

April 29, 2024

Seattle City Council
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Dear Council Members,

NAIOP Washington State, our state's commercial real estate association, is pleased to support your appointment of Dawn Lindell as the new General Manager and CEO of Seattle City Light. NAIOPWA represents more than 1,000 commercial real estate professionals and we welcome Dawn's expansive experience to the position.

Seattle City Light is facing a pivotal moment as its load continues to expand. New City policies, such as the Building Emissions Performance Standards, are an example of the regulatory changes that continue to move our City and region towards electrification. Dawn's experience with environmental sustainability, innovation, effective demand response, and community collaboration will help City Light achieve further reliability as it responds to growth, all while keeping utility rates affordable.

NAIOPWA supports environmental sustainability and is optimistic that in working alongside Dawn and Seattle City Light, the City can achieve its clean energy goals through reasonable and innovative solutions.

We are pleased to express our support for Dawn's appointment as it progresses to the City Council.

Sincerely,



Danielle Duvall
Executive Director, NAIOP Washington State



NW Energy Coalition

May 9, 2024

**Tanya Woo, Chair, Sustainability, City Light, Arts & Culture
Committee Members Moore, Morales, Saka, and Strauss
Seattle City Council**

Sent via Email

I am writing to express support for the nomination of Dawn Lindell to lead Seattle City Light. Selecting a new CEO is a major responsibility of the Council, and we appreciate the Council's attention and consideration of input from the community. Ms. Lindell comes to this position with an impressive resume of utility and leadership work and is a worthy selection for the position.

Ms. Lindell met with me and other environmental advocates for an initial introduction. I expect that she will continue to keep an open line of communication and will value a dialogue with all public interest organizations. In addition, I hope that Ms. Lindell will, at a minimum, continue the practice of meeting quarterly with environmental and clean energy allies, which should include environmental, clean tech, green buildings, energy justice, and community-based organizations. Open and direct communication with the public interest community is instrumental in building more partnerships and collaborative efforts to advance our shared goal of a clean and equitable energy future.

The electricity sector is facing significant challenges in meeting growing loads from decarbonization and economic activity, and in meeting the challenges of climate change impacts from drought to extreme weather. It is critical that City Light continue to expand its focus and investments targeting customer side energy management programs that reduce peak energy use, expand energy efficiency, conservation, and distributed solar and storage programs. Ms. Lindell will have many worthy competing calls on the priorities for City Light and none will be as important as reducing and managing customer electricity use within the community. I hope that Ms. Lindell understands that these resources will help City Light integrate its renewable energy resources, meet capacity needs, and reduce the need for new generating and transmission resources. I am pleased to say that Ms. Lindell sees the value for City Light in participating in a single Westwide power market that will allow City Light to more effectively buy and sell clean power across the West to reduce costs for customers and allow a more efficient use of renewable energy resources to meet the City's climate goals.

Finally, SCL owns and operates large and small hydroelectric projects, and purchases hydropower from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). Ms. Lindell appears new to salmon recovery issues and the iconic role of this species in our economy and culture, particularly for Washington's Tribes. I hope she will dig in deep here and educate herself on the critical importance of maintaining fish and wildlife protection as a top priority for the City and the region. City Light's voice in regional conversations with BPA about salmon recovery has been vital to changing the narrative that stewardship obligations are at odds with providing affordable and reliable services. The City knows this is not the case.

I hope that Ms. Lindell is a leader who will explore and embrace innovative, forward looking programs, investments, and rate structures to assist our community in decarbonizing, protecting salmon and providing affordable, reliable and equitable energy services.

I look forward to working with Ms. Lindell and I am happy to answer any questions the Council may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Hirsh". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "N" and a long, sweeping underline.

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