



# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

## Sustainability and Renters' Rights Committee

### Agenda

Friday, July 15, 2022

9:30 AM

Council Chamber, City Hall  
600 4th Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

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Sara Nelson, Vice-Chair  
Debora Juarez, Member  
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Tammy J. Morales, Member

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*Please Note: Times listed are estimated*

A. Call To Order

B. Approval of the Agenda

C. Public Comment

D. Items of Business

1. [Appt 02268](#) **Appointment of Jessyn Farrell as Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment.**

Attachments: [Appointment Packet](#)

Supporting

Documents: [Confirmation Question Responses](#)

**Briefing, Discussion, and Possible Vote** (30 minutes)

**Presenters:** Jessyn Farrell and Adiam Emery, Office of Sustainability and Environment

2. [Appt 02269](#) **Reappointment of Debolina Banerjee as member, Green New Deal Oversight Board, for a term to April 30, 2025.**

Attachments: [Appointment Packet](#)

**Briefing, Discussion, and Possible Vote** (10 minutes for items 2-6)

3. [Appt 02270](#) **Reappointment of Emily J. Myers as member, Green New Deal Oversight Board, for a term to April 30, 2025.**

Attachments: [Appointment Packet](#)

**Briefing, Discussion, and Possible Vote**

4. [Appt 02271](#) Reappointment of Andrea Ornelas as member, Green New Deal Oversight Board, for a term to April 30, 2025.

Attachments: [Appointment Packet](#)

Briefing, Discussion, and Possible Vote

5. [Appt 02272](#) Reappointment of Deepa Sivarajan as member, Green New Deal Oversight Board, for a term to April 30, 2025.

Attachments: [Appointment Packet](#)

Briefing, Discussion, and Possible Vote

6. [Appt 02273](#) Reappointment of Jess Wallach as member, Green New Deal Oversight Board, for a term to April 30, 2025.

Attachments: [Appointment Packet](#)

Briefing, Discussion, and Possible Vote

#### E. Adjournment



Legislation Text

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**File #:** Appt 02268, **Version:** 1

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Appointment of Jessyn Farrell as Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment.

The Appointment Packet is provided as an attachment.

# City of Seattle



## Director Office of Sustainability and Environment

Confirmation Packet  
June 23, 2022

Jessyn Farrell



June 23, 2022

The Honorable Debora Juarez  
President, Seattle City Council  
Seattle City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Council President Juarez:

It is my pleasure to transmit to the City Council the following confirmation packet for my appointment of Jessyn Farrell as Director of the Office of Sustainability & Environment (OSE).

The materials in this packet are divided into two sections:

A. **Jessyn Farrell**

This section contains Ms. Farrell's appointment and oath of office forms, her resume, and the press release announcing her appointment.

B. **Background Check**

This section contains the report on Ms. Farrell's background check.

Since serving as Interim Director, Jessyn has demonstrated herself to be an accessible and approachable leader who proactively engages with environmental experts, advocates, and impacted community members to inform her work. She's brought a unified vision to the office through undertaking a comprehensive assessment of OSE's operations while consulting with experts and affirmatively visiting advisory groups, like the Green New Deal Oversight Board and the Sweetened Beverage Tax Community Advisory Board. She is prepared to implement a pioneering climate agenda, elevate communities most affected by issues of environmental justice, and help leverage millions in state and federal funds to address the climate crisis.

A long-time environmental advocate, Jessyn's career has spanned the public, private, non-profit, and philanthropic sectors as a state legislator from the 46th District in North Seattle, Executive Director of Transportation Choices and most recently as Senior Vice President at Civic Ventures. Jessyn passed ground-breaking legislation on oil-by-rail safety, affordable housing near transit centers, education funding for low-income and homeless youth, protections for pregnant workers, and restrictions to cell-phone use while driving. She also led advocacy efforts resulting in billions of dollars in regional light rail investments. With Jessyn, we have a collaborator who will work to build public consensus on difficult issues related to the environment, housing, transportation, and the economy.

I nominated Ms. Farrell as Interim Director last February. In the time since, my office consulted with stakeholders regarding her performance, including representatives from 350 Seattle, the Transit Riders Union, Community Passageways, the Housing Development Consortium, Seattle Building Trades, MLK Labor, Climate Solutions, Transportation Choices Coalition, the Green New Deal Oversight Board, and several staff members at the Office of Sustainability & Environment. The clear conclusion from stakeholders was that Jessyn is a talented and approachable change agent who maintains a bias toward action and is undaunted in the face of challenge. Review of her action-oriented work since taking the

The Honorable Debora Juarez  
Jessyn Farrell Confirmation Letter  
June 23, 2022  
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helm at OSE and the strong support shown by the affected stakeholders is the process that informed my decision to advance Ms. Farrell for your consideration today.

Jessyn Farrell is a collaborator to her core and centers the marginalized voices who are most inequitably impacted by the effects of climate change. Further, she's attuned to the need that OSE's portfolio should integrate with other departments across the City, from the Office of Housing, to the Department of Transportation, to the Office of Immigrant & Refugee Affairs, to the Department of Construction & Inspections. She is prepared to push the envelope (and the bureaucracy) to advance winning solutions on climate.

I trust that after reviewing Jessyn's application materials, meeting with her, and following the thoughtful review of her credentials and vision through Councilmember Sawant's Sustainability & Renters' Rights Committee, you will find that she is the perfect choice to serve as permanent Director of the Office of Sustainability & Environment.

If you have any questions about the attached materials or need additional information, Chief Equity Officer Adiam Emery would welcome hearing from you. I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce A. Harrell".

Bruce A. Harrell  
Mayor of Seattle



# SECTION

## A



**City of Seattle**

Mayor Bruce Harrell

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June 12, 2022

Jessyn Farrell  
Seattle, WA  
Transmitted via e-mail

Dear Jessyn,

It gives me great pleasure to appoint you to the position of Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment at an annual salary of \$168,000.

Your appointment as Director is subject to City Council confirmation; therefore, you will need to attend the Council's confirmation hearings. Once confirmed by the City Council, you serve at the pleasure of the Mayor.

Your contingent offer letter provided employment information related to the terms of your employment, benefits, vacation, holiday and sick leave.

