



## City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Herb Krohn</i>		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> <i>Seattle Freight Advisory Board</i>		<b>Position Title:</b> <i>Member</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Appointment</b> OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Reappointment</b>		<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>Fill in appointing authority</i>		<b>Term of Position: *</b> 6/1/2025 <b>to</b> 5/31/2027  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>University/Roosevelt</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> <i>98105</i>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Background:</b> <i>Herb Krohn has an extensive background in rail and currently works as a freight railroad conductor and switch person. Herb is also an active member of the rail workers union and possesses a deep expertise regarding goods movement flow in rail and intermodal facilities.</i>		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b>    <b>Date Signed (appointed):</b> 9/8/2025		<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <i>Rob Saka</i> <i>Councilmember</i>

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

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**QUICK SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Skilled in conveying complex information to public officials and special interest groups.
- Team building, leadership, and cooperative problem-solving abilities joined with pragmatic and grounded interpersonal skills, resulting in successful conclusions/results.
- Proven ability to establish and maintain excellent working relations with governmental officials.
- Proficient legislative advocacy techniques and strategic reasoning skills, able to quickly ascertain situations with necessary flexibility to maximize effectiveness.
- Expertise in community affairs and public policy development.
- Excellent professional reputation for objectivity, and sincerity as well as a cooperative easygoing disposition.
- Extensive research, legal, investigatory, and interviewing skills.
- Recognized for extensive participation in and contributions to community organizations, government, and private industry.
- Impeccable reputation for honesty, integrity, dedication, accountability, and commitment.
- Experienced in monitoring, analyzing and tracking local, state, and federal legislative activity.
- Reputation for tenacity, persistence, dedication and professionalism in pursuing & achieving legislative & policy goals with very limited resources, even against the opposition of extremely powerful entities with unlimited financial resources.

**SUMMARY OF 35+ YEARS EXPERIENCE PERTAINING TO PUBLIC POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE ACTION:**

- Elected Washington State Legislative Director – SMART Transportation Division/United Transp. Union – 2012 – Present.
- Appointed to Permanent Committee on Economic Development and Transportation-Wash. State Labor Council 2011-Present.
- Elected Board Member –Washington Mainstream, 2007 – Present.
- Elected Local Legislative Representative – UTU Local 1348, 2007 – Present.
- Elected Local Chairperson (Business Rep.) – UTU Local 1348-B Committee of Adjustment, 2007 – Present.
- Elected Co-Chair, Seattle Metropolitan Election Committee, 1992-2000 & 2001- 2006.
- Elected Board Member, Equal Rights Washington (formerly Discrimination Free Washington), 2004-Present.
- Elected Steering Committee Member, Seattle Metropolitan Election Committee (SEAMEC), 1986-Present.
- Elected Precinct Committee Officer, GOP, 1982-1998, 2002-2006, 2008-2010.2012-Present.
- Elected Delegate to numerous District, County and State Conventions (GA & WA) 1980-Present.
- Campaign worker and activist, in numerous Candidates, Parties, Issues and Causes, 1971- Present.
- Appointed to Transition Team of Port Commissioner Lloyd Hara (D) upon his Election as County Assessor – 2009.
- Elected President - SMART Transp. Div./United Transp. Union-Local #1348, 2009-present, Elected Vice Pres. 2004 – 2009.
- Elected Board Chairman – SMART Trans. Div./United Transportation Union Washington Legislative Board, 2008-2012.
- Elected Board Chairperson – Equal Rights Washington Political Action Committee, 2006-2016.
- Elected Board Member, Queen City Development Authority, 2003-2006.
- Seattle Police Warrant Officers – Elected Union Shop Steward – Teamsters Local # 763, 2000-2005.
- Member, Legislative Committee and Candidate Evaluation Committee, Equality Washington 1996-98.
- Member, Target 1998 Legislative Campaign Organizing Committee.
- Legislative Assistant, Field Organizer, Campaign Advisor – WA. Citizens for Fairness 1996-96 (Paid).
- Successfully Lobbied WA. State Legislature for passage of Chapter 99, 1992 Laws of Wash. 1991-92.
- Successfully Lobbied Seattle City Council to enact the Whistleblower Protection Ordinance, 1990-91.
- Successfully Lobbied Seattle City Council to transfer Criminal Warrants Unit from SMC to Police, 1990-92.
- Candidate and GOP Party Nominee, 32nd Legislative District, Washington State Senate, 1986.
- Party Chairman, 32<sup>nd</sup> Legislative District Organization, GOP, 1984-86.
- Internship, King County Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, 1984.
- Volunteer, Orion Center's Shelter for Runaway Youth, 1984.
- Volunteer, King County Dept. of Youth Services, 1983.
- Page, U.S. House of Representatives, Hon. Jack T. Brinkley (Democrat) GA. 3rd Congressional Dist. 1979.
- Intern – Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit (GA.) – Superior Court Judge Kenneth B. Followill 1977.
- Intern – Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit (GA) – District Attorney's Office - Hon. William Smith – Dist. Atty. – 1978.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

