



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Dan Torres		
Board/Commission Name: Sweetened Beverage Tax Community Advisory Board		Position Title: Early Learning Representative (Pos. #11)
<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: Fill in appointing authority	Date Appointed: 3/5/2021	Term of Position: * 9/1/2017 to 8/31/2021 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Serving remaining term of a vacant position
Residential Neighborhood: Ravenna/Laurelhurst	Zip Code: 98105	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: Dan Torres has focused his career on systems work to support families and promote equity. Dan joined the Bezos Family Foundation (BFF) in October of 2019 to cultivate partnerships for the Vroom program. Vroom provides science-based tools to families and caregivers to further child development. He was the Executive Director of the Washington State Essentials for Childhood initiative, a cross systems, public private partnership with a vision that all children in Washington state thrive in safe, stable and nurturing relationships and environments. He also previously served as the Director of Policy and Partnerships at Thrive Washington. In that role he directed the community momentum strategy for 10 early learning regional coalitions and developed Thrive Washington’s legislative agenda. Dan spent the beginning of his career focused on child welfare policy as an associate at the Center for the Study of Social Policy and at Casey Family Programs.		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 		Appointing Signatory: Jenny A. Durkan Mayor of Seattle

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DAN TORRES

Results based leader experienced working with jurisdictions across the country on system building efforts. Proven track record gaining consensus and driving change with partners including public agency staff, providers, foundation leaders, and families. Broad experience managing complex bodies of work in both the public and private sector. Adept at both qualitative and quantitative data analysis, survey design, stakeholder interviews, and focus groups. Contributed to written products on system change distributed broadly to the field.

- Organizational Leadership
- Strategic Planning
- Data Analysis
- Equity Driven
- Coalition Building
- Results Based Facilitation

Employment

Senior Program Manager, Vroom
Bezos Family Foundation, Seattle, WA

October 2019-Present

Vroom is a global program of the Bezos Family Foundation which provides free, science-based tips and tools to help parents and caregivers promote child development.

- Leads Vroom team efforts to cultivate and support partnerships at the state and national level.
- Coordinates grant making strategy both domestically and internationally, also oversees measurement and evaluation approach.

Executive Director, Essentials for Childhood
Washington State Department of Health, Tumwater, WA

2017-September 2019

Statewide collective impact initiative focused on ensuring all children in Washington State thrive in safe, stable and nurturing relationships and environments.

- Led a steering committee representing over 35 organizations statewide and two active workgroups toward concrete, measurable action.
- Established initial policy priorities focused on expanding quality home visiting and piloting the Help Me Grow systems approach.
- Secured 1.1 million dollars in private funding to complement a 1.6 million dollar new federal grant to sustain and grow the scope of the initiative.
- Essentials for Childhood became a DOH section with a team of five direct reports and multiple projects focused on systems building.

Director of Policy and Partnerships
Thrive Washington, Seattle, WA

2014-2017

Public private partnership to advance high-quality early learning – with a commitment to innovation and equity – throughout Washington State.

- Director of the community momentum strategy for Washington State's ten early learning regional coalitions. Responsible for leading technical assistance approach, coordinating peer learning opportunities, evaluation, state to local coordination, guiding programmatic vision, serving as point of contact for major funders, and managing five staff.
- Responsible for the annual development of the Thrive Washington legislative agenda and lead on organizational policy development priorities.
- Primary point of contact for key state to local partnerships including the Early Learning Advisory Council and Early Learning Action Alliance.
- Focus on policy and family engagement resulted in large, multi-year investments from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the W.K. Kellogg foundation.

Community Partnerships Manager
Thrive by Five Washington, Seattle, WA

2012-2014

- In partnership with state and local organizations committed to equity, developed the Washington State racial equity theory of change in early learning, supported the advancing racial equity community of practice, developed and launched a racial equity in early learning grants strategy.
- Conceptualized and implemented an organizational shift towards a grass roots policy approach. Held a key role engaging Thrive board in the development of an externally facing set of legislative priorities.