I look forward to working with you in your role as Director and wish you success. We have much work ahead of us, and I am confident that the Office will thrive under your leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bruce A. Harrell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bruce A. Harrell  
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Seattle Department of Human Resources file



# City of Seattle Department Head Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Jessyn Farrell</i>		
<b>City Department Name:</b> <i>Office of Sustainability and Environment</i>		<b>Position Title:</b> <i>Director</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Appointment</b> OR <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Reappointment</b>		<b>Council Confirmation required?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Appointing Authority:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Specify appointing authority</i>		<b>Term of Office:</b> <i>City Council Confirmation to Mayor's Discretion</i>
<b>Legislated Authority:</b> <i>Seattle Municipal Code Section 3.14.960</i>		
<b>Background:</b> <p>Since serving as Interim Director, Jessyn Farrell has demonstrated herself to be an accessible and approachable leader who proactively engages with environmental experts, advocates, and impacted community members to inform her work. She's brought a unified vision to the office through undertaking a comprehensive assessment of OSE's operations while consulting with experts and affirmatively visiting advisory groups, like the Green New Deal Oversight Board and the Sweetened Beverage Tax Community Advisory Board. She is prepared to implement a pioneering climate agenda, elevate communities most affected by issues of environmental justice, and help leverage millions in state and federal funds to address the climate crisis.</p> <p>A long-time environmental advocate, Jessyn's career has spanned the public, private, non-profit, and philanthropic sectors as a state legislator from the 46th District in North Seattle, Executive Director of Transportation Choices and most recently as Senior Vice President at Civic Ventures. Jessyn passed ground-breaking legislation on oil-by-rail safety, affordable housing near transit centers, education funding for low-income and homeless youth, protections for pregnant workers, and restrictions to cell-phone use while driving. She also led advocacy efforts resulting in billions of dollars in regional light rail investments. With Jessyn, we have a collaborator who will work to build public consensus on difficult issues related to the environment, housing, transportation, and the economy.</p>		
<b>Date of Appointment:</b> <i>6/23/2022</i>	<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b> 	<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <i>Bruce A. Harrell</i> <i>Mayor</i>



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OATH OF OFFICE

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State of Washington

County of King

I, Jessyn Farrell, swear or affirm that I possess all of the qualifications prescribed in the Seattle City Charter and the Seattle Municipal Code for the position of the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment; that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Washington, and the Charter and Ordinances of The City of Seattle; and that I will faithfully conduct myself as the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment.

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Jessyn Farrell

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk



# JESSYN FARRELL

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## PROFILE

Jessyn Farrell, J.D., is a leader in building public consensus on difficult issues related to the environment, housing, transportation, and the economy. With over 20 years of experience in the public, private, philanthropic and non-profit sectors Jessyn emphasizes listening, creative-thinking and data-based decision-making to find solutions that meet community objectives.

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Dec. 2017-Present: Civic Ventures, Seattle, WA**

For a policy incubator, lead policy development on the economy, housing, homelessness, childcare and tax reform. Served as Community Lead for Governor Jay Inslee's Safe Work and Economic Recovery Task Force, which has resulted in a comprehensive set of recommendations related to small business support, worker safety, infrastructure investments and preservation of the social safety net. In this capacity played a key role in the development and launch of the \$30 million WA Recovery Fund to support BIPOC small business. Member of Sound Communities, a multidisciplinary effort to massively scale affordable housing around transit centers. Participated in the Pearl Jam Home Shows "Banding Together to Fight Homelessness" Advisory Committee and provided messaging and policy feedback throughout process. Create original content for a variety of social media channels, including co-host of the Pitchfork Economics Podcast and host of Civic Action Live. Regular contributor to local media outlets including KUOW and Crosscut.

### **2013-June 2017: WA State Representative, 46<sup>th</sup> District Seattle, WA**

As a legislator, served on the Transportation (Vice Chair), Rules, Environment, and Commerce and Gaming committees. As Transportation Vice Chair participated as member of the negotiating team for the approximately \$6 billion biennial budget, including oversight of WSDOT, DOL and WSP agency budgets. Legislation passed includes measures to: restrict cell phone use while driving; protect pregnant workers; improve the safety of oil transport by rail safety; increase educational enhancements for at-risk, homeless and foster youth by \$500m; invest in bicycle, pedestrian and transit infrastructure; streamline permitting; improve transit agency coordination; and ground-breaking legislation to provide low-income housing near transit stations. Provided constituent services including advocacy, conflict resolution and mediation with government entities, and assistance with navigation of political and agency processes.

### **2011-2013: Independent Consultant, Seattle, WA**

As an independent consultant, emphasized listening, creative thinking and data-based decision-making to find solutions that met client objectives. Services provided included mediation, facilitation, public relations, strategic planning, and fundraising. Past clients include Citizen University, City Club Seattle, and Pierce Transit.

### **2009- 2011: Pierce Transit, Lakewood, WA**

As Strategic Advisor to the CEO (May 2009 to Feb 2011) and Public Relations Officer (Feb 2011 to Sept 2011) and part of the Agency's executive team managed all aspects of media and public relations on sensitive and high-profile issues such as major service reductions, public employee compensation and benefits, labor relations and capital facility projects. Directed all aspects of federal, state and local government relations, secured \$2 million in federal funding and \$1.8 million in state funding, and improved coordination with local and regional partners on transit-related transportation and land-use issues. Assisted in compliance with Title XI and NEPA requirements as well as the successful development of federal, state and regional grant applications. Advised the CEO and mentored employees on public involvement, communications, board engagement, conflict resolution, and staff development.

Directly engaged influential leaders and elected officials to create and develop support for the agency's mission and strategy, resulting in the delivery of more efficient and effective services based on community values such as racial justice, economic equity and transit efficiency. Mediated community conflicts with agency on a variety of issues including bus stop placement, noise and nuisance, use of transit centers, and service delivery.

### **2005-2008: Transportation Choices Coalition, Seattle, WA**

As Executive Director (Oct 2005 - Dec 2008) and Development Director (June 2005 - Oct 2005) transformed a small non-profit into one of Washington's most effective transportation advocacy groups. Built broad coalitions of business, labor, public health and environmental leaders to successfully advocate for common goals resulting in over \$25 billion in new funding for bus and rail transit, trip reduction incentives, and walking and bicycle infrastructure. Led negotiations for environmental community on major decisions such as the SR 520 Bridge replacement, and Sound Transit's successful Phase 2 ballot measure. Developed creative solutions to reach consensus and advance environmental goals. Secured legislative victories on cutting-edge policies including congestion pricing, commute trip reduction, climate change, and transportation planning reform. Developed effective partnerships between various stakeholder groups, grassroots activists and elected officials resulting in the passage of seven local and regional transportation funding measures. Significantly improved organizational internal capacity by creating strong financial systems, cultivating board leadership, and recruiting and retaining a high-quality staff. Developed high-impact fundraising program, with significant increases in foundation, major donor and corporate support of organizations.

