



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Lars W. Erickson</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Community Police Commission</i>		Position Title: <i>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: * 1/1/2023 to 12/31/2025 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Capitol Hill</i>	Zip Code: <i>98102</i>	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: <i>I have been a resident of the Capitol Hill neighborhood in Seattle for more than 15 years. I am proud member of the LGBTQ community. In 2020, I was appointed by Governor Inslee to the Washington State LGBTQ Commission. My partner of 12 years is a law enforcement officer in British Columbia, Canada. You will see on my resume below; I have extensive experience in leadership roles that frequently collaborated with law enforcement agencies. I know it is a great responsibility to be charged with ensuring public safety. That work cannot be done alone. Community participation is critical to create safe and inclusive places.</i>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): <i>Bruce A. Harrell</i> Date Signed (appointed): 3/22/2023		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.

Lars W. Erickson

Employment History:

Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, Seattle WA

Senior Vice President of Public Affairs and Communications, 2022-present

- Manage the development and implementation of government relations strategy, public affairs coalition building, and advocacy campaigns.
- Oversee the development and implementation of communications strategies that advance the Chamber's reputation as a business advocacy organization that helps its members thrive in an equitable and inclusive regional economy.

Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), Olympia, WA

Senior Director of External Relations, 2018-2022

Director of Communications, 2013-2018

- Trusted member of the WSDOT Executive Leadership Team responsible for a statewide agency of nearly 7,000 employees with a biennial budget of \$8 billion.
- Manage division of 25 WSDOT staff responsible for internal and external communications, including; headquarter based media relations, customer service, web development and content, graphics, agency brand, community outreach, and social media.
- Manage division of five WSDOT staff responsible for agency's government relations, including; local, state, federal, and tribal government coordination.
- Oversee employee development and training for 30 staff to ensure their continued professional growth and develop new leaders.
- Coordinate and facilitate WSDOT Senior Managers meetings (director level and above, 100+ participants) with focus on agency priorities of inclusion, workforce development, and process improvement.
- Draft executive messages and develop multi-platform employee engagement strategies.
- Responsible for guiding agency social media and web messaging, brand management, and graphics strategies.
- Identify emerging issues that attract critical attention from the public and policymakers.
- Liaise with Governor Inslee's office and policy advisors to ensure alignment and coordination on key strategic initiatives to ensure successful project delivery.
- Oversee ongoing WSDOT legislative and public outreach efforts for the "Connecting Washington" program- a 16-year, \$16 billion capital and maintenance initiative.
- Guided crisis communications teams related to natural/humanmade disasters and incidents (I-5 Skagit Bridge collapse, SR 99 Tunnel project, COVID-19 global pandemic).

Pierce Transit, Lakewood, WA

Public Relations Officer, 2007-2011, 2011-2013

- Member of the Pierce Transit Executive Team. Managed a team of three responsible for agency state government relations and community outreach.
- Responsible for developing and implementing strategic internal and external communications plans.
- Oversaw ongoing agency community outreach and public engagement efforts. Coordinated communications ranging from real-time service updates to detailed designs of annual community and financial reports.
- Coordinated efforts to reprioritize performance measures to align with agency goals.

Office of Governor Christine Gregoire, Olympia, WA

Press Secretary, 2005-2007

- Coordinated day-to-day media operations for the Office of Governor Christine Gregoire.
- Served as spokesperson, managed media interview requests, and drafted executive briefing materials, press releases and advisories.

Independent Consultant, Washington, DC

- Bridgestone/Firestone settlement safety campaign (2005).
- Gap Inc. Hurricane Katrina relief efforts (2005).

Kerry/Edwards 2004, Washington, DC

National Press Coordinator/Director of Election Night Media Operations, 2003-2004

- Member of 2004 Democratic Presidential Nominee Senator John Kerry's traveling staff, coordinated communications efforts between campaign headquarters and candidate.
- Directed media operations for Election Night 2004 with John Kerry and John Edwards. Established a communications center, a senior staff war room, media filing centers, and press briefing room.

New York/New Jersey Safe Roads Alliance, Alexandria, VA

Government Relations Director, 2002-2003

- Partnered with grassroot and industry advocates to improve highway safety standards.

Ashoka: Innovators for the Public, Arlington, VA

Director of Special Events, 2001-2002

- Organized "Social Entrepreneurs: An Antidote to Terrorism"- a series of town hall discussions involving Ashoka fellows, community leaders and Ashoka supporters.

Gore/Lieberman 2000, Nashville, TN

Media Coordinator, 2000

- Managed U.S. Presidential campaign communications staff providing logistics support to the media.
- Responsible for election night media operations.

Democratic National Committee, Washington, DC

Event Manager, October 1999-2000

- Prepared Democratic National Committee media briefing material for President Clinton and Vice President Gore.
- Planned political fundraising and issue advocacy events.

Education:**Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN**

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, May 1996

Volunteer:**Washington State LGBTQ Commission**

Commissioner, appointed by Governor Inslee, January 2020

- Member, economic development subcommittee.

The White House, Washington, DC

Volunteer Advance Lead, 1998-2001, 2009-2016, 2021-present

- Led planning efforts for visits by the President and First Lady of the United States. Directed local media relations, provided political guidance, and drafted briefing material.
- Represented the White House in 35 states and 18 countries on more than 60 presidential trips.

References: Available upon request.

Community Police Commission

21 Members: Pursuant to 125315, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 3

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

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
	F		1.	Member	Lars Erickson	1/1/23	12/31/25	1	Mayor
			2.	Member	Patricia L. Hunter	1/1/21	12/31/23	1	City Council
			3.	Public Defense	Adrien Leavitt	1/1/21	12/31/23	1	CPC
2	F		4.	Member	Suzette Dickerson	1/1/21	12/31/23	2	Mayor
			5.	Member	Vacant	1/1/21	12/31/23		City Council
			6.	Civil Liberties	Lynne Wilson	1/1/21	12/31/23	1	CPC
	F		7.	Member	Raven Nicole Tyler	1/1/22	12/31/24	1	Mayor
			8.	Member	Mary Ruffin	1/1/22	12/31/24	1	City Council
4	M		9.	Member	Vacant	1/1/20	12/31/22		CPC
2	F		10.	Member	Harriett Walden	1/1/19	12/31/21	3	Mayor
			11.	Member	Joel Merkel	1/1/22	12/31/24	1	City Council
7	M		12.	Member	Amante (Monty) B. Vizcaya	1/1/22	12/31/24	1	CPC
9	F		13.	Member	Vacant	1/1/22	12/31/24		Mayor
			14.	Member	Le'Jayah Washington	1/1/22	12/31/24	2	City Council
2	M		15.	SPOG	Mark Mullens	1/1/23	12/31/25	3	CPC
			16.	Member	Vacant	1/1/20	12/31/22		Mayor
3	NB	3	17.	Member	Alina Santillan	1/1/23	12/31/25	2	City Council
			18.	SPMA	Anthony Gaedcke	1/1/23	12/31/25	1	CPC
			19.	Member	Jeremy Wood	1/1/22	12/31/23	1	Mayor
			20.	Member	Tascha R. Johnson	1/1/23	12/31/25	2	City Council
2	F		21.	Member	Erica Newman	1/1/23	12/31/25	2	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		5				2		2					2
Council	1	1	1			2	1						1
Other	4	2			1	2			1	1	1		
Total	5	9	1		1	6	1	2	1	1	1		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.