



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Daya Zhang</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners</i>		Position Title: <i>City Council District 2</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Term of Position: * N/A to 3 years from City Council confirmation <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>	
Residential Neighborhood: Columbia City	Zip Code: 98118	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
<p>Background: A licensed architect with a decade of experience in capital project management, Daya Zhang is excited to bring her professional experience – as well as her experience as a new parent – to contribute to the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners. Since moving to Seattle six years ago, the city’s parks and recreation facilities have been a vital part of Daya’s life. An avid jogger and biker, Daya notes that Seward Park, Hing Hay Park, and the Amy Yee Tennis Center have become integral components in her family’s experience, and have deepened her appreciation for how interconnected and impactful the park system is in supporting health, joy, and mobility.</p> <p>Daya says, “The mission of Seattle Parks and Recreation resonates with my values and personal journey. I would be honored to support its work as a commissioner, helping ensure that Seattle’s parks remain welcoming, inclusive, and responsive to the needs of all communities.” Her expertise and passion for healthy, thriving community will be a welcome and valuable addition to the BPRC.</p>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date Signed (appointed): 07/28/25	Appointing Signatory: <i>Joy Hollingsworth</i> <i>Seattle City Councilmember</i>	

EXPERIENCE

Aug 2018 to Present

Project Architect | Perkins&Will | Seattle, WA

- Engaged in all phases of office, lab and healthcare projects, including scheduling, consultant selection, design, permitting, construction, closeout, and warranty.
- Led construction administration of a new office tower and tenant improvements, including change orders, field directives, and contingency management.
- Coordinated with owners and consultants to optimize building energy efficiency.
- Mentored staff and provided oversight of assignments.

Jun 2014 to Jun 2016

Project Designer & Manager | Lubrano Ciavarra Architects | Brooklyn, NY

- Performed floor plan layout and furnishing selection for residential and educational projects.
- Oversaw selection and coordinated activities of vendors, contractors, and consultants.
- Negotiated and administered consultant contracts.

Jun to Aug 2013

Assistant Town Planner | Jin Town Government | Kaihua, China

- Led public library facility assessment, establishing scope, schedule, and budget for renovation.
- Worked with committees and community groups during scoping and design.

Jun to Aug 2012

Intern Architect | Jurgen Johner Architekten | Hamburg, Germany

- Collaborated with engineers and developed renovation proposal for the local TV Tower.

ACTIVITIES

Sep 2019 to May 2022

Freelance Work | Vancouver, BC

- Led an Accessory Dwelling Unit project in Vancouver from concept to construction.
- Established and monitored project budgets and schedules.

Jan to Sep 2017

Research Assistant | Urban Mobility Lab at MIT | Singapore and Cambridge, USA

- Led research on autonomous vehicles' impacts on urban forms.
- Surveyed and gathered public feedback on last mile ridesharing service in Singapore.

EDUCATION

2016 to 2018

Master of Science in Architecture and Urbanism | Massachusetts Institute of Technology

2009 to 2014

Bachelor of Architecture + Minor in Finance | Syracuse University

CERTIFICATES

2024 to present

Google Project Management | Certificated by Google

2024 to present

Living Future Accreditation | International Living Future Institute

2018 to present

Registered Architect | Certified by State of Washington

2016 to present

LEED AP Building Design + Construction | U.S. Green Building Council

HONORS

2019

Honorable Mention | Buildner Architecture Competitions

Awarded to a distinguished design proposal for Iceland Volcano Museum.

2017

Studio Prize | ARCHITECT Magazine

Awarded to an urban design studio for transforming a former mining region in Poland.

SKILLS

Software

Adobe Suite, ArcGIS, AutoCAD, Microsoft Office, Procore, Python, Revit, Rhino

Language

English, Mandarin

BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

15 Members: Pursuant to Ordinance 126380, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms:

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

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	M	1	1.	At-Large	Ryan Baum	5/14/24	5/13/27	1	Mayor
6	F	3	2.	At-Large	Jane C. Stonecipher	N/A	3 years from City Council confirmation	1	Mayor
6	M	4	3.	At-Large	Steve Lerer	5/14/24	5/13/27	1	Mayor
6	M/O	3	4.	At-Large	Kevin Werner	N/A	3 years from City Council confirmation	1	Mayor
6	M	1	5.	Get Engaged	Brian Bakker	9/1/25	8/31/26	1	Mayor
2	F	4	6.	Commission Seat	Tricia Diamond	5/14/24	5/13/27	1	Mayor
1	M	7	7.	Commission Seat	Phillip Meng	9/26/23	9/25/26	1	Mayor
1	F	4	8.	Commission Seat	Whitney Nakamura	5/14/24	5/13/27	1	Mayor
			9.	City Council Dist. 1					City Council
1	F	2	10.	City Council Dist. 2	Daya Zhang	N/A	3 years from City Council confirmation	1	City Council
6	M	3	11.	City Council Dist. 3	John Flinn	5/14/24	5/13/27	1	City Council
6	F	4	12.	City Council Dist. 4	Elise Chisholm Clare	9/17/24	9/16/27	1	City Council
2	M	5	13.	City Council Dist. 5	Ammanuel Haile-Luel	7/16/24	7/15/27	1	City Council
			14.	City Council Dist. 6					City Council
2	M	7	15.	City Council Dist. 7	Stafford Mays	4/1/22	3/31/25	1	City Council

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	4	4	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
Council	3	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Other													
Total	7	6	0	1	3	3	0	0	0	7	0	0	0

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.