



# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

## Libraries, Education, and Neighborhoods Committee

### Agenda

Thursday, July 25, 2024

9:30 AM

Council Chamber, City Hall  
600 4th Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

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Tanya Woo, Vice-Chair  
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**A. Call To Order**

**B. Approval of the Agenda**

**C. Public Comment**

**D. Items of Business**

1. [Appt 02921](#) **Appointment of Faith Pettis as member, Seattle Public Library Board of Trustees, for a term to April 1, 2029.**

Attachments: [Appointment Packet](#)

**Briefing, Discussion, and Possible Vote** (5 minutes)

**Presenter:** Tom Fay, Chief Librarian, Seattle Public Library (SPL)

2. **Chinatown International District Community Capacity Building and P-Patch Community Gardening Program**

Supporting Documents: [Presentation](#)

**Briefing and Discussion**

**Presenter:** Jenifer Chao, Director, Sokha Danh, and Kenya Freddie, Department of Neighborhoods (DON)

**E. Adjournment**



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The Appointment Packet is provided as an attachment.



## City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Faith Pettis</i>		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> <i>The Seattle Public Library Board of Trustees</i>		<b>Position Title:</b> <i>Trustee</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Appointment</b> OR <input 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 type="checkbox"/> City Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>		<b>Term of Position: *</b> 4/2/2024 to 4/1/2029  <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>Laurelhurst</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> <i>98105</i>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Background:</b> <i>Faith Pettis is a Partner at Pacifica Law Group, serving as bond counsel and outside counsel to state and local governments, with a primary focus on housing, education and nonprofit finance. Her clients include state agencies, housing authorities, local school districts, cities and counties. She is bond and general counsel to the Washington State Housing Finance Commission, the issuer of nonprofit, multifamily, and single-family bonds and the allocating agency for federal low-income housing tax credits in Washington state. She also represents the Washington State issuer of bonds for private colleges and universities. Prior to Pacifica, Faith practiced for 18 years with Preston Gates &amp; Ellis and its successor firm, K&amp;L Gates, where she served as the coordinator of the firm-wide public finance practice group.</i> <i>Ms. Pettis was appointed in 2018 by Governor Inslee to a six-year term on the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University. The Mayor of Seattle appointed Faith in 2014 to co-chair the City's Housing Affordability and Livability task force, which was charged with delivering a ten-year plan to address housing affordability. She previously served two terms as chair of the statewide Affordable Housing Advisory Board. She has served on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Bond Lawyers ("NABL"), and as a Trustee for College Spark Washington, an education grant-making organization.</i>		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b>   <b>Date Signed (appointed):</b> July 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2024		<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <i>Bruce A. Harrell</i> <i>Mayor of Seattle</i>

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



**Faith  
Pettis  
PARTNER**

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**PRACTICE AREAS**

Municipal Law  
Public Finance

Public Policy and Political Matters  
School Districts

Faith Pettis serves as bond counsel and outside counsel to state and local governments, with a primary focus on housing, education and nonprofit finance. Her clients include state agencies, housing authorities, local school districts, cities and counties. She is bond and general counsel to the Washington State Housing Finance Commission, the issuer of nonprofit, multifamily, and single-family bonds and the allocating agency for federal low-income housing tax credits in Washington state. She also represents the Washington State issuer of bonds for private colleges and universities.

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**Bar Admissions:**

- Washington
- Oregon

**Education:**

- University of Washington, B.A., Russian language and Russian/East European area studies, *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa
- Harvard Law School, J.D., *cum laude*
- National Taiwan Normal University, Mandarin Training Center, 1989-1990

**Honors:**

- Seattle Chamber of Commerce, Senator Scott White Regional Leadership Award, October 2018
- Elected Fellow, American College of Bond Counsel, October, 2017
- Washington State Housing Finance Commission, Friend of Housing Award, 2015
- Selected to *Washington Super Lawyers*, multiple years, 2007-2023
- Selected to *Washington Rising Stars*, 2005-2007
- Named Lawyer of the Year for Public Finance Law, Seattle, in 2014 and 2018 by *Best Lawyers*
- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the field of Public Finance Law, 2010-2024
- Selected as a leading lawyer in the Puget Sound region for 2012, as determined by her peers (*Seattle Business Magazine*)
- *Top 50: Washington Women Super Lawyers*, 2014–2016, 2018, and *Top 100: Washington Super Lawyers*, 2014 and 2016

