



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Andrea Lino</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission</i>		Position Title: <i>Member</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment	City Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> City Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission</i>	Term of Position: * 01/01/2026 to 12/31/2028 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>	
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Rainier Valley/District 2</i>	Zip Code: <i>98118</i>	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: Andrea Lino is a supervising attorney at the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, where she has practiced for almost a decade. She received a Master of Laws from the University of Washington in 2015, and her law degree from the Rafael Landívar University School of Law in 2013. She is on the board of the Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network.		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): <i>Katie B. Wilson</i> Date Signed (appointed): 03/23/2026	Appointing Signatory: <i>Katie B. Wilson</i> <i>Mayor of Seattle</i>	

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

BAR ADMISSIONS

- **Washington State Bar Association**
- **Guatemala Bar Association**

EDUCATION **University of Washington School of Law**, Seattle, WA *Master of Laws (LL.M.)*,
General Law, June 2015

- **Honors:** Top five score in Immigration Law course
- **Final Paper:** *The Intersection of the Immigration and Criminal System in the United States: Reinforcing Immigration Law Violations as Civil Offenses*

Rafael Landívar University School of Law, Guatemala City, Guatemala *Degree in Legal and Social Sciences (J.D. Equivalent)*, September 2013

- **Honors:** *Cum Laude* (2007–2009); Academic Excellence Recognition (2007–2011)
- **Published Thesis:** *International Legal Framework: The Universal System and the Inter-American System Regarding the Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples*

LEGAL EXPERIENCE **Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP)**, Tacoma & Seattle, WA
Supervising Attorney, Detained Immigrant Advocacy (DIA) (June 2018 – Present)

- Lead NWIRP's first unrestricted, direct-representation unit for detained individuals in Tacoma.
- Supervised and mentored more than 15 legal staff members across multiple periods, including serving as Acting Directing Attorney for nine months during leadership leave.
- Oversaw and provided guidance on more than 100 immigration court hearings conducted by staff attorneys.
- Represented approximately 80 individuals in merits hearings and numerous others in diverse immigration matters, including bond hearings, parole requests, motions to terminate (based on removability and suppression grounds), motions to reopen, petitions for review, status adjustments, U-Visas, T-Visas, and affirmative asylum/refugee applications.

Staff Attorney, Legal Orientation Program (LOP) (August 2015 – May 2018)

- Conducted "Know Your Rights" presentations in English and Spanish for thousands of individuals in immigration custody.
- Provided individualized orientations, prepared applications for relief, and drafted *pro se* motions for hundreds of detainees.
- Delivered direct representation for clients in removal proceedings.

Legal Extern, Asylum Unit (January 2015 – April 2015)

- Researched legal issues, drafted appellate briefs, and prepared applications for relief.
- Managed casework for an affirmative asylum application and a T-Visa application.

New Beginnings, Seattle, WA *Bilingual Community Program Advocate* (September 2014 – January 2015)

- Supported and fiercely advocated for survivors of domestic violence.
- Prepared *pro se* documents for family law and immigration cases.
- Identified the need for, and successfully established, a Spanish-language support group.
- Facilitated weekly meetings for hundreds of Spanish-speaking survivors of domestic violence.

Justice Administration Center, Santiago Atitlán, Sololá, Guatemala *Legal Intern* (August 2012 – February 2013)

- Represented clients *pro bono*, alongside a supervising attorney, in family, property, and labor disputes within the Tz'utujil-speaking indigenous community.
- Drafted legal briefs, appeared in mediations, and accompanied domestic violence survivors to petition for protective orders.

Ministry of Education, Guatemala City, Guatemala *Legal Advocate* (2010 – 2012)

- Investigated reports of student rights violations by conducting site visits and interviewing involved parties.

PRO BONO & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- **Board Member**, Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network (WAISN) (December 2021 – January 2025)
- **Volunteer Mentor**, Big Brothers Big Sisters Program (2019 – Present)
- **Volunteer Mentor**, Seattle Public Library (2017 – 2019)
- Supported refugees in improving English proficiency and preparing for employment applications and interviews.
- **Volunteer Teacher**, Guatemalan Institute of Radio-phonetic Education (IGER) (2007 – 2012). Instructed working teenagers and adults, providing an alternative education program to earn their degrees.

SKILLS

- **Languages:** Fluent in English and Spanish (Native); Bicultural.
- **Professional:** Leadership, legal mentorship, complex problem solving, team building, and active listening.

Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission

7 Members: Pursuant to Seattle Municipal Code 3.70.020, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms:

- 3 Mayor- appointed
- 3 City Council- appointed
- 1 Other Appointing Authority: Commission

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
1	F	3	1	Member	Anita Khandelwal	1/1/24	12/31/26	1	Mayor
6	M	3	2	Member	Evan M. Smith	1/1/25	12/31/27	1	City Council
6	M	5	3	Member	Kai Smith	1/1/25	12/31/27	1	Mayor
2	F	3	4	Member	Vivian Vassall	1/1/25	12/31/27	1	Commission
6	M	7	5	Member	Jonathan Schirmer	1/1/26	12/31/28	1	City Council
3	F	2	6	Member	Andrea Lino	1/1/26	12/31/28	1	Mayor
2	M	3	7	Member	Bobby Forch	1/1/24	12/31/26	1	City Council

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

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	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	1	2			1		1			1			
Council	3					1				2			
Other		1				1							
Total	4	3			1	2	1			3			

Key:

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

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

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

Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.