*(Several position dates overlap due to the flexible and changing nature of the work involved.)*

**Washington State Legislative Director (elected)** – SMART Transportation Division formerly United Transportation Union – 2012 to Present - Represents our statewide rail labor membership (AMTRAK, Union Pacific, BNSF, and numerous short line railroads) in matters pertaining to rail operational public safety, legislative and regulatory activity, employee safety, economic development, freight and passenger mobility, industrial land preservation, as well as taxation and economic credits. Renowned for reinvigorating the moribund Washington State Legislative Board office by leading the way by initiating nationally recognized landmark state rail and public safety legislation and fighting for conservation of port and industrial lands; in the process becoming a renowned spokesperson for public and employee rail safety initiatives, and advocacy for increased job creation from trade.

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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (Continued):**

**Local Chairperson (elected)**, SMART Transportation Division (UTU) Local 1348-B Committee of Adjustment, Seattle, WA. (2007–Present) Provide business services as the Union Pacific Train Service Employees Elected Representative. Handle grievances, pay claim discrepancies and disputes, and represent members in Administrative Hearings pertaining to carrier discipline. Investigate accidents and incidents as well as research numerous complex labor agreements to determine whether or not a claim or grievance is valid. Respond to members and carrier requests for service on a 24/7 basis, act as a mediator between carrier and the membership, handle allegations of contractual violations, write and file detailed discipline and pay claim appeals with the carrier, monitor workplace conditions and act to resolve conflicts and disputes. Developing a strong reputation for responsiveness and dedication. Successfully led passage & enactment of ESHB 1105 - Chapter 333, Laws of Wash. 2017 – Contract Rail Crew Transp. Safety; Successfully led passage & enactment of HB 1841 – Chapter 170, Laws of Wash. 2020 – Establishing Minimum Crew Size on Trains; successfully obtained passage of numerous budget provisos, amendments to bills, executive orders, and other legislative matters.

**Brakeperson/Switchperson/Foreperson/Conductor**, Union Pacific Railroad (2003-Present) & Burlington Northern Railroad, Seattle, WA. (1992-93) Build, staff and operate local and long haul trains, assist in operating and servicing locomotives in a highly detailed and technical position that requires a working knowledge of the rules of operations governing train movements. Pull and spot railcars for industrial customers, utilize remote control locomotive technology as a yard switchman and supervise union employees while serving as assigned foreman. Maintain a Class 6 Locomotive Engineers License for Remote Control operations. Earned reputation for exemplary safety record.

**Warrant Officer**, Seattle Police Department, Seattle, WA. (1984-2002)

Process and serve warrants issued by municipal court. Locate, identify and apprehend defendants, investigate criminal cases, question and identify defendants and victims. Noted for the ability to procure the cooperation of hostile criminal defendants, reluctant victims, hesitant witnesses and other parties, as well as maintaining attention to detail even under staggeringly heavy caseloads. Independent initiative and diligence prompted the City of Seattle to improve payment processing and collection efficiency, resulting in increased City revenues totaling millions of dollars. Initiated reform efforts within the City of Seattle's Criminal Justice System to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of criminal warrant services, this culminated in the transfer of the warrant unit from Municipal Courts to Police in 1992. (Position under jurisdiction of Seattle Municipal Court from 1984-1992.)