### **2004-2005: Washington Public Interest Research Group, Seattle, WA**

As Transportation Advocate, developed WashPIRG's transportation policy program to reduce the health and environmental impacts of automobile emissions. Researched and created policy solutions, and directed related political strategy, grassroots organizing, legislative lobbying, media work, and fundraising. Provided key environmental leadership in the passage of the 2005 Transportation Partnership Act.

### **1999-2000: The Princeton Review Amherst, MA**

As Course Operations Director, directed educational services for over 2,500 students including test preparation, academic tutoring, and college advising. Managed staff of fifty teachers and support personnel. Taught the GRE, LSAT, MCAT, and SAT.

### **1996-1998: The Youth Tutoring Program, Seattle, WA**

As Teacher/Site Coordinator (1997-1998) and AmeriCorps Member (1996-1997), coordinated after-school tutoring center for 80 high-risk students in Seattle Public Housing. Managed and trained 120 volunteers in tutoring activities. Organized community events, and managed media relations, in-kind fundraising, and volunteer recruitment.

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## **EDUCATION**

**Juris Doctor, Boston College Law School, 2003 Newton, MA**  
**Bachelor of Arts, University of Washington, 1996 Seattle, WA**

### **Internships**

- **Summer 2003: Pickett, Mayares, and Harrington PLLC Boston, MA:** As an associate, assisted with land use and municipal law practice including discovery and drafting client correspondence.
- **Summer 2002: Alternatives for Community and Environment Boston, MA:** As a Legal Intern for environmental justice organization, conducted legal and factual research on land use and zoning law, and assisted attorneys with litigation strategies and community outreach. Assessed the impacts of a major new transportation project in the Boston area on low-income communities and developed an advocacy position.
- **Fall 2002: International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, The Hague, Netherlands:** As a Legal Intern for the Office of the Prosecutor, assisted in the investigation and prosecution of war crimes. Drafted indictments, sentencing briefs, and trial motions. Analyzed evidence in preparation for suspect interviews. Engaged in research projects on military and political matters, and on legal issues using case law from a variety of international jurisdictions.
- **Fall 2001: Suffolk Superior Court, Boston, MA:** As a Legal Intern, assisted with research and editing of handbooks for community members on pro se litigation and alternative dispute resolution.

- **Summer 2001: Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions, Boston, MA:** As a Legal Intern, analyzed proposed streamlining of the NEPA process for transportation projects. Created environmentally-sound highway design guidelines on low-volume rural roads. Guidelines were subsequently adopted by MassHighway. Drafted memoranda on the Endangered Species Act, and on highway safety, speed, and design.

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## **PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS**

**Current** – Community Passageways Board member • Trust for Public Lands, Advisory Board member • Member of Washington State Bar; **Past** – Anti-Defamation League NW, Board member • Puget Sound Regional Council of Governments Transportation Policy Board • Sound Transit Citizens Oversight Panel • Pierce County Planning Commission • Pierce Conservation Voters Board Co-Chair



## Press Release

For Immediate Release

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## Mayor Bruce Harrell Announces New Leadership at Offices of Sustainability and Environment, Economic Development, and Department of Neighborhoods

*New appointments include Jessyn Farrell at OSE, Markham McIntyre at OED, and Greg Wong at DON*

**Seattle** – Today, Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell announced the appointment of three new members of his Cabinet.

Former State Representative Jessyn Farrell will lead the Office of Environment and Sustainability, taking over for Interim Director Michelle Caulfield, who will return to the office as deputy director. Farrell will be tasked with implementing a pioneering climate agenda, elevating communities most impacted by issues of environmental justice, and helping to leverage millions in state and federal funds to address the climate crisis.



“Jessyn Farrell understands Seattle must set the example for the nation as a bold, climate-forward City that leads by partnering with underrepresented communities too often left out,” **said Mayor Harrell.** “Jessyn will bring the ambitious policy ideas and experience, needed collaborative approach, and vision grounded in a true commitment to environmental justice necessary to make the most of this moment and ensure a healthy Seattle environment today and for future generations.”

Markham McIntyre will serve in the Office of Economic Development, leading the agency with a focus on small business support, workforce development, and equity initiatives – specifically focused on growing contracting opportunities, improving access to capital, and removing barriers to success.

“Ensuring a true pandemic recovery means supercharging our Office of Economic Development, and Markham has the experience, energy, and shared vision needed to make that possible,” **said Mayor Harrell.** “I’ve heard time and again that small and local businesses want an accessible department focused on equity, innovation, and outcomes. Markham is the right leader to make the most of COVID recovery investments and work with Seattle businesses to drive real economic development that benefits our entire community.”

Harrell is appointing Greg Wong to lead the Department of Neighborhoods, tasking the experienced community leader with driving local engagement, coordinating neighborhood strategies citywide, and charting a future direction for a City full of unique, vibrant, and welcoming neighborhoods.

“Greg Wong is exactly the kind of analytical, community-focused leader we need at our Department of Neighborhoods,” **said Mayor Harrell.** “Together, we will redefine what makes a ‘good neighborhood’ – working to ensure every community in Seattle has strong access to affordable housing, good jobs and successful small businesses, great schools, safe streets, robust parks, and a true feeling of inclusivity. Greg’s demonstrated work ethic and values-driven approach, along with his long record of local leadership and community partnership, make him well equipped to lead this work.”

“I want to thank Directors Pamela Banks, Michelle Caulfield, and Andrés Mantilla for their service to our City during exceptionally challenging times – we owe them each a debt of gratitude,” **said Mayor Harrell.** “I’m proud of the Cabinet and leadership team of our administration. We are striving every day to showcase Seattle’s diversity through an array of backgrounds and life experiences, driving better representation for all.”

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### **What People Are Saying**

**Michelle Caulfield, Interim Director, Office of Sustainability and Environment**

"It's been my honor to step up during this time of transition and lead an incredible team dedicated to advancing climate action and environmental justice. I couldn't be more excited to welcome -- and work alongside -  
- Jessyn Farrell, whose policy leadership and comprehensive approach to the issues in front of us will drive urgent action, help leverage state and federal funds, and take the Office of Sustainability and Environment to the next level."

**Jaebadiah Gardner, Founder, GardnerGlobal**

"Seattle's small businesses – especially those owned and operated by Black and Brown and under-considered communities – need attention and support from their local government to succeed and thrive. Markham understands the existing and emerging needs facing small businesses, and how action drives true equity and wealth building. He is well equipped to deliver needed help with consistency, creativity, and urgency and will be a strong advocate and needed voice for women- and minority-owned businesses at the Office of Economic Development."

