about our collective future. I believe that our communities are safer, healthier, and richer when we take the time to listen to one another - and more importantly when that listening actually guides our policies and procedures.

Too often community engagement is treated as an obligation rather than an opportunity. This leads to a bare minimum of input, and produces systems that are exclusionary, confrontational, and exhausting. Lack of awareness that processes are happening, the emphasis on in-person meetings, the domination of a narrow set of voices, and lack of clarity how feedback is incorporated frustrate and discourage participants and prevent us from getting the best results. We can - and should - do better.

There are opportunities to make improvements at every level in the processes of involvement - planning, marketing, facilitation, and to think about how processes can meet people where they are - not just be better at getting people to where processes want them to be.

The First Hill Improvement Association has a deep commitment to meaningful and equitable engagement and participatory planning. I am interested in serving on the Community Involvement Commission to share with our strategies, successes and challenges, to help to guide and improve City processes, and to learn from my fellow Commissioners.

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Q01 Please describe the connections you have in your community. These could include faith-based, cultural, ethnic, or interest-based groups (to name a few).

As the Director of the First Hill Improvement Association over the last three years, I've developed a rich and deep network of connections in the community.

The FHIA Board includes representatives from all three of the major medical institutions, the development community, local businesses, and residents including renters, home-owners, retirees, and low-income folks.

I regularly meet with condo board associations, property owners and managers, leaders from our arts and cultural institutions, faith-based organizations, local businesses, developers, retirees, city government officials including electeds, renters, and various social-service providers.

First Hill is an eclectic neighborhood with 13,000 residents and 36,000 workers. 28% of First Hillers live at or below the federal poverty line, and we are privileged to be home to many immigrants and refugees in our Yesler Terrace sub-area. As the spokesperson for the neighborhood, it's my honor to know, learn from, and represent this diverse and unique set of communities in First Hill.

Q02 Describe one topic you would like to have the Community Involvement Commission address.

There are many low-tech, high-reach strategies for engaging folks in City processes that I think are worth considering. These include community chalk-boards, texting programs, Facebook Live, posters, community kiosks, etc which can be extremely helpful for sharing information and gathering feedback

As an example, when FHIA was working on developing the community vision for First Hill Park, we recognized that our in-person open houses were important but that not everyone would be able to attend. We provided ways for folks to provide input online, but also created a "Text the Park" program with the simple prompt "What would make First Hill Park a great place?" We included that information on all of our messaging, but also put signs up in the park so everyone could see it. We got a lot of valuable feedback that way, and I believe that these kinds of simple, low-barrier strategies reach a large group of people and keep them connected.

Q03 What is your contact information?

Q04 My housing situation is: Renter
Q05 Primary language spoken at home: English
Q06 Race/Ethnicity (check all that apply): White
Q07 Gender Identity (check all that apply): Female

Q08 Please agree with the following statement

I certify that the above application information is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the information I provided is subject to public records request unless it is specifically exempt from the Washington State Public Records Act. I agree

Community Involvement Commission

Sixteen Members: Pursuant to Ordinance 125192, all members subject to City Council confirmation, one- and two-year terms for the initial round of appointments, two-year terms thereafter:

- 7 City Council-appointed
- 7 Mayor-appointed
- 2 Commission-appointed

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
3	F	1	1.	District 1 Member	Jeniffer Calleja	6/1/2017	5/31/2018	1	Council
2	F	2	2.	District 2 Member	Thais Marbles	6/1/2017	5/31/2019	1	Council
2	F	3	3.	District 3 Member	Natalie Curtis	6/1/2017	5/31/2018	1	Council
9	F	4	4.	District 4 Member	Alison Turner	6/1/2017	5/31/2019	1	Council
9	M	5	5.	District 5 Member	Mark Mendez	6/1/2017	5/31/2018	1	Council
6	M	6	6.	District 6 Member	Ben Mitchell	6/1/2017	5/31/2019	1	Council
9	F	7	7.	District 7 Member	Patricia Akiyama	6/1/2017	5/31/2018	1	Council
1	F	2	8.	At-Large Member	Hoai (Julie) Pham	6/1/2017	5/31/2019	1	Mayor
6	F	3	9.	At-Large Member	Alex C. Hudson	6/1/2017	5/31/2018	1	Mayor
9	F	1	10.	At-Large Member	Jenna Franklin	6/1/2017	5/31/2019	1	Mayor
2	M	7	11.	At-Large Member	Bereket Kiros	6/1/2017	5/31/2018	1	Mayor
1	F	7	12.	At-Large Member	Emily Kim	6/1/2017	5/31/2019	1	Mayor
5	O	2	13.	At-Large Member	Sonja Basha	6/1/2017	5/31/2018	1	Mayor
			14.	Get Engaged Member	Vacant	9/1/17	8/31/18		Mayor
			15.	At-Large Member	Vacant				Commission
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SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

	(1)		(2)		(3)		(4)		(5)		(6)		(7)		(8)		(9)	
	Men	Women	Transgender	Other	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other	Caucasian/ Non- Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial					
Mayor	1	4		1	2	1			1	1			1					
Council	2	5				2	1			1			3					
Other																		
Total	3	9		1	2	3	1		1	2			4					

Key:

*D List the corresponding *Diversity Chart* number (1 through 9)

**G List *gender*, M = Male, F= Female, T= Transgender, U= Unknown, O= Other

RD Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A

Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.