




# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Kyler Parris</i>		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> <i>Seattle Transit Advisory Board</i>		<b>Position Title:</b> <i>Get Engaged</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:		<b>Term of Position: *</b> 9/1/2024 to 8/31/2025  <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>Capitol Hill</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> 98122	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Background:</b> <i>Kyler is the Resource Development Manager for the Housing Development Consortium of Seattle-King County (HDC), where he works with funders to advance affordable housing at the systems change level. He believes in rapid transit and abundant housing to create a Seattle where we all can thrive. Kyler will use his background in affordable housing and political organizing to tactfully support transit-oriented development and to connect TAB with the greater community. After growing up in Bothell, he graduated from Pitzer College with a BA in Urban Studies in 2023 and now lives in Capitol Hill. You can find him walking, running, biking, and transiting all over the Hill and beyond -- usually while daydreaming about future RapidRides and bike lanes.</i>		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b>  <b>Date Signed (appointed):</b> 08/09/2024		<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.

# Kyler Parris

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**HDC (Housing Development Consortium of Seattle - King County), Seattle, WA** February 2024 - Present  
*Resource Development Manager*

- First-ever full-time fundraising and grant-writing professional for the organization
- Tasked with expanding funding for sustainability, diversity, and community organizing programs
- Led successful outreach for the Board Challenge Fund and exceeded the \$40,000 goal in first month
- Directed elected official outreach for HDC's Annual Celebration and exceeded attendance expectations

**Maren Costa for Seattle City Council District 1, Seattle, WA** May - November 2023  
*Campaign Manager*

- Managed all aspects of the campaign, from day-to-day operations to policy, strategy, and communications
- Drafted the policy platform, crafted messaging, and conducted media training and debate prep with Maren
- Directed a data-driven field program that engaged 122 volunteers and knocked 30,000 doors
- Developed a broad coalition of more than 30 unions, community groups, and advocacy organizations
- Engaged diverse stakeholders and underrepresented communities through consistent outreach, translation
- Created high-quality content to expand social media engagement and reach specific constituencies

**Starting Over, Inc., Riverside, CA** January - May 2022  
*Embedded Researcher and Homeless Outreach Intern*

- Produced the only comprehensive, user-friendly guide to homeless services in Riverside
- Completed the first critical ethnography of unhoused people in Riverside County (Inland Empire)
- Conducted more than 20 field interviews over a dozen full days of homeless outreach work
- Learned best practices in working with homeless people and achieved IRB and CITI certifications

**"Not in Our Parks" Legal Campaign, Langley, WA** January - May 2021  
*Digital Media and Organizing Consultant*

- Provided experienced environmental activists with digital organizing tools for statewide advocacy
- Created a strategy guide, branding kit, website, petition, newsletter, paid ads, and social media identity
- Successfully removed ecologically harmful US military trainings from Washington State Parks

**Mayor's Sustainable Development Goals Task Force, Los Angeles, CA** January - July 2020  
*Urban Policy Research Intern*

- Completed two group research reports at the request of city departments to investigate program success
- Investigated long-term motel stays as solutions for homeless students at the request of LAUSD
- Researched transit in LA as a barrier to youth workforce entry for LA EWDD

**King County Metro Transit, Seattle, WA** June - August 2019  
*Water Taxi Marketing Intern*

- Directed digital marketing and social media for the King County Water Taxi
- Increased followers and engagement by more than any previous interns
- Served as liaison between Marketing and Marine divisions within Metro to successfully promote the grand opening for the \$40 million new downtown terminal
- Advertised water taxi at community events across the region to build tourism and hospitality relationships

## EDUCATION

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**Pitzer College**, Claremont, CA Graduated May 2023  
**Bachelor of Arts, Urban Studies** **GPA 3.85**