**Marie Kurose, Chief Executive Officer, Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King County**

"Markham McIntyre has been a tremendous collaborator with our team at the Workforce Development Council and our network of partners. He exhibits an expansive and inclusive leadership style that will be critical to advancing equitable and innovative economic development strategies that align with the needs of businesses and workers in Seattle and our region. I look forward to continued partnership with Markham to increase access to quality jobs and address deep racial disparities."

**Michelle Merriweather, CEO and President, Urban League**

"Mayor Harrell is building a power bench within the City of Seattle. Markham's appointment as the Director of Office of Economic Development is no different. I am excited to continue to work with Markham to expand opportunities for small businesses, especially businesses led by people of color. What he brings to the City from the Chamber is invaluable; from the relationships with businesses of all sizes, compassion, and the intentionality to lean in, listen, learn, and support. The Office of Economic Development is in good hands at such an important time in our City."

**Erin Okuno, Executive Director, Southeast Seattle Education Coalition**

“Greg has a long history and commitment to social justice; it is evident in his work, leadership, and volunteer services. I believe he will harness these relationships and experiences to boost and support Seattle's neighborhoods.”

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**Interim Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment Jessyn Farrell**

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**Interim Director of the Office of Economic Development Markham McIntyre**

Markham McIntyre was born and raised in Seattle on Capitol Hill. Before joining OED, he was the Executive Vice President at the Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, where he led economic development, equity partnerships, and regional outreach. Prior to working at the Chamber, Markham worked for then-Congressman Jay Inslee and, before that, he was a farmer in East King County. He’s passionate about Seattle sports, being outdoors, and supporting our local businesses. He lives with his wife, Alexa, and two kids, Grace and Bo, in Madrona, a few miles away from where he grew up.



**Interim Director of the Department of Neighborhoods Greg Wong**

Greg Wong is a community leader and attorney experienced in addressing a diverse array of complex issues that impact our lives. As a lawyer, his work included preventing gun violence, ensuring investments in our people and public services, creating more just and equitable economic and educational systems, and numerous other issues. A recipient of the Seattle Council PTSA's Golden

Acorn Award and Seattle Public School's Citizen Service Award, Wong has led school levy campaigns, helped establish the City's high-quality, affordable preschool program, and served in executive board roles with several community nonprofits. Before becoming an attorney, he worked locally in homeless and affordable housing services, was an eighth-grade science teacher in the Mississippi Delta, and coordinated a tutoring center for children living in public housing. Born and raised in Seattle, he has a deep love for the City's unique neighborhoods and a deep belief in the people of Seattle's ability to create vibrant, thriving, and safe communities for everyone. Wong lives in Southeast Seattle with his wife and children.

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## **SECTION**

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# City of Seattle

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## Seattle Department of Human Resources

Kimberly Loving, Interim Director

**March 16, 2022**

TO: Adam Schaefer, City Budget Office

FROM: Annie Nguyen, Seattle Department of Human Resources

SUBJECT: Background check for Jessyn Farrell

The Seattle Department of Human Resources has received a copy of **Jessyn Farrell** background check provided by Global Screening Solutions. There were no findings that would impact their employment eligibility.

Cc: Personnel File

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Seattle Department of Human Resources

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## Responses for Jessyn Farrell, Interim Director, Office of Sustainability and Environment

1. Why do you think leaders, including local and national elected officials, have failed to take meaningful action to address the climate crisis, despite the most dire warnings from scientists?

In spite of the overwhelming scientific consensus about the climate emergency and the broad public support for urgent action, we, as a society, have failed to take meaningful action in large part because of the systemic power of the fossil fuel industry. As a former legislator, I saw firsthand how the fossil fuel industry is coddled with tax preferences, lax regulation and even constitutional requirements that limit gas tax dollars to car-centric highway projects.

In addition, the fossil fuel industry has leveraged 50 years of trickle-down economic policy (which is based on tax cuts for the wealthy, deregulation for the powerful and wage suppression for workers) to claim that job losses and business closures will accompany any responsible carbon legislation, using an avalanche of money for well-paid lobbyists and political dollars to stifle initiatives to combat climate change.

Fortunately, in Seattle we have found the keys to unlocking progress on climate – by taking the economic fight head-on with the Green New Deal and flipping the trickle-down narrative upside down. Instead of the tired argument that environmental regulations kill jobs, the Green New Deal focuses on investing in workers and the green economy. Rather than promoting sacrifice and austerity (as the fossil fuel industry would claim environmental regulations will bring), the Green New Deal fosters broad-based economic security through investments that create a diverse, equitable green economy that works to benefit those who have been historically and currently most harmed by racial, social, and environmental injustice.

By investing in workers and low-carbon fields of employment, we protect the environment and strengthen the economy at the same time. I am looking forward to working with the great team at OSE and the Green New Deal Oversight board to support citywide, regional and state partnerships to advance clean energy career pathways, training, economic development, and WMBE growth in the clean energy sector to accelerate meaningful action to equitably address the climate crisis.

2. What role do you see for the Office of Sustainability and Environment towards reducing Seattle's greenhouse gas emissions?

Seattle has long been a leader and pioneer on the environment – from passing landmark policies to reduce carbon pollution and innovative programs that prioritize environmental justice to ensure healthy and resilient communities -- and OSE has been key to that effort. I see OSE as playing a lead role in reducing climate emissions and more specifically, leading with climate justice to ensure those most harmed by racial, economic, and environmental injustice have access to investments, economic opportunity, and decision-making.

As interim Director of OSE I have been working across departments and with OSE staff to create a coherent climate agenda that rests on three foundational pillars: building a clean energy economy, reducing climate pollution, and building healthy communities. My hope is that these pillars will guide our work on climate change by considering root causes, current impacts, and future planning for a healthy and resilient city. In the near term, we can make progress on all of these pillars through work that is happening right now across the city.

For example, OSE is leading the efforts to reduce carbon pollution and support a just transition away from fossil fuels by decarbonizing our buildings and transportation sectors. We are working to ensure every new building is all-electric, and existing buildings get retrofitted to replace dirty fossil fuels with cleaner electricity. Seattle has led the way by passing one of the strongest energy codes in nation, we support building owners with low and no cost “Tune-ups” that increase efficiency, and we will launch a new policy for commercial and multi-family buildings and municipal decarbonization strategy soon.

On the transportation side, we have committed to reducing transportation emissions so that 100% of shared mobility, 90% of personal trips, and 30% of goods and delivery are zero emissions by 2030. To meet these goals, OSE is working with SDOT to ensure we are investing in walking, biking, transit, and electrifying everything that moves people, goods and services.

The bottom line is that we have many of the right tools in place and now the challenge is to rapidly scale up our investments to achieve our climate justice goals.