**Speaking Engagements & Presentations:**

- Pacific NW Regional Council Annual Conference, Turnkey Tax Credit Development, April, 2023
- Washington State Association of Municipal Attorneys Conference, Affordable and Workforce Housing: Zoning Impacts and Financing Options, April, 2023
- American Bar Association, Real Property Trust & Estates Spring Conference, Home is Where the Work Is: Regulating and Incentivizing Work Force Housing, April, 2021
- Housing Development Consortium, Learn at Lunch: Federal Pro-Housing Legislative Update, March, 2021
- sea.citi, Beyond the Build: Investing Our Way Out of the Housing Crisis, February, 2021
- Washington State Association of Municipal Attorneys Conference, Past is Prologue: Lessons from the Great Recession and Tools for Addressing COVID, October, 2020
- Pacifica Webinar, Funding and Disclosure in the Time of COVID, May, 2020
- Association of Washington Housing Authorities Meeting, Refusing the Right of First Refusal, November, 2019
- Housing Washington Annual Conference, Refusing the Right of First Refusal, October, 2019
- Association of Washington Housing Authorities, Finance Officers' Conference, Bonds 101, September, 2019
- ABA Housing Forum, Going Local: Bold Strategies Tried by Local Governments, May, 2019
- Mortgage Bankers Association Lunch Presentation, Leveraging Transit to Address Housing Affordability, September, 2018
- Washington Association of School Business Officials, Minding Your P's & Q's with the PDC, May, 2018
- ABA Housing Forum, Tax Reform Teleconference, November, 2017
- NABL, Bond Attorneys Workshop, Moderator, General Plenary Session, In the Trenches of Securities Fraud Cases, October, 2017
- University of Washington Runstad Center Leadership Class, Speaker, October, 2016 and October, 2017

- Urban Land Institute Spring Meeting, Affordable/Workforce Housing Council, Seattle's Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda, May, 2017
- Washington Association of School Business Officials Conference, Bond Voyage: Sailing the Stormy Seas of Securities Enforcement, May, 2017
- NABL, Bond Attorneys Workshop, Multifamily Housing Panel, October, 2016
- Forterra, Seed and Feed, The HALA, May, 2016
- The Seminar Group, Mixed Use Development in Washington, Maintaining Momentum: Implementing the HALA, March, 2016
- Urban Land Institute Fall Meeting, Housing Affordability, October, 2015
- Housing Washington, Data to Policy: The State Housing Needs Assessment & The HALA, October, 2015
- National Association of Health and Educational Facilities Finance Authorities, National Association of Bond Lawyers Update: Initiatives and Efforts Over the Last Year, September, 2015
- CREW (Commercial Real Estate Women) Luncheon, Seattle's Affordable Housing Vision, June, 2015
- Housing Washington, Washington State's Housing Needs Assessment: Framework, Findings and Moving Forward, October, 2014
- ABA Affordable Housing Forum, Tax Exempt Bonds 101, May, 2014
- Housing Washington, Get Shorty (How Short Term Bonds with FHA Financing Can Enhance Your Bottom Line), October, 2013

#### **Publications:**

- *Pro Mandatory Housing Affordability: Help Working Families Find a Home*, Seattle Times Op-Ed, November 30, 2018, with Greg Smith
- *Housing Will Become Even More Unaffordable if Seattle Doesn't Act Now*, Seattle Times Op-Ed, July 26, 2015, with David Wertheimer

#### **Community Involvement:**

- Chair, Board of Trustees, Western Washington University, July 2023-Present
- Board of Trustees, Western Washington University, October 2018-Present
- Steering Committee, Sound Communities, current
- Advisory Committee, Evergreen Impact Housing Fund, current
- Steering Committee, Seattle for Everyone, current
- Member, City of Seattle Affordable Middle Income Housing Advisory Council, 2019-2020
- Co-Chair, City of Seattle Housing Affordability and Livability Task Force, 2014-2015
- Chair, Affordable Housing Advisory Board, Washington State Department of Commerce, 2012-2015
- Trustee, College Spark Washington, 2010-2016; and Chair, Grants Committee, 2014-2015
- Trustee, Seattle Children's Theatre, 2005-2011; and Past Chair, Development Committee
- Past Board Chair, Seattle Academy of Finance
- Class of 1998, Leadership Tomorrow



