



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Cara Kadoshima Vallier</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Housing Levy Oversight Committee</i>		Position Title: <i>Mayor representative</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:	Term of Position: * 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2030 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>	
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Ravenna</i>	Zip Code: <i>98115</i>	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: <i>Cara Kadoshima Vallier is an Operations Manager for the Mayor's Office working for the Deputy Mayor of Housing and Homelessness. Her work is cross-cutting and involves interdepartmental efforts to address issues surrounding homelessness and housing. She has worked on matters pertaining to legislation, funding for affordable housing development, and planning at the City of Seattle since 2019. Cara has an MPP (Master of Public Policy) from the University of California, Los Angeles.</i>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): <i>Bruce A. Harrell</i> Date Signed (appointed): 11/21/2023	Appointing Signatory: <i>Bruce A. Harrell</i> <i>Mayor</i>	

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

Professional Experience

Operations Manager, Office of the Mayor, City of Seattle. March 2022 - present. Shepherd ideas and proposals from departments into objectives and outcomes. Evaluate and assist in development and implementation of policies to address the complex issues of affordable housing and the City's response to homelessness under leadership of the Deputy Mayor of Housing and Homelessness. Prepare presentations and decision memos for Mayoral review on policy proposals and legislation. Represent the Mayor's Office on the [Housing Levy Oversight Committee](#), assist in development of successful 2023 Levy renewal, coordinate Comprehensive Plan actions with OPCD and Mayor's Office, track state legislative agenda, assist with Council Relations; interim project management of interdepartmental Unified Care Team development.

Legislative Aide for Seattle City Councilmember, City of Seattle. November 2019 - February 2022. Develop priorities and champion legislative solutions, research and perform outreach to key stakeholders, craft informed talking points in areas including economic development, homelessness, housing, technology, and education. Managed equity-focused [Internet for All Resolution](#) implementation, drafted pragmatic amendments to improve complicated renter's rights legislation; efficiently guided large body of Surveillance Ordinance SIR reports; constituent responses, U District BIA renewal.

Executive Assistant to Bill and Paula Clapp. 2017- November 2019. Managed charitable contributions for active philanthropists. Conducted system oversight, research, events, board preparations. Initiated improved cross team communication, liaison with funder organizations: SIF, Seattle Foundation, Stolen Youth, and Global WA.

Policy Analyst/Paralegal, Tupper Mack Wells. 2008 - 2016. Focused on data and analysis of local, state, and national policy and governmental agency decisions regarding land use, environmental issues, and shoreline matters for public and private clients. Researched legal decisions and policy, permitting, and legislation. Oversaw firm communications.

Policy Consultant, McCabe & Company. 2002 - 2006. Advised and represented a wide range and variety of governmental and private entities on contentious land use and environmental matters throughout the permitting process before the California Coastal Commission, a statewide regulatory body. Provided skillful expertise in public policy analysis, land use planning and strategy development on client teams with city managers, planners, and developers.

Political Fundraiser, Morgan & Associates. 1999 - 2000. Coordinated events for progressive candidates in Los Angeles. Tracked goals, oversaw volunteer team for environmental and LGBTQ leader's successful campaign for State Sen. Sheila Kuehl; Led successful campaign for Fran Pavley (retired CA State Sen.), champion of climate/environmental issues.

Paralegal, City of Seattle City Attorney's Office, Civil Division. 1992 - 1997. As the Environmental Protection Section's sole paralegal, managed \$40 million Superfund cost recovery action for Midway landfill; developed computer database for complex litigation; participated in successful mediation and settlement negotiations with over 20 parties. Conducted research for Tort lawsuits; assisted with challenges to City legislation at the Court of Appeals. Played key role in jury selection *voir dire* in Superior Court cases.

Education

University of California, Los Angeles. **Master of Public Policy**. Student Government Leader, Departmental Honor: *Outstanding Leadership*. Contributor to visiting professor VP Al Gore's book "Joined at the Heart" for cultural policy and preservation of the Japanese-American community and history in West LA.

University of Washington. **Bachelor of Arts in Sociology**. Recipient of leadership and academic scholarships, including from Japanese American Citizens League (Seattle Chapter JACL).

