




# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Zubin Rao</i>		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> <i>Seattle Design Commission</i>		<b>Position Title:</b> <i>Architect</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment <i>OR</i> <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 type="checkbox"/> City Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	<b>Term of Position: *</b> 3/1/2026 to 2/29/2028  <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>	
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>Madison Park</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> <i>98122</i>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Background:</b> Zubin is an Associate with Miller Hull, a Seattle-based Architecture and Planning firm. Zubin brings over 15 years of architectural practice experience, having successfully contributed to a broad array of project types and scales across design, management, and technical roles. He specializes in solving community enhancement and sustainability goals for public sector clients, leading with multidisciplinary dialog and stakeholder communication to deliver high design quality. Zubin's recent experience has been increasingly focused on sheparding projects from the early stages of concept design through design development while managing the entitlements process and other permitting efforts. As a design critic, Zubin has served on studio reviews at multiple universities and has been a noteworthy voice in shaping the design trajectory of many Miller Hull projects through his consistently thoughtful contributions to weekly Design Panel discussions. Zubin is a founding member of Miller Hull's Equity Lab and a member of the firm's hiring panel.		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b> 	<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <i>Katie B. Wilson</i> <i>Mayor of Seattle</i>	
<b>Date Signed (appointed):</b> <i>2/6/2026</i>		

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



**PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATIONS**  
Registered Architect: State of Washington

**EDUCATION**  
Master of Architecture,  
University of Michigan, 2007

Bachelor of Arts with Honors in  
Philosophy, University of Michigan, 2003

**AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES**  
*Member*  
American Institute of Architects (AIA)

**Guest Critic**  
Studio Reviews for Various Universities:  

- University of Washington, Seattle
- Washington State University
- University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

**Presentations**  
"Effective Fire Station Planning for Compact Sites," F.I.E.R.O. National Fire Station Design Symposium, 2022

"Renovation of Tacoma Paper & Stationery," Construction Specifications Institute, Mt. Rainier Chapter, April 2018

"Sustainable Design and the LEED Rating System," Guest Lecturer, Energy Engineering 552—Design of Energy Efficient Buildings, University of Illinois, Chicago, February 2009, 2010

## ZUBIN RAO

**The Miller Hull Partnership, LLP**  
AIA, Associate, LEED AP

Zubin brings over 15 years of architectural practice experience, having successfully contributed to a broad array of project types and scales across design, management, and technical roles. He delights in solving for the unique community enhancement and sustainability goals typical of public sector clients and believes that enthusiastic multidisciplinary dialog and stakeholder communication is the key to delivering finished projects of a consistently high design quality. Zubin's recent experience has been increasingly focused on shepherding projects from the early stages of concept design through design development while managing the entitlements process and other permitting efforts. As a design critic, Zubin has served on studio reviews at multiple Universities and has been a noteworthy voice in shaping the design trajectory of many Miller Hull projects through his consistently thoughtful contributions to weekly Design Panel discussions.

### Selected Recent Project Experience

#### ***City of Seattle Fire Station 31, Seattle, WA (2020-2025)***

Project Manager for a new 3-story, 22,600 square foot fire station facility. Successfully led the project from early concept design through design development and managed a complex Type V MUP entitlement process including Seattle Design Commission review.

#### ***City of Bellevue Meydenbauer Bay Park Phase 2 Expansion, Bellevue, WA (2023-2024)***

Project manager for concept design and schematic design phase architectural development. Miller Hull is working as a subconsultant to a Landscape Architecture firm and contributing to a tightly integrated, multidisciplinary design process on a complex, steeply-sloped shoreline site.

#### ***Bates Technical College Fire Service Training Facility, Tacoma, WA (2023-2026)***

Design phase project manager for a new firefighter training facility that includes both classroom spaces and firefighter training props. Progressive Design-Build delivery method will provide best value solutions for this highly technical project that must also embody design excellence and function as a new campus gateway.

#### ***University of Washington Building Renewal Program, Seattle, WA (2023-2024)***

Project Manager for a novel strategic planning effort that will seek to greatly reduce the deferred maintenance burden of the University's existing building stock while advancing the University's master plan. Project will develop custom data visualization and decision-making tools for ongoing use by University leadership.