**Professional Organizations**

- Board of Directors, American College of Bond Counsel, 2021-2024
- Steering Committee Member, NABL Bond Attorney's Workshop, 2017-2019
- Board Member, NABL, 2012-2015; 2010-2011
- Chair, 2011; Vice-Chair, 2010; Second Vice-Chair, 2009, NABL Bond Attorney's Workshop
- Multifamily Housing Panel Chair, 2006-2008; 2018; 2019, NABL Bond Attorney's Workshop

**Representative Matters:**

- Washington Higher Education Facilities Authority, \$23 million Revenue Bonds (Gonzaga University Arena Project)
- Washington State Housing Finance Commission, \$24.625 million Multifamily Revenue Note (Building 9 Apartments Project) (Mercy Housing)
- Washington State Housing Finance Commission, \$143.865 million Nonprofit Housing Revenue Bonds (Transforming Age Projects)
- Washington Economic Development Finance Authority, \$30 million Variable Rate Demand Nonprofit Revenue Bonds (Seattle Goodwill Project)
- Evergreen School District, \$112.725 million Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds
- Bainbridge Island School District, \$38.475 million Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds
- Snohomish County Housing Authority, \$70 million Revenue Note (Carvel Apartments)

# Seattle Public Library Board of Trustees

5 Members: Pursuant to RCW 27.12, City Charter Article XII, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 5-year terms:

- # City Council-appointed
- 5 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
3	F	6	1.	Trustee	Carmen Bendixen	4/2/2020	4/1/2025	1	Mayor
1	F	7	2.	Trustee	Faith Pettis	4/2/2024	4/1/2029	1	Mayor
2	M	2	3.	Trustee	W. Tali Hairston	4/2/2023	4/1/2028	2	Mayor
9	F	7	4.	Trustee	Yazmin Mehdi	4/2/2022	4/1/2027	1	Mayor
1	M	2	5.	Trustee	Ron Chew	4/2/2021	4/1/2026	2	Mayor

## 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	3			2	1	1						1
Council													
Other													
Total													

## 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.*



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Chinatown International District Community Capacity Building and P-Patch Community Gardening Program

# *Chinatown International District Community Capacity Building*

Libraries, Education, & Neighborhoods Committee  
Presentation

July 25, 2024

*Presented by:*

*Jenifer Chao, DON Director*

*Sokha Dahn, Chinatown International District  
(CID) Community Capacity Advisor*



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# Chinatown International District (CID)

The CID is a historically significant and culturally rich community that has experienced decades of insufficient investment, harmful public policies, and institutional racism.

- In recent years, the community has faced new development pressures, the devastating impacts of COVID-19, and a rise in anti-Asian hate crimes and violence.
- In 2023, the National Trust for Historic Preservation named the CID to its list of "America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places."
- The City of Seattle acknowledges the harmful and cumulative impact of government policies and projects on the CID.



# Department of Neighborhoods in the CID

- Community Engagement Coordinator
- CID Community Safety Contracts
- International Special Review District (ISRD)
- Community Liaisons and Equity & Engagement Advisors
- CID Community Capacity Building

# CID Visioning Advisory Group

In 2019, a group of CID organizations came together informally as the **CID Visioning Advisory Group** to identify how the community can have a stronger voice and influence in the face of multiple pressures. With funding from the City of Seattle, the group sponsored a community process to:

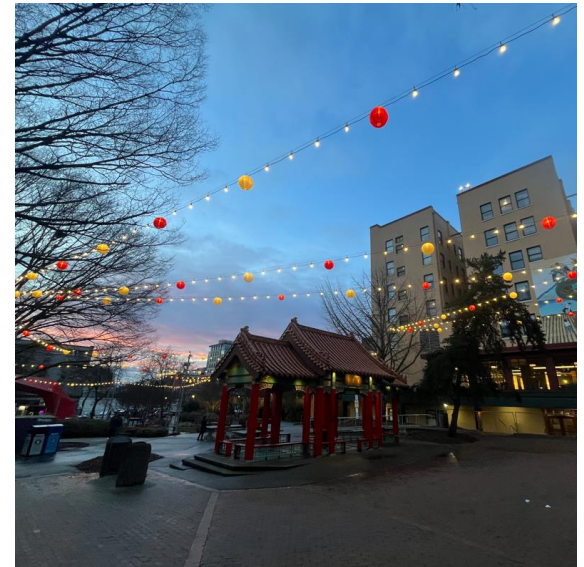


- Build infrastructure for inclusive community engagement and decision-making.
- Ensure community self-determination in projects that impact the CID.
- Create a 10-year community vision and plan.

Learn more at: [seattle.gov/neighborhoods/community-connections/chinatown-international-district](https://seattle.gov/neighborhoods/community-connections/chinatown-international-district)

# CID Visioning Advisory Group Subcommittees

- Housing
- Business and Economic Strength
- Neighborhood Culture, Character, and History
- Community Safety and Health
- Transportation





# CID Visioning Advisory Group Membership

- API Coalition Advocating Together for Health
- Chinatown International District Business Improvement Association
- Chinese Information & Service Center
- Chong Wa Benevolent Association
- Denise Louie Education Center
- Friends of Chinatown-Seattle
- Friends of Japantown
- Friends of Little Saigon
- Hop Sing Top
- InterIm Community Development Association
- International Community Health Services
- Japanese American Museum
- Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Development Authority
- Seniors in Action
- Wing Luke Museum
- Yee Fung Toy

# CID Visioning Advisory Group Funding & Deliverables

- **Phase I: CID Community Engagement Framework (2019-2020: \$133,000)**
  - Community convenes to build Decision-Making and Community Engagement Frameworks.
- **Phase II: CID Community Engagement Toolkit (2020-2021: \$175,000)**
  - A tool that can be used by stakeholders and CID community to collectively engage, make decisions about, and advocate for community interests.
- **Phase III: CID Neighborhood Strategic Plan (2022-2023: \$800,000)**
  - The CID Neighborhood Strategic Plan, based on input from CID community members, shares community concerns and strengths, while outlining a 10-year vision, goals, and strategies for the CID.
- **Phase IV: Implementation of Strategic Plan (2024-2025: \$300,000)**
  - Translate and implement the CID Neighborhood Strategic Plan into actionable items and accountable tasks.

# CID Visioning Advisory Group

## A Community-led, Ongoing City Partnership

The City of Seattle's partnership with the CID Visioning Advisory Group is vital to understand the needs, priorities, and impacts of our work in the CID.

DON is supporting the efforts of the CID community by convening the City's internal CID teams, piloting new neighborhood-based tools, connecting learning and innovation across neighborhoods, providing information and decision-making for transparency, and supporting the CID community in amplifying their work and the CID Implementation Plan.



# CID Visioning Advisory Group

CID Visioning Advisory Group has met with the following City Directors in 2024:

- Jenifer Chao, Seattle Department of Neighborhoods
- Rico Quirindongo, Office of Planning and Community Development
- Maiko Winkler-Chin, Office of Housing
- AP Diaz, Seattle Parks and Recreation
- Nathan Torgelson, Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections
- Greg Spotts, Seattle Department of Transportation

# CID 2024-2025 PRIORITIES

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- Implement CID Neighborhood Strategic Plan
- Increase Community Capacity Building
- Continue Interdepartmental Coordination
- Local & Regional Partnerships & Investments

# *P-Patch Community Gardening*

Libraries, Education, & Neighborhoods Committee  
Presentation

July 25, 2024

*Presented by:*

*Jenifer Chao, DON Director*

*Kenya Fredie, P-Patch Community Gardening  
Program Supervisor*



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# P-Patch Community Gardening Overview



P-Patch Community Gardens are spaces where neighbors come together to build community and grow organic food, flowers, and herbs.