The good news is that we know how to make major investments in our city and region. We can use the investments in regional transit as a guide, which I worked on firsthand, as the Executive Director of Transportation Choices Coalition helping pass ST2 and as a legislator helping write and pass the legislation that authorized ST3 with an aspirational vision that was scaled to the size of the crisis.

As the Director of OSE, I will be committed to making the same case for transformational climate investments in our city and region based on the three pillars of a clean energy economy, reducing climate pollution and building healthy communities.

3. The Office of Sustainability and Environment has many areas of work from administering food programs to analyzing building energy standards. What changes would you make to the work of the department, if any?

I would like to build on OSE’s strong track record of centering Race and Social Justice in our climate, environmental, and food access work. This means leading with environmental and climate justice to ensure those most harmed by racial, economic, and environmental injustice aren’t left behind and are part of the solution.

For example, OSE this year is focusing on advancing Seattle’s Equity & Environment Agenda by investing in community-led climate and environmental actions through Environmental Justice Committee and Environmental Justice Fund and King Conservation District Seattle Community Partnership grants (~\$1M in grants). We are aligning and coordinating emerging, existing, and planned projects, programs, and investments to implement community priorities outline in the Duwamish Valley Action Plan to advance racial justice, resilience, economic opportunity, and equitable development. We are also working with



an interdepartmental and multi-stakeholder effort to release Seattle's Food Action Plan, a bold roadmap for a just, sustainable, and resilient food system.

While there is comprehensive and robust work happening at OSE to center race and social justice there are additional goals I would like to pursue as Director such as increasing the diversity of OSE's staff to further Seattle's Workforce Equity (WFE) Initiative which is the "City's commitment to eliminate racial disparities and achieve equity for the City's employees." This initiative contextualizes the race and social justice problems for workforce issues that are of interest to OSE including targeted recruitment, minimizing bias in employment decisions, employment pathways, and leadership development programs.

Since the initiative's launch, yearly updates are provided to ensure accountability to City employees and the community about the implementation of the WFE Strategic Plan. The latest report, [2021 Work Force Equity Update Report](#), highlights representation of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) as the "lowest bar" of WFE. While BIPOC populations collectively made up 42% of the City's workforce in 2020, OSE's BIPOC representation has remained around 25% since 2020. To address this disparity in representation, I would like to implement one of the recommendations of OSE's Change Team to hire a consultant to assist us with recruitment so that we have a diverse hiring pool in all of our hiring processes. Additionally, we will assess any organizational culture changes we should make to assist with retention of all staff, especially BIPOC staff members.

Overall, our work streams are furthering our goals of achieving climate justice and health, resilient communities. The challenge now, as outlined in question 2, is that we need to scale our work to address the climate crisis and meet community needs whether it is around healthy food access, green economy pathways, investments to reduce carbon emissions, or community resilience in the face of a changing climate. This will take more resources put into our programs as well as the necessary staff and administrative capacity necessary to support expanded programming. Fortunately, we are in a moment of expanded state and federal resources and my job, as Director of OSE, will be to grow the office strategically in keeping with our goals and in a way that fosters a thriving and impactful staff. In the near term this means taking several actions to leverage more resources: developing clear funding priorities that include phased funding amounts so that we can tailor our funding requests to the amount of funding available, creating staff capacity to apply for state, federal and philanthropic grants, coordinating funding requests across departments and other jurisdictions, and continuing to innovate policy concepts and develop strategic partnerships so that we are well-positioned to take advantage of emerging opportunities.



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Reappointment of Debolina Banerjee as member, Green New Deal Oversight Board, for a term to April 30, 2025.

The Appointment Packet is provided as an attachment.



# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Debolina Banerjee</i>		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> <i>Green New Deal Oversight Board</i>		<b>Position Title:</b> <i>Environmental Justice Representative</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment	<b>City Council Confirmation required?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
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<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>University District</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> <b>98105</b>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Background:</b> Driven by the value that the path to an ideal Green New Deal can be achieved by following principles of Just Transition, Debolina Banerjee played a key role in the core GND coalition group that advocated for Seattle’s GND resolution and oversight in 2019. Debolina rallied for GND principles to center the needs and voices of environmental justice communities, and helped write the resolution and ordinance.  As an organizer with Puget Sound Sage, Debolina has supported a Green New Deal for Seattle because they believe that it can serve as a visionary and multi-issue policy that can build bold steps to end Seattle’s climate pollution, commit to transitioning to a fully renewable energy grid, create safe living wage jobs, affordable housing, affordable and accessible public transportation, community-controlled development and corporate accountability. Debolina believes that we are in unprecedented times with a pandemic raging in the world, the consequences of climate change looming upon us and a nation politically divided on racial and economic justice values.  As an Oversight Board member, Debolina intends to use her skills and experience in organizing, research and policy analysis to push for decisions that can lead us towards the goal of achieving racially just and equitable outcomes on climate and environment in Seattle, and create rooted and resilient communities in the face of climate change. As a longtime climate and economic justice advocate, and as a new mom, Debolina is committed to channel her energy in building a future that we are proud to pass on to our future generations.		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b>  <b>Date Signed (appointed):</b>	<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <i>Kshama Sawant</i> <i>Seattle City Councilmember</i>	

## Debolina Banerjee



Debolina is the Climate Justice Policy Analyst at Puget Sound Sage. Her responsibilities include research-based analysis of climate policies, campaign support on climate justice issues, and building power within Sage's local and statewide climate coalitions.

Debolina played a key role in some of Sage's major climate campaigns and policy-advocacy like the WA State Initiative 1631, WA State Environmental Disparities mapping project, City of Seattle Green New Deal resolution and ordinance to name a few. Most recently she co-authored Sage's latest community-based-research report Powering the Transition that highlights how the low-income communities of color in South Seattle and South King County perceive energy policies and are impacted by them.

Her research experience spans across various climate issues, namely energy, transit-oriented development, displacement, and environmental impact on low-income communities and communities of color.

She is a current member of the King County Climate Equity Taskforce and recently completed her term at the City of Seattle Environmental Justice Committee where she was a member since 2017.

An immigrant from India, Debolina is also a volunteer with Association for India's Development where she has been involved since 2009 at various chapters in India and the USA. She maintains strong ties with grassroots activists and marginalized communities in India through her work in organizing for social justice around food, sustainable agriculture, clean environment, community development and women's empowerment.

Debolina holds a Master's degree in Applied Environmental Studies in Planning from the University of Waterloo and a Master's Degree in City Planning from the Indian Institute of Technology.

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Reappointment of Emily J. Myers as member, Green New Deal Oversight Board, for a term to April 30, 2025.

The Appointment Packet is provided as an attachment.



# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Emily J. Myers</i>		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> <i>Green New Deal Oversight Board</i>		<b>Position Title:</b> <i>Labor Union Representative</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment <b>OR</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		<b>City Council Confirmation required?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Appointing Authority:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Green New Deal Oversight Board</i>		<b>Term of Position: *</b> 5/1/2022 <b>to</b> 4/30/2025  <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>Neighborhood</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> <b>98102</b>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Background:</b> Emily Myers is currently the Staff Organizer and serves as an elected Executive Board Member for UAW 4121, where she develops and implements organizing strategies and membership engagement for 6,000 Academic Student Employees and Postdocs at the University of Washington to build collective power, advocate for fair working conditions, equitable higher education, and social justice. She co-facilitates their local's Political Workgroup, Climate Justice Workgroup, and Communications Workgroup, which organizes around and advocates for climate justice at the intersection of labor and climate. She works to develop union members to be leaders on climate and worker issues.		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b>  <b>Date Signed (appointed):</b>		<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <i>Kshama Sawant</i> <i>Seattle City Councilmember</i>

# Emily J Myers, PhD

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- Staff Organizer, UAW 4121, Seattle WA** 01/2020-Current  
Develop and implement organizing strategies and membership engagement for 6,000 Academic Student Employees and Postdocs at the University of Washington to build collective power, advocate for fair working conditions, equitable higher education, and social justice. I co-facilitate our local's Political Workgroup, Climate Justice Workgroup, and Communications Workgroup.
- Research Project Manager, UW Department of Pharmacology, Seattle WA** 09/2013 – 12/2019  
Develops, plans, and executes academic research on Parkinson's disease. Maintained and operated mass spectrometers, trained 5 graduate and undergraduate students, coordinated and led 4 collaborative projects with multiple labs and consulted for researchers across departments. I have presented my data at a conferences and contributed to two manuscripts.
- Course Director, UW Department of Pharmacology, Seattle WA** 08/2016 - 06/2017  
Developed new curriculum and led graduate course on career skills, communication, and literature review in collaboration with faculty.
- Project Coordinator and Researcher, USC, Los Angeles CA** 10/2011 - 09/2013  
Managed and coordinated DNA biorepository for multi-center Women's Interagency HIV Study, led collaborations with researchers, disseminated and analyzed genomic data, contributed to grants and manuscripts

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## EDUCATION

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- University of Washington, Seattle, WA** 2019  
**Ph.D., Pharmacology**
- University of California Irvine, Irvine, CA** 2011  
**Bachelor of Science: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Dean's Honors List 2010-2011**

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## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

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- Trustee and Executive Board Member, UAW 4121** 2018 - Present
- Delegate, MLK Labor Council** 2018 - Present
- Treasurer and Co-Founder, Washington Science Policy Network** 2018 - Present
- Policy Director and Board Member, Seattle 500 Women Scientists** 2016 - Present
- Seattle City Council Candidate** 01/2019-08/2019

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## ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE & AWARDS

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- Speaker- AAAS Symposium, Scientists in Elected Office** 2020
- Speaker- NASEM Summit on Sexual Harassment, Collective Action Against Harassment** 2019
- Path To Power 2019, WA State Labor Council** 2019
- Bipartisan Civic Engagement Initiative – Funded by Research America to host Candidate Forum** 2018
- Travel Award – Funded to attend National Science Policy Symposium** 2018
- ASBMB Sponsored Student – Capitol Hill Day for Science Advocacy** 2018
- Graduate Class of 2018 – Emerge Washington** 2018



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Reappointment of Andrea Ornelas as member, Green New Deal Oversight Board, for a term to April 30, 2025.

The Appointment Packet is provided as an attachment.



# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Andrea Ornelas</i>		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> <i>Green New Deal Oversight Board</i>		<b>Position Title:</b> <i>Labor Union Representative</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment <b>OR</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		<b>City Council Confirmation required?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>Neighborhood</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> <b>98003</b>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Background:</b> Andrea Ornelas is currently the Assistant Political Director for Member Outreach and serves on the Executive Board for Laborers Local 242 where she works with membership to organize events in the community around our elected leaders. Andrea has helped uplift community voices and leadership working with MLK Labor Council through a series of educational workshops, focused on Economic Recovery & Unions and Anti-Racism/Policing Forums. She also volunteers through the ANEW Pre-Apprenticeship program as a diversity speaker on economic empowerment, mentoring teens and adults seeking information about union trades.		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b>  <b>Date Signed (appointed):</b>		<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <i>Kshama Sawant</i> <i>Seattle City Councilmember</i>

# ANDREA ORNELAS

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Enthusiastic employee eager to contribute to team success through hard work, attention to detail and excellent organizational skills. Motivated to learn, grow and excel in leadership roles promoting diversity in the work place, community and beyond.

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## WORK HISTORY

**ASSISTANT POLITICAL DIRECTOR Membership Outreach**, 02/2021 to Current

**LABORERS LOCAL 242 - DESMOINES, WA**

Work with membership to organize events in the community around our elected leaders.

**Executive Board Member**, 08/2020 to Current

**LABORERS LOCAL 242 - DesMoines, WA**

- Developed and implemented new strategies and policies in collaboration with executive partners to establish and achieve long-term business objectives, providing company with strong and sustainable organizational leadership.

**Ambassador** , 01/2020 to Current

**ANEW - Tukwila, WA**

- Mentored students and adults about harassment, how to prevent it and how to overcome certain situations.
- Supported interaction between 20+ apprentices during group work activities using guided conversation.

**FOR-WOMAN LABORER**, 07/2016 to 02/2021

**Walsh Construction Co. - TACOMA, WA**

- Led Erosion control crew, including planning work and distributing daily assignments.
- Managed communication between team members, preventing costly and dangerous errors.
- Observed workers and quickly identified problems, implementing corrective actions to eliminate work errors.
- Trained new laborers in crew procedures and specific work such as

## CONTACT



## SKILLS

- Compassion
  - Verbal and written communication
  - Adaptability
  - Planning and Coordination
  - Leadership
  - Excellent work ethic
  - Public speaking
  - Cultural awareness
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maintaining best management practices and testing quality of water in catch basins.

- Maintained ideal safety standards and consistently low accident record.
  - Handled all issues with relative ease by implementing best practices and applying critical thinking skills to find best solutions.
  - Attended 24 on-site meetings with subcontractors and clients per month.
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## EDUCATION

High School Diploma, 06/2007

**Federal Way High School** - Federal Way, WA

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## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

ANEW PRE-APPRENTICESHIP. 2017-PRESENT.

DIVERSITY SPEAKER. ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

- Mentor teens and adults seeking information about union trades
- Set up, decorate and clean for fundraising or events

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT in Partnership with Public Agencies.