#### ***City of Bothell Fire Stations 42 and 45, Bothell, WA (2019-2023)***

Design phase project manager for two completely new fire stations and associated interim operating accommodations under a single Progressive Design-Build contract.

#### ***Northwest Langley Wastewater Treatment Plant, Langley, BC (2017-2023)***

Architectural design and sustainability lead project manager for the indicative design of an approximately billion dollar wastewater treatment facility that includes park-like community amenities and public art components.

#### ***United States Consulate General, Merida, Mexico (2019)***

Designed the entry pavillion buildings, canopies, and recreational elements of a new consulate compound that serve as key components that establish the image of the facility and connectivity throughout the site.

#### ***University of Washington Hans Rosling Center for Population Health, Seattle, WA (2017-2018)***

Contributed to the design of key lobby and common interior spaces for this interdisciplinary hub building intended to foster increased collaboration amongst the various health sciences schools.

#### ***Tacoma Paper and Stationery, Tacoma, WA (2014-2017)***

Project architect from predesign through closeout for an adaptive reuse conversion of a historic warehouse into a multidisciplinary student-focused building housing biomedical labs, electrical engineering labs, classrooms, teaming spaces and a maker space.

### Additional Projects

- 333 Dexter, Office Tower Construction Administration, Seattle, WA (2018)
- Crawford Music Building Renovation, Energy Upgrades, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, WA (2015)
- Otto Miller Hall Renovation, Interior Remodel, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, WA (2014)
- Sparc Apartments, Workforce Housing, Spring District, Bellevue, WA (2012-2014, with GGLO Architects)
- Hope Manor, Affordable Veteran Apartments, Chicago, IL (2009-2011, with Worn Jerabek Architects)

# Seattle Design Commission

The Seattle Design Commission advises the Mayor, City Council, and City departments on the design and environmental implications of City funded projects, projects seeking long-term or permanent use of a right of way, or public projects seeking City approval. The Commission is comprised of 10 members, as established by Seattle Municipal Code Section 3.58. Members serve a two-year term and are eligible for two consecutive terms. All members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. A Chair is also appointed on each year. The Chair is selected by Commissioners for appointment by the Mayor and confirmation by the Council for a one-year term.

New appointments are **bold**, reappointments in underline.

## Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	M	3	1.	Urban Planner	Ray Gastil	3/1/25	2/28/27	1	Mayor
4	M	2	2.	Get Engaged	Eric Alipio	9/1/25	8/31/26	1	Mayor
<u>6</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3.</u>	<u>Engineer (Civil/Transportation)</u>	<u>Brian Markham</u>	<u>3/1/26</u>	<u>2/29/28</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Mayor</u>
8	F	3	4.	At-large	Shirin Masoudi	3/1/25	2/28/27	1	Mayor
<u>1</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5.</u>	<u>Architect</u>	<u>Zubin Rao</u>	<u>3/1/26</u>	<u>2/29/28</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Mayor</u>
6	F	5	6.	Landscape Architect/ <b>*Chair (1 year appointment)</b>	<b>Phoebe Erin Bogert</b>	<b>*3/1/26</b> 3/1/25	<b>*2/28/27</b> 2/28/27	2	Mayor
6	M	2	7.	Architect	Ben Gist	3/1/25	2/28/27	2	Mayor
<b>1</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8.</b>	<b>Urban Designer</b>	<b>Tatum Lau</b>	<b>3/1/25</b>	<b>2/28/27</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Mayor</b>
6	M	6	9.	Transportation Planner/	Kevin O'Neill	3/1/25	2/28/27	2	Mayor
<u>6</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>10.</u>	<u>Fine Artist</u>	<u>Kate Clark</u>	<u>3/1/26</u>	<u>2/29/28</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Mayor</u>

## SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

	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	6	4			2			1		6		1	
Council													
Other													
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>2</b>			<b>1</b>		<b>6</b>		<b>1</b>	

## 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.*