These gardens serve as gathering places that strengthen community networks, create sources of pride among residents, demonstrate visible results of land stewardship, and foster a healthier urban environment.

# P-Patch Community Gardening Philosophy

The P-Patch Community Gardening Program believes that “community” is the most important word in “community gardening.”

Just as a diversity of plants leads to healthy gardens, strong communities are built when gardens are inclusive and representative of the neighborhoods in which they are located.





# City of Seattle Program Legacy

- The first garden, Picardo Farm, was created in 1973 by a group of community residents and the City of Seattle.
- Last year, the program celebrated its 50th anniversary.
- The Seattle P-Patch program is the largest municipally managed gardening program west of New York.
- Gardens are built on public property owned by various city departments and other public and private owners.

# P-Patch Community Gardening: In the Weeds

- There are **90 P-Patch community gardens**, encompassing **3,676 plots** on **14.9 acres** of land, with more than **3,500 gardeners**.
- Over **150,000 volunteer hours** have been completed.
- In 2023, a total of **32,144 lbs** of organic produce was donated to local feeding programs.



# P-Patch Community Gardening: Equity

- The P-Patch Program is committed to food justice, environmental justice, and equity by prioritizing under-represented communities.
- Based on a community survey, priority placement was established in January 2020 to provide broader access to BIPOC, immigrant and refugee communities, seniors, youth, low-income, and people with disabilities.

# P-Patch Community Gardening: Equity

- In 2023, **42%** of gardeners were assigned plots through priority placement.
  - **24 gardeners** were assigned accessible garden beds.
  - New gardeners included speakers of **11 languages**.
- Across the program, **860 low-income families** received fee assistance totaling \$68,974 in 2023.

# P-Patch Community Gardens in Demand

- **1,930 neighbors** on P-Patch wait lists as of July 2024.
- Waiting time for individual gardens is between **0-6 months** and **3-5 years**.
- Annual turnover across entire program averages **15%**.



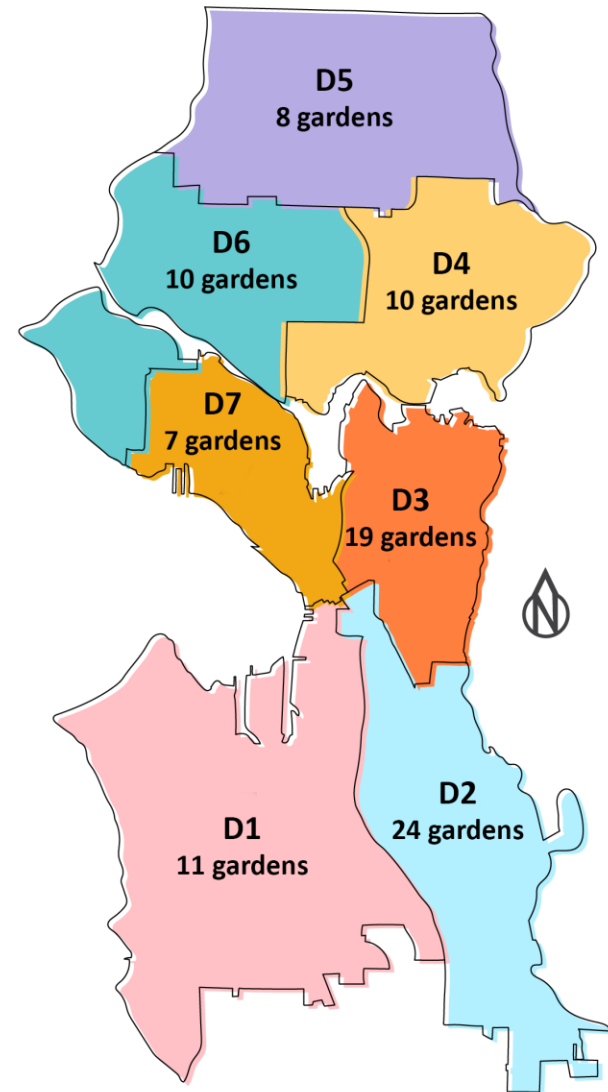
# P-Patch Community Gardens by Council District