**Investigator**, Joden & Associates, Seattle, WA. (1989-1991)

Conducted investigations and research; gathered information by observation and surveillance. Commended for diligence, thoroughness, and attention to detail.

**Manager**, Brass Connection Restaurant, Seattle, WA. (1983-1992)

Supervised and trained security staff, with emphasis on security incident response and asset protection measures. Developed and enforced corporate safety and security policies. During assignment as assistant general manager (1983-84) conducted daily accounting, bookkeeping, and administrative duties. Instrumental in resolving conflicts and problems. Valued for implementing efficiency programs, substantially reducing excessive labor costs, increasing and stressing consistency in all areas especially customer services, and significantly reducing internal losses and theft. Appreciated for dedication and trustworthiness.

**Insurance Investigator**, American Service Bureau, Inc., Seattle, WA. (1982-1984)

Completed over 1,800 in-depth background investigations for insurance companies including financial, health, and lifestyle histories. Valued for detail-orientation and known for the ability to gain the cooperation of reluctant and uncooperative investigatory subjects, and the skill in developing outside information sources.

**Director of Operations**, Columbus Astros, Columbus, GA. (1975-1980)

Administered and coordinated staff, stadium operations, ticket sales, concessions, and equipment for Houston Astros minor league team. Gained extensive experience in all phases of operations. Commended for commitment to the organization and willingness to provide any and all services requested, above and beyond the required responsibilities.

**EDUCATION:**

Public Policy and Political Affairs/Pre-Law - Antioch University, Seattle, WA.

General studies - Seattle Central Community College, Seattle, WA.

Columbus State University (Formerly Columbus College), Columbus, GA.

**HONORS:**

Special Honor for 14 years of dedicated vision, leadership and community service, SEAMEC, 2000.

Nominee, Seattle Municipal League's Public Employee of the Year, 1994.

Nominee, Seattle's Jefferson Awards for Public Service, 1992.

**TECHNICAL SKILLS:**

**Commercial Software:** Microsoft Office Suite & 365, Outlook, Quicken, Windows, Edge, Dropbox, Mozilla Firefox.

**REFERENCES/ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION:**

Personal and professional references along with additional supporting documentation available upon request.

# Seattle Freight Advisory Board

12 Members: Pursuant to Resolution 31243, 11 members subject to City Council confirmation, 2-year terms:

- 6 Mayor- appointed
- 5 City Council- appointed
- 1 Other Appointing Authority: Port of Seattle

## Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
		-	1.	Member	Marc Hoecker	6/1/2024	5/31/2026	1	City Council
		1	2.	Member	Dan McKisson	6/1/2024	5/31/2026	2	City Council
6	M	7	3.	Member	Tyler Blackwell	6/1/2025	5/31/2027	1	Mayor
6	M	7	4.	Member	Dan Gatchet	6/1/2024	5/31/2026	2	Mayor
6	F	3	5.	Member	Nicole Callais	6/1/2024	5/31/2026	1	Mayor
6	M	2	6.	Member	Nigel Barron	6/1/2024	5/31/2026	2	Mayor
6	M	1	7.	Member	Stuart G. Thompson	6/1/2025	5/31/2027	1	City Council
6	M	4	8.	Member	Herb Krohn	6/1/2025	5/31/2027	2	City Council
6	M	7	9.	Member	Giovanni Mottolese	6/1/2025	5/31/2027	1	Mayor
6	M	6	10.	Member	Zachary Robert	6/1/2025	5/31/2027	2	City Council
6	M	6	11.	Member	Stanley Ryter	6/1/2024	5/31/2026	2	Mayor
6	F		12.	Member	Geri Poor	N/A	N/A	N/A	Port of Seattle

## 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	5	1								6			
Council	2									2			
Other		1								1			
Total	7	2								9			

## 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.*