




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Rosita I. Romero		
Board/Commission Name: Museum Development Authority Governing Council		Position Title: Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		Council Confirmation required? (X) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor () Other: Seattle Art Museum		Term of Office: 8/1/2025 to 7/31/2028
Residential Neighborhood: Mercer Island	Zip Code: 98040	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: See attached Bio		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date Signed (appointed): October 23rd, 2025		Appointing Signatory: Bruce A. Harrell Mayor of Seattle

Rosita I. Romero

MDA Reappointment

Background

Rosita is a renewing member, having served since 2007. This is Ms. Romero's sixth reappointment. This is a reappointment made by the Mayor of Seattle.

Rosita was born in Colombia, South America, and has lived in the USA for over 40 years, and in the PNW for over 30 years. She has worked in education, owned and directed an art gallery for over 15 years in Seattle, and was appointed by the Governor to two terms as a Commissioner with the Washington State Arts Commission. She is also the co-founder of Viva la Música Club, Mujeres of the Northwest, and Latinos Unidos por los Niños. During her time on the MDA Council, she has greatly contributed her time at meetings and actively supports the museum as a valued Docent.

Rosa I. Romero, M.Ed.
(she-her)



Rosa I. Romero (Rosita Romero), born in Colombia, South America, has lived in the United States 54 years and of those, 40 years in the Seattle area.

Studies:

B.A. Business Administration, Cali Colombia.
Montessori Teaching Certification. American Montessori Institute Kansas.
Art Therapy, Kansas University, Lawrence KS.
K-12 Teaching Certification Kansas University, Fort Hays, KS.
M.Ed. University of WA, Seattle, Washington.

Work:

Art and Spanish teaching to Pre-school and Elementary School children.
Teacher Trainer and supervisor at Seattle and Renton Community Colleges.
Propitiator and Director Art Gallery in Seattle for over 15 years.

Community Engagement:

Appointed by the Seattle Mayor to the Museum Development Authority and has served several terms since 2007.
Appointed by the Washington State Governor to two terms as State Art Commissioner.
Active Docent at Seattle Art Museum, (2013 co-chair for special exhibition).
Past Docent at Volunteer Park Conservatory, Seattle.
Past Docent and Volunteer at the Chinese Gardens, Seattle.
Past Co-chair Art Docents at Island Crest, elementary School in Mercer Island, WA.
Served as Board Member with Artist Trust, Seattle.
Served as an art procurement with PONCHO. Seattle.
Co-founder Viva la Musica Club, a Latino community engagement through music with the Seattle Symphony.
Co-founder and Life member of Mujeres of the Northwest, a professional Latinas support group to foster community involvement and social responsibility.
Co-founder Latinos Unidos por los Niños, a Seattle Children Hospital Guild.
Past member of the Visiting Committee for the School of Women Studies, University of Washington.
Steering Committee member at Casa Latina, Seattle.

Memberships:

Seattle Art Museum Docents.
American for the Arts.
Ikebana International and Senke School of Ikebana.
Puget Sound Mycological Society.

Museum Development Authority Governing Council

9 Members: Pursuant to RCW 35.21.730 and Seattle Municipal Code 3.110, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms:

- 3 Mayor- appointed
- 6 Other Appointing Authority:
 - 3 – Seattle Art Museum (SAM)
 - 3 – MDA Governing Council

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
3	F		1.	Member	Rosita I. Romero	8/1/25	7/31/28	7	Mayor
			2.	Member	Robert D. Kaplan	8/1/25	7/31/28	3	SAM
2	M		3.	Member	Raymond Tymas-Jones	8/1/25	7/31/28	1	MDA Governing Council
			4.	Member	Vacant				Mayor
6	M	3	5.	Chair	Robert Strong	7/12/24	7/11/27	7	SAM
			6.	Member	Carol M. Binder	7/12/24	7/11/27	1	MDA Governing Council
2	M		7.	Treasurer	Robert J. Flowers	7/14/20	7/13/23	5	Mayor
6	M		8.	Vice Chair	Douglas E. Norberg	7/14/23	7/13/26	11	SAM
2	F	7	9.	Member	Stephanie Ellis-Smith	7/12/24	7/11/27	2	MDA Governing 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													
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.