2018-2021

- Outreach and recruitment.
- Personal and career mentorship of union trades apprentice candidates and apprentices.

\*Public Agencies consists of City of Seattle, City of Tukwila, Sound Transit, King County and WSDOT.

PRIORITY HIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Engage with organizations in the community
- Develop strategies for enrolling youth into training programs

MLK LABOR COUNCIL

- Facilitate break out room forums
- Brainstorm ideas to create discussion for community and leaders in a safe space

CO-CHAIR KING COUNTY DEMOCRATS LABOR OUTREACH COMMITTEE

- Recruit persons to join KCD and become elected Precinct Committee Organizers for their LD.
  - Organize events to help pass legislation beneficial to our members
  - Help draft questionnaires for candidate interviews
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Reappointment of Deepa Sivarajan as member, Green New Deal Oversight Board, for a term to April 30, 2025.

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# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Deepa Sivarajan</i>		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> <i>Green New Deal Oversight Board</i>		<b>Position Title:</b> <i>Member</i>
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<b>Appointing Authority:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Green New Deal Oversight Board</i>		<b>Term of Position: *</b> 5/1/2022 to 4/30/2025  <input type="checkbox"/> Serving remaining term of a vacant position
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>Capitol Hill</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> <b>98108</b>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Background:</b> Deepa Sivarajan is currently the Washington Policy Manager for Climate Solutions where she develops policies for local governments and institutions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from buildings, with a current focus on decarbonizing the built environment. She works within coalitions such as Shift Zero and with statewide and community partners including Stand.Earth, Front & Centered, Sierra Club, NW Energy Coalition, Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility, Mazaska Talks, Washington Environmental Council, citizens for a Healthy Bar, Sunrise Tacoma, People for Climate Action, 250 Seattle, and more. Through coordination with the Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) and the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE), she helped advocate for the passage of the strong commercial energy code this year that eliminates most fossil fuel usage in new commercial and large multifamily buildings. She also advocated for the Seattle Public School Board to pass a clean energy resolution that commits the district to operating with 100% clean energy by 2040, along with a strong coalition of students, educators, parents and other environmental advocates.		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b>  <b>Date Signed (appointed):</b>		<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <i>Kshama Sawant</i> <i>Seattle City Councilmember</i>



## Deepa Sivarajan

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### EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

#### **Climate Solutions**

*Washington Policy Manager*

July 2020 to present

*Seattle, WA*

- Develops policies for local governments and institutions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from buildings, with a current focus on decarbonizing the built environment
- Works closely with local elected officials and staff, as well as the Climate Solutions field team, to advocate for such policies, provide resources and education for governments, and uplift community voices
- Convenes stakeholder groups to inform policy decisions, including local and regional elected officials and staff, climate advocates, environmental justice organizations, labor, and more
- Creates written materials to spread awareness and educate public and grassroots about building decarbonization, including blog entries, fliers, memos, and social media
- Works within coalitions such as Shift Zero and with statewide and community partners including Stand.Earth, Front & Centered, Sierra Club, NW Energy Coalition, Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility, Mazaska Talks, Washington Environmental Council, Citizens for a Healthy Bay, Sunrise Tacoma, People for Climate Action, 350 Seattle, and more

#### **EnviroIssues**

*Project Manager*

February 2017 to July 2020

*Seattle, WA*

- Managed outreach for capital and planning projects with public agencies in western Washington by developing and implementing communications strategies and public engagement programs
- Worked extensively with public sector clients focusing on transportation and urban planning, including Seattle Department of Transportation, Seattle Office of the Waterfront & Civic Projects, Washington State Transportation Commission, Kitsap Transit, City of Sammamish, Washington State Ferries, and more
- Oversaw staff on projects and managed project budgets, scopes, schedules, and deliverables
- Collected community feedback from stakeholder committees, surveys, community meetings, online engagement, and more; analyzes results and advises clients on incorporating input into public planning
- Developed informational materials including web content, social media, brochures, and more
- Served as liaison to media outlets; wrote press releases and produced press events to announce milestones
- Produced two to four large-scale public events and 20-30 smaller briefings or stakeholder meetings per year
- Received two promotions within three years to grow from Project Coordinator to Project Manager

#### **The Sierra Club**

*Associate Organizing Representative*

July 2013 to August 2014

*Seattle, WA*

- Led field organizing for the Wild Olympics Campaign; represented Sierra Club within coalition of conservation organizations working to secure protections for forests and rivers in the Olympic Peninsula
- Managed volunteers from local Sierra Club chapter to gather petition signatures and raise awareness
- Secured campaign endorsements from 14 new local businesses, organizations, and community leaders
- Organized and held 12 large outreach events to gather support; tabled at 23 festivals and fairs

#### **Organizing for America Washington**

*Campaign Staffer/Field Organizer*

May to November 2012

*South King County, WA*

- Led get-out-the-vote efforts for President Obama's reelection in Washington's 30<sup>th</sup> Legislative District
- Recruited, trained, and managed three volunteer teams with over 40 regular volunteers
- Coordinated with community leaders in Federal Way, Auburn, Algona, Des Moines, and Pacific
- Planned and held seven volunteer trainings, 11 rallies, and over 100 phone banks and canvasses

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## INTERSHIP EXPERIENCE

**The National Women's Law Center**  
*Communications Intern*

January to May 2012  
*Washington D.C.*

- Led project to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the passage of Title IX, focusing on women in STEM
- Researched and interviewed women who had personal stories about how Title IX affected their lives

**Office of U.S. Senator Patty Murray**  
*Outreach and Legislative Intern*

June to December 2011  
*Seattle and Washington D.C.*

- In Seattle, worked with community leaders and small business owners on issues related to immigration
- Assisted the King County Outreach Director with scheduling, drafting emails, and making phone calls
- In D.C., assisted Legislative Aide in charge of immigration issues; wrote memos on policy briefings
- Led tours of the Capitol building for visitors from Washington state; answered constituent phone calls

**Washington Conservation Voters**  
*Communications Intern*

June to August 2009  
*Seattle, WA*

- Filmed and interviewed candidates for municipal positions on their environmental platforms
- Created a website to track candidates and positions; generated interest for primary election on social media

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## EDUCATION

**Columbia University**  
• M.A. in Climate & Society

Awarded October 19, 2016  
*New York, NY*

**Georgetown University**  
• B.A. in Government and Women's & Gender Studies

Awarded May 19, 2012  
*Washington D.C.*

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## RELEVANT LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