Professional Development

Short Course on Local Planning, 2021 an overview of the complex mix of land use planning laws that work together to support land-use decision-making in Washington state re comprehensive planning and plan implementation under the Growth Management Act. Public disclosure liaison lead **Washington Association of Public Records Officers, 2021**.

Boards and Commissions

Northwest Girl Choir. Equity and Outreach Committee, Seattle. 2016-2021.

The Wild and Scenic Institute. Board of Directors, and Annual Hike, Bike & Boat event, Seattle. 2009-2017. Capacity building advisor, plan programs for disadvantaged youth, including unsheltered, refugee & at-risk youth.

Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters (LALCV). Board of Directors, Los Angeles. 2005-2006. Worked with community groups to determine local "green goals" and environmental justice initiatives.

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). Implementation Task Force, City of Los Angeles. 2003-2004. Appointed by now-Mayor (then-Councilmember) Garcetti to provide policy guidance regarding implementation of equal rights ordinance in City of LA departments.

Little Tokyo Service Center. Board of Directors. Los Angeles. 2002-2005. Cultural and Community Preservation Research Committee. Focused on heritage preservation of the Japanese-American community in LA.

Volunteer Roles

Keynote panelist in 2023, mentor in 2022 and 2021 at World Affairs Council Young Professionals International Network (YPIN) **Annual International Women's Day Speed Mentorship event**. **Parent Association Representative**, 2006-2019. **StolenYouth**. Annual Event Volunteer, 2017-2019 **InvestEd**. Annual Event Volunteer, 2013-2017. **Neighborhood Legal Clinic**. Intake and Referral for Free Legal Help, 1994-1996. **Central Area Youth Association** (CAYA). Tutor and Database Administrator, 1992-1993.

Housing Levy Oversight Committee

Thirteen Members: Pursuant to Ordinance 126837, all subject to City Council confirmation.

- 6 City Council-appointed
 - Position 8 (City employee): Seven-year term
 - Positions 9 and 10: Two-year terms*
 - Positions 11, 12, and 13: Three-year terms
- 7 Mayor-appointed
 - Position 1 (City employee): Seven-year term
 - Position 2, 3, and 4: Two-year terms*
 - Positions 5, 6, and 7: Three-year terms

*Subsequent appointees to the Oversight Committee shall each serve for a term expiring three years after the expiration of the initial term for the position.

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
9	F	4	1.	Mayor representative	Cara Kadoshima Vallier	1/1/24	12/31/30	1	Mayor
6	F	3	2.	Member	Ann T. Melone	1/1/24	12/31/25	1	Mayor
6	F	6	3.	Member	Dan Wise	1/1/24	12/31/25	1	Mayor
3	F	5	4.	Member	Denise Rodríguez	1/1/24	12/31/25	1	Mayor
2	F	5	5.	Member	Patience M. Malaba	1/1/24	12/31/26	1	Mayor
1	M	3	6.	Member	Joel C. Ing	1/1/24	12/31/26	1	Mayor
4	M	N/A	7.	Member	James W. Lovell	1/1/24	12/31/26	1	Mayor
6	F	N/A	8.	Council representative	Traci A. Ratzliff	1/1/24	12/31/30	1	Council
2	F	2	9.	Member	Febben Fekadu	1/1/24	12/31/25	1	Council
9	F	4	10.	Member	Sunaree Marshall	1/1/24	12/31/25	1	Council
2	F	N/A	11.	Member	Andrea Caupain Sanderson	1/1/24	12/31/26	1	Council
6	M	N/A	12.	Member	Noah Fay	1/1/24	12/31/26	1	Council
1	M	2	13.	Member	Paul H. Park	1/1/24	12/31/26	1	Council

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	2	5	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	1
Council	2	4	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	1
Other													
Total	4	9	0	0	2	3	1	1	0	4	0	0	2

Key:

*D List the corresponding Diversity Chart number (1 through 9)

**G List gender, M= Male, F= Female, T= Transgender, NB= Non-Binary O= Other U= Unknown

RD Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A

Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.