



## City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

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| <b>Appointee Name:</b><br><i>David Benchlouch</i>   |                                  |  |
| <b>Board/Commission Name:</b><br><i>Community Police Commission</i>   |                                  | <b>Position Title:</b><br><i>Member</i>  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Appointment</b> OR <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Reappointment</b>   |                                  | <b>City Council Confirmation required?</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No                                 |
| <b>Appointing Authority:</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Council<br><input type="checkbox"/> Mayor<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>   |                                  | <b>Term of Position: *</b><br>1/1/2025<br><b>to</b><br>12/31/2027<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i> |
| <b>Residential Neighborhood:</b><br><i>Seward Park</i>  | <b>Zip Code:</b><br><i>98118</i> | <b>Contact Phone No.:</b><br><i>[REDACTED]</i>   |
| <b>Background:</b><br><i>Rabbi Benchlouch is a synagogue Rabbi and leader in the Sephardic Jewish community of Seattle, and involved in outreach, psychology, and education.</i><br><i>With 10 years of rabbinical and psychological experience in USA and South Africa, rabbi Benchlouch has served the greater community, in all sectors of the population.</i><br><i>Rabbi David received his rabbinic ordination from the Jerusalem Midrash Sephardi Rabbinical College and holds a masters degree in clinical mental health counseling from Bellevue University.</i> |                                  |  |
| <b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b><br><i>Robert E Kettle</i><br><br><b>Date Signed (appointed):</b><br>1/10/2025  |                                  | <b>Appointing Signatory:</b><br><i>Robert Kettle</i><br><br><i>Seattle City Councilmember</i>  |

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

RABBI DAVID BENCHLOUCH



**Education**

- 2024: Harvard University Online Course in Organizational Leadership
- 2018-2020: Bellevue University; Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling.
- 2012-2016: Yeshivat Midrash Sefaradi; Rabbinical Ordination.
- 2012-2014: Straus-Amiel-Ner Le'Elef; rabbinical training and communal leadership for diaspora emissaries.

**Vocational Experience**

- 2022-Present: Head Rabbi, Congregation Ezra Bessaro. Seattle, WA
- 2020-2022: Rabbi and Therapist; Yeshivat Lev Aharon, Jerusalem.
- 2015-2020: Rabbi; Sephardi Hebrew Congregation. Cape Town, South Africa.
- 2015-2020: Conversion course instructor under auspices of the United Orthodox Union of South Africa.
- 2014-2015: Rabbi, Bnei Akiva. Jerusalem, Israel

**Certifications & Qualifications**

- Organizational Leadership Certification (Harvard University, Online)
- Dialectic Behavioral Therapy (Psychwire)
- Rabbinical ordination (Midrash Sefaradi, Jerusalem)
- Clinical Psychotherapist (Bellevue University)
- Wedding officiant & pre-marital counselor.
- Gerut (conversion) instructor
- CBT certified for depression and personality disorders, Beck Institute.
- Certified neuro-linguistic practitioner (NLP).
- Certified Youth Counselor; Yedidim Seminar.
- Chazanut & Baal Kore certification; Ashir Oz Institute of Sefardic Music.
- Chazanut certification; Renanot School of Middle Eastern Music

**Languages**

Fluent in English and Hebrew.

# Community Police Commission

15 Members: Pursuant to Ordinance 125315, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms however, for initial terms should be as follows:

- 5 City Council-appointed
- 5 Mayor-appointed
- 5 Other Appointing Authority-appointed (specify): Commission

## Roster:

| *D | **G | RD | Position No. | Position Title  | Name                | Term Begin Date | Term End Date | Term # | Appointed By |
|----|-----|----|--------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------|--------------|
| 6  | M   |    | 1.           | Member          | Lars Erickson       | 1/1/23          | 12/31/25      | 1      | Mayor        |
|    |     |    | 2.           | Member          |                     |                 |               |        | Mayor        |
|    |     |    | 3.           | Member          |                     |                 |               |        | Mayor        |
| 2  | F   |    | 4.           | Member          | Arlecier L.N. West  | 1/1/24          | 12/31/26      | 1      | Mayor        |
| 6  | M   |    | 5.           | SPMA Rep        | Anthony Gaedcke     | 1/1/23          | 12/31/25      | 1      | Mayor        |
| 6  | M   |    | 6.           | Member          | Joel C. Merkel      | 1/1/25          | 12/31/27      | 2      | Council      |
|    |     |    | 7.           | Member          | Le'Jayah Washington | 1/1/22          | 12/31/24      | 2      | Council      |
|    |     |    | 8.           | Member          | Tascha Johnson      | 1/1/23          | 12/31/25      | 2      | Council      |
|    |     |    | 9.           | Member          | David Benchlouch    | 1/1/25          | 12/31/27      | 1      | Council      |
|    |     |    | 10.          | Member          |                     |                 |               |        | Council      |
| 2  | F   |    | 11.          | Member          | Erica Newman        | 1/1/23          | 12/31/25      | 2      | CPC          |
|    |     |    | 12.          | Member          | Joseph Seia         | 1/1/23          | 12/31/25      | 2      | CPC          |
|    |     |    | 13.          | Public Defense  |                     |                 |               |        | CPC          |
|    |     |    | 14.          | Civil Liberties |                     |                 |               |        | CPC          |
| 2  | M   |    | 15.          | SPOG Rep        | Mark Mullens        | 1/1/23          | 12/31/25      | 3      | CPC          |

## 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   | 2    | 1      |             |          |       | 1                       |                  |                                |       | 2                       |                  |                |             |
| Council | 1    |        |             |          |       |                         |                  |                                |       | 1                       |                  |                |             |
| Other   | 1    | 1      |             |          |       | 2                       |                  |                                |       |                         |                  |                |             |
| Total   | 4    | 2      |             |          |       | 3                       |                  |                                |       | 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.*