**Seattle Parks District Oversight Committee – Member**

July 2019 to present

**Northwest Abortion Access Fund – Funding Hotline Advocate**

July 2019 to present

**Tasveer – Co-Producer of Tasveer South Asian LitFest**

January 2020 to present

**South Asians Building Accountability & Healing – Collective Member**

January 2020 to present

**Seattle LGBTQ Commission – Commissioner and Secretary**

October 2017 to October 2020

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## SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Certification from International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) in Planning & Techniques
- Graduate coursework in climate statistics, climate policy and law, climate management and adaptation, environmental justice, public health and climate change, and water resources and climate change
- Undergraduate coursework in comparative politics, U.S. political systems, international relations, political theory, gender studies, queer theory, development studies, postcolonial theory, critical race theory
- Working proficiency in Spanish; conversational Tamil



# Green New Deal Oversight Board

**19** Members: Pursuant to Ordinance 125926, members subject to City Council confirmation, three-year terms:

- **8** City Council – appointed
- **8** Mayor – appointed
- **3** Other Appointing Authority – appointed: **Green New Deal Oversight Board**

**Roster:**

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1	F	2	1.	Member	Maria Batayola	5/1/20	4/30/23	1	Mayor
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4	M	1	5.	Member (Tribal Representative)	Ken Workman	5/1/20	4/30/23	1	Mayor
1	F	3	6.	Member (Age 16-25)	Kristina Chu	5/1/20	4/30/23	1	City Council
2	M	3	7.	Member (Age 16-25)	Tyler Valentine	5/1/20	4/30/23	1	Mayor
2	F	n/a	8.	Member	Hibo Sahal	5/1/20	4/30/23	1	Board
2	M	2	9.	Environmental Justice Representative	Dennis Comer	5/1/20	4/30/23	1	Mayor
1	F	4	10.	Environmental Justice Representative	Debolina Banerjee	5/1/22	4/30/25	2	City Council
1	F	2	11.	Environmental Justice Representative	Eunice How	5/1/22	4/30/25	1	Board
1	M	7	12.	Labor Union Representative	Peter Hasegawa	5/1/22	4/30/25	1	Mayor
6	F		13.	Labor Union Representative	Emily J. Myers	5/1/22	4/30/25	2	City Council
	F		14.	Labor Union Representative	Andrea Ornelas	5/1/22	4/30/25	2	City Council
6	M		15.	Labor Union Representative	Keith Weir	5/1/22	4/30/25	2	Mayor
6	F	6	16.	Member	Jess Wallach	5/1/22	4/30/25	2	City Council
6	F	4	17.	Member	Nina A. Olivier	5/1/22	4/30/25	1	Board
1	F	3	18.	Member	Deepa Sivarajan	5/1/22	4/30/25	2	City Council
6	M	5	19.	Workforce Training Representative	Steve Gelb	5/1/22	4/30/25	2	Mayor

**SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART**

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<b>Council</b>	1	7			3		1	2		2			
<b>Other</b>		3			1	1				1			
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Legislation Text

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Reappointment of Jess Wallach as member, Green New Deal Oversight Board, for a term to April 30, 2025.

The Appointment Packet is provided as an attachment.



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<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>Greenlake</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> <b>98115</b>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Background:</b> As one of the community organizers who co-launched the campaign for Seattle’s Green New Deal in 2019 and subsequently championed the GND Oversight Board, Jess Wallach is deeply invested in the success of this body and ready to get to work building its policy muscle and influence.  Jess has three years experience leading local and regional campaigns to stop the buildout of fossil fuel infrastructure, in a hybrid role that spans policy development, convening regional learning networks and community organizing. Jess believes that climate justice isn’t just about stopping the harm --it’s also investing in transformative solutions at the intersections of equity, environment and economic justice. In her role as a Seattle GND campaigner, Jess has organized in coalition to craft and pass the City’s Green New Deal resolution; to win a progressive revenue measure that equitably funds GND solutions like affordable housing and transitioning low-income homes off fossil fuels (Tax Amazon/JumpStart Seattle); to mobilize community power behind the recent Energy Code updates and more. Jess also brings a regional/national lens to the local Green New Deal work, through connections to coalitions like the national Green New Deal Network and as part of an emergent, informal network of campaigners working on city-level Green New Deals across the US.  Jess represents 350 Seattle, a climate group that’s aligned with local movements for social, economic and racial justice. 350 plays an important role in the local climate movement, advocating for what science and justice demand even when it’s not politically easy.		
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## Jess Wallach

Campaigns Co-Director, 350 Seattle June 2018 -Present

Volunteer April 2017 – Oct 2018

- Create and manage powerful grassroots campaigns which advance climate justice goals
- Build external relationships that support our campaigns, including partnerships with organizations and individuals doing similar work; City elected officials and staff; and relevant coalitions.
- Lead campaign policy research and development, and contribute to the development of regional community-based learning networks.
- Solidarity organizing with local movements for social, economic and racial justice.

Statewide Organizer, Integrity Washington (Yes on I-1464)

Seattle, WA Sept. 2016- Nov. 2016

- Coordinated field organizing team, including campaign strategy, professional development for peer organizers, volunteer outreach and voter engagement.
- Engaged over 9,000 voters in 2.5 months through events, door-knocking and phone banking.

Climate Justice Fellow, Puget Sound Sage

Seattle, WA Sept. 2015 – 2016

- Co-authored "Our People, Our Power, Our Planet" report on the Climate Justice Project, a community-based participatory research project in South Seattle.
- Facilitated community engagement workshops, strategy sessions and research as part of the Equity and Environment Initiative
- Created, implemented and evaluated an action-oriented Climate Justice Curriculum which connected climate change with local food, housing, transportation and health equity issues.

Small Planet Fellow, Small Planet Institute

Seattle, WA Dec. 2014 – Sept. 2016

- Research, editing and collaborative writing for World Hunger: 10 Myths by Francis Moore Lappé.
- Led development, implementation and evaluation of supporting workshops and resources, with a focus on food justice, climate change and democracy.

AmeriCorps Service Member, WithinReach

Seattle, WA Sept. 2013- July 2014

- Conducted bilingual outreach and application assistance in English and Spanish for over 700 low-income Washington residents seeking food and health resources.

Volunteer Organizer, Real Change

Seattle, WA Sept. 2012- May 2014

- Planned and co-facilitated the Cross-Class Listening Circles project, which used storytelling to build cross-class relationships and engage participants in advocacy for economic justice.

- Coordinated the Real Change Economic Justice Film Series, which brought over 300 people together to learn about and reflect on economic inequality in the U.S.

## EDUCATION

MA.Ed, Urban Environmental Education  
Antioch University, Sept. 2016

B.A., Geography, College and Departmental Honors  
University of Washington, June 2013

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