**Oldest Site:** Established in 1973, Picardo Farm spans 2.5 acres in District 4

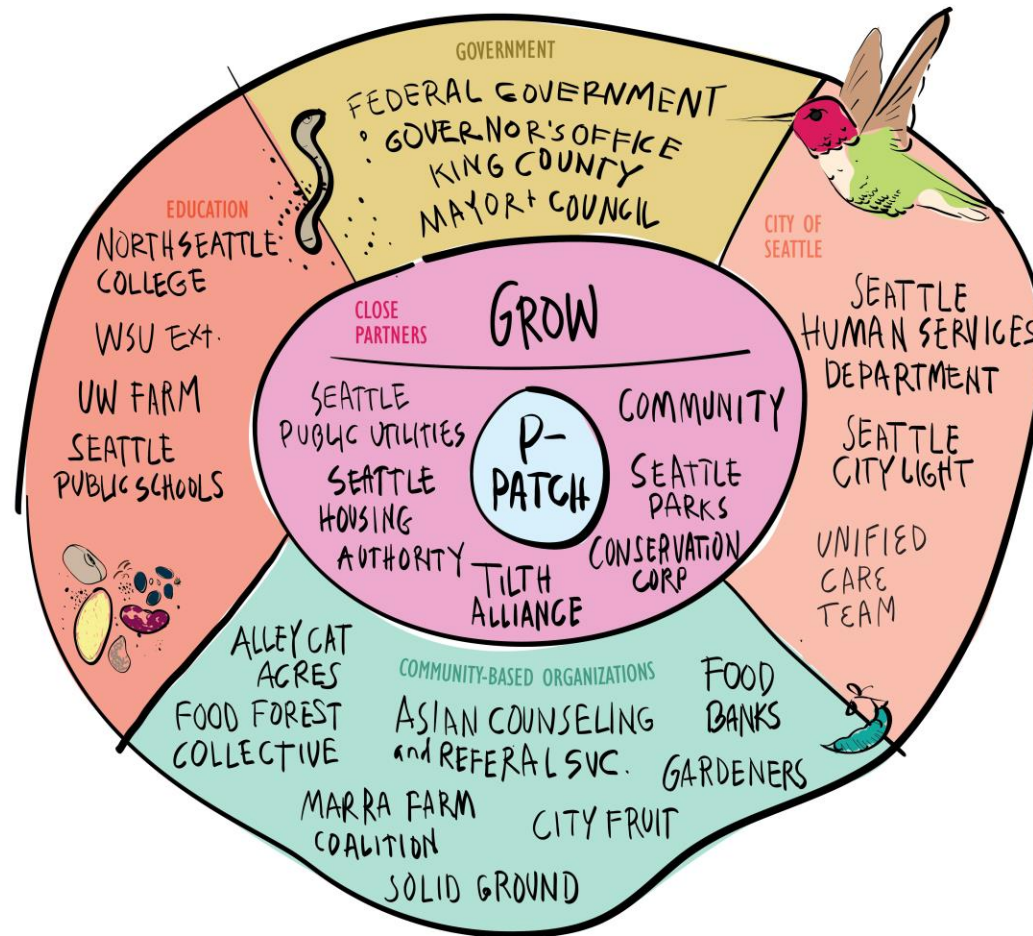
**Newest Site:** Hinoki, located in District 3

**Largest Site:** Beacon Food Forest, occupying over 3.5 acres in District 2

**Smallest Site:** Ida Mia, covering 700 square feet in District 3



# Success Through Partnerships



# P-Patch Community Gardening: 2024 Priorities

- Continue to improve the experiences of P-Patch gardeners.
- Offer anti-racism training and strategies to all P-Patch gardeners.
- Enhance outreach and engagement with BIPOC communities.
- Develop strategic partnerships and collaborations located in historically underserved communities.



# Meet the P-Patch Community Gardening Team



# Apply to be a P-Patcher

There are gardens all over Seattle. Our website will walk interested gardeners through all the steps to get involved so you can start growing flowers, herbs, and food alongside your neighbors.



**Sign up at:** [seattle.gov/neighborhoods/p-patch-gardening](https://seattle.gov/neighborhoods/p-patch-gardening)

*THANK YOU!*

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