- *Senior Capstone*: **“Toolkit for Suburban Housing Transformation”** with Prof. Lily Geismer
- *Activities*: NCAA football team, Student Senate, Alumni Board, Critical Action and Social Advocacy cohort, Claremont Prison Abolition Collective, Inclusive Claremont, Board of Trustees, tour guide, McKinnon Center program coordinator, and research assistant to Ambassador Derek Shearer
- *Relevant Coursework*: Research Methods for Community Change, Critical Community Studies, American Suburbia and its Consequences, Intro to GIS, Language and Power, Political Protest & Social Movements

## ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Rami Al-Kabra, Jenne Alderks, and Han Tran for Bothell City Council**, Bothell, WA January - August 2021  
*Campaign Manager*

**Josh Binda for Lynnwood City Council**, Bothell, WA January - August 2021  
*Campaign Manager*

**Sierra Club State Political Committee**, Washington State 2021 - 2022  
*Committee Member*

**IBEW Political and Non-Profit Workers**, Washington and Oregon 2020 - 2022  
*Founding Organizing Director & Executive Board Member*

**Angie Homola for State Representative**, Oak Harbor, WA April - November 2020  
*Campaign Manager*

**Congressman Adam B. Schiff**, Burbank, CA 2019  
*Intern*

## SKILLS

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*Digital Skills*: ArcGIS, Adobe Photoshop, Google Drive, Microsoft Excel, VAN, Mobilize, ThruTalk, Action Network, Squarespace, Wix, ActBlue, AneDot, QuickBooks, Gusto, MailChimp, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, TikTok  
*Languages*: English and advanced-intermediate Spanish

## SELECTED ENDORSEMENTS

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“Within two weeks of being on my campaign team, Kyler had to represent me in a candidate forum because I had Covid. I was so impressed with his preparation and presentation. He did a great job outlining and clearly communicating our policy positions. Over the ensuing months, he brought that same policy knowledge, clear communication style, and organization to every component of the campaign. Everyone on my team loved working with Kyler. He’s a natural leader, organizer, and catalyst for action. He is friendly, approachable, collaborative, and sharp as a tack. And finally, he is a hard worker who needed very little oversight. I would work with Kyler again in a heartbeat.” -**Maren Costa, Seattle City Council Candidate (Employer)**

“Kyler’s passion for policy was obvious as we discussed the role and candidate. While his role was campaign manager, he played an integral role in shaping the policy for the candidate. He is an excellent researcher and is able to craft summaries and overviews easily and quickly. He is bright, articulate, organized, dedicated, a great communicator and possesses instincts of a much older person... I highly recommend Kyler, particularly for communication and strategy work.” -**Carla S. Rogers, Experienced Democratic Leader (Colleague, Top Volunteer)**

# Seattle Transit Advisory Board

12 Members: Pursuant to Resolution 31572, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 2-year terms:

- 7 Mayor- appointed
- 5 City Council- appointed

## Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
3	M	3	1.	Member	Sandro R. Pani	8/3/22	8/2/24	2	City Council
			2.	Member	Vacant	8/3/22	8/2/24		City Council
			3.	Member	Vacant	8/3/22	8/2/24		City Council
1	F	7	4.	Member	Priyadharshini Balan	8/3/23	8/2/25	1	City Council
			5.	Member	Vacant	8/3/23	8/2/25		City Council
6	M	6	6.	Member	Josh Hirschland	8/3/22	8/2/24	1	Mayor
1	M	3	7.	Member	Ashwin Bhumbala	8/3/22	8/2/24	1	Mayor
1	M	1	8.	Member	Art Kuniyuki	8/3/22	8/2/24	2	Mayor
6	F	5	9.	Member	Carolyn Tillinger	8/3/23	8/2/25	1	Mayor
6	M,T, NB	4	10.	Member	Dana Coppernoll-Houston	8/3/23	8/2/25	1	Mayor
6	M	7	11.	Member	Zachary Burton	8/3/23	8/2/25	1	Mayor
6	M	3	12.	Get Engaged Member	Kyler Parris	9/1/24	8/31/25	1	Mayor

## 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	5	1	1	1	2					5			
Council	1	1			1		1						
Other													
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>1</b>			<b>5</b>			

### 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.*