Associate
Center for the Study of Social Policy, New York, NY

2007--2012

A national policy organization focused on creating new ideas and promoting public policies that produce equal opportunities and better futures for all children and families, especially those most often left behind.

- Tracked the performance of both New Jersey and Georgia's child welfare system. Conducted case record reviews on health care for foster youth, transitioning youth outcomes, investigative practice, shelter utilization, and mental health service availability. Responsible for writing sections of several reports distributed to the public on systemic outcomes.
- Created a learning network of jurisdictions interested in developing strategies for connecting youth and families involved with the child welfare system to economic supports. Provided onsite technical assistance to network members in Los Angeles, Wake County, and Louisville.
- Provided technical assistance to community based agencies in Los Angeles on the development of primary prevention strategies.
- Contributed to staffing and planning cross-learning forums for foundations, public agencies, and community providers.
- Assisted the Annie E Casey foundation in developing a strategic plan on implementing a model for short-term technical assistance engagements.

Project Coordinator-Best Practices

2004--2007

Prevention and Family Support, Casey Family Programs, Seattle, WA

A national foundation with a \$3 billion endowment, focused on shaping public policy and system change to improve the lives of vulnerable children and families in America.

- Created a neighborhood based collaboration to prevent child abuse and neglect in Los Angeles consisting of both governmental and community based agencies.
- Developed partnership criteria and long term planning goals for the collaborative, led staffing efforts including organizing and facilitating a local panel of community partners to select finalists for site coordinators.
- Produced long-term growth plans for the Powerful Families program, developed budgets and performance targets for emerging work.
- Facilitated focus groups in Los Angeles, New York, Texas, and Alaska to determine where gaps in social services exist nationwide for kinship caregivers.

Research Specialist

2004

Research Services, Casey Family Programs, Seattle, WA

- Conducted literature reviews for a foster care alumni study with Harvard University, and the states of Oregon and Washington.
- Reviewed SPSS and other statistical software output to design tables to present the results for a broad dissemination effort.
- Edited various alumni study reports and chapters.

EDUCATION

Master of Public Administration, Evans School of Public Affairs
University of Washington, Seattle, WA

2004

Bachelor of Science - Political Science
Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR

2001

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP**Social Venture Partners Brainerd Fellow**

2006--2007

- Selected for competitive fellowship for organization dedicated to providing volunteer professional expertise to nonprofits to promote social change.

Board Member Latino Community Fund of Washington State

2006-2007

- One of founding members of emerging nonprofit dedicated to fighting issues directly affecting Latino Communities in Washington State.

Sweetened Beverage Tax Community Advisory Board

11 Members: Pursuant to Ordinance 125324, all members subject to City Council confirmation, two and four-year terms for initial appointments, four-year terms thereafter:

- 5 City Council-appointed
- 6 Mayor-appointed

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
2	NB	N/A	1.	Food Access Representative	Jaimée Marsh	9/1/2017	8/31/2021	1	Council
3	F	2	2.	Food Access Representative	Barbara Baquero	9/1/2019	8/31/2023	1	Mayor
6	F	5	3.	Food Access Representative	Rebecca Finkel	9/1/2019	8/31/2023	1	Mayor
			4.	Community Representative		9/1/2019	8/31/2023	1	Mayor
2	F	2	5.	Community Representative	Tanika Thompson	9/1/2019	8/31/2023	1	Council
1	F	2	6.	Public Health Representative	Christina Wong	9/1/2019	8/31/2023	1	Council
3	F	4	7.	Public Health Representative	Laura Flores Cantrell	9/1/2017	8/31/2021	1	Council
6	F	1	8.	Public Health Representative	Jennifer Hey	9/1/2017	8/31/2021	1	Mayor
			9.	Public Health Representative	Paul E. Sherman	9/1/2017	8/31/2021	1	Mayor
2	F	N/A	10.	Early Learning Representative	Munira Mohamed	9/1/2019	8/31/2023	1	Council
			11.	Early Learning Representative	Dan Torres	9/1/2017	8/31/2021	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		4			1		1			2			
Council		4		1	1	3	1						
Other													
Total		8		1	2	3	2			2			

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.*

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