



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: *P Xiomara Alvarez*

Board or Commission Name: *Seattle Planning Commission*

Position Title: *Member*

Appointment Reappointment *Term of Position: *4/16/2026 to 4/15/2029*

Serving partial term (eligible for full terms thereafter)

Appointing Authority: City Council Mayor Other: *Insert Appointing Authority*

City Council Confirmation Required? Yes No

Residential Neighborhood: *Highland Park*

Re Appointee brief overview:

P Xiomara (Xio) Alvarez is a designer at LMN Architects in downtown Seattle, where she works on projects that bridge between planning and architecture. In addition to project work, she co-leads the firm's resilience research group. She is interested in leveraging quantitative data about climate, geography, and the built environment with qualitative experiences and stories of neighborhoods and places to tell more complicated and nuanced stories about what it means to adapt to change. An innovative and collaborative designer, she is interested in finding resilient and sustainable ways for people to live together. She approaches her projects with an emphasis on engagement and excels at creating accessible spaces for technical and non-technical stakeholders to talk about complex problems. She is particularly passionate about youth involvement in city design processes. As one of many young transplants to Seattle, Xio has firsthand experience in how affordability and housing instability continue to shape people's lives in the city.

Appointing Authority Signature:

Date Signed: *06/01/2026*

Appointing Authority Printed Name and Title:

*City Councilmember Eddie Lin, District 2
Land Use and Sustainability Committee Chair*

P XIOMARA ALVAREZ

EXPERIENCE

LMN ARCHITECTS

Design Staff || Seattle, WA

November 2021 – Present

- Responsible for design and documentation of urban-oriented architectural projects and pursuits ranging from master planning services to highway lids and infrastructure buildings.
- Co-founded and lead internal research group on resilience in architecture and urban systems, produced internal tools and reporting on resilience potential and achievement of firm projects.

CITY OF BOSTON – ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

Rappaport Public Policy Fellow || Boston, MA

June 2020 – August 2020

- Developed department standards for equitable community engagement in implementation of resilience plans to increase equity in processes both during and post-pandemic.
- Secured \$300k in grant funding for the city's first-ever Heat Resilience Planning Study; scope centered environmental justice neighborhoods and capacity building of community organizations.

SOCRATA, INC

Program Manager || Seattle, WA

July 2015 – July 2017

- Managed large-scale implementations of data and performance programs across multi-department (3+) teams of state and local government, primarily in the American West.
- Worked with governments to define data policies, including development of data platforms, creation of data processing and publishing services, and long-term management plans.

EDUCATION

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

June 2021

Master of Architecture & Masters in City Planning

Alpha Rho Chi Medal Recipient || NOMAS, Students of Color Committee

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY – College of Environmental Design

May 2015

B. A. Urban Studies || Minors in Architectural History, Geospatial Information Technology

Suma Cum Laude, Dean's List, Phi Beta Kappa

RESEARCH

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Research Assistant – LCAU: Malden River Works || Cambridge, MA

September 2019 – May 2020

- Developed surveys, maps, and drawings to understand existing conditions and community interests around the development of a resilient post-industrial waterfront
- Supported the convening of a 12-person community advisory board in addition to in-person and virtual public meetings with over 100+ residents in attendance of diverse backgrounds

Research Assistant – Urban Risk Lab || Cambridge, MA

January 2019 – May 2019

- Responsible for managing databases and series of visualizations based on the American Communities Survey data and natural hazard data interrogating social vulnerability and risk
- Developed case studies around pre- and post- disaster housing development and preservation strategies across a variety of natural hazard types nationwide

SKILLS

METHODS: Participatory Action Research, Community Engagement, Visual Communication, Data Analysis (GIS, R, Python), Architectural Drawing and Representation (Rhino, Adobe, Revit)

INTERESTS: Environmental and Housing Justice, Climbing, Hiking, Roadside Geology, Backyard Naturalism, Science Fiction, Maps

LANGUAGES: English (native), Spanish (intermediate).

SEATTLE PLANNING COMMISSION

16 Members: Pursuant to SMC 3.6, all members subject to City Council confirmation, with 3-year terms, except for position 16 which serves a one-year term and is a Get Engaged member.

- 7 City Council-appointed
- 8 Mayor-appointed
- 1 Other Appointing Authority-appointed: Seattle Planning Commission

Roster as of June 2026

Position Number	Position Title	Appointee Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	*Term Number	Appointed By
1	Member	McCaela Daffern	4/16/25	4/15/28	2	City Council
2	Member	Dhyana Quintanar Solares	4/16/25	4/15/28	2	Mayor
3	Member	Rebecca Brunn	4/16/25	4/15/28	1	City Council
4	Member	Kelabe Tewolde	4/16/25	4/15/28	2	Mayor
5	Member	T.J. Stutman	4/16/25	4/15/28	1	City Council
6	Member	Andrew L. Dannenberg	4/16/26	4/15/29	2	Mayor
7	Member	P Xiomara Alvarez	4/16/26	4/15/29	2	City Council
8	Member	Amir Ehsaei	4/16/26	4/15/29	1	Mayor
9	Member	Patrick W. Taylor	4/16/26	4/15/29	1	City Council
10	Member	Hailey P. Karcher	4/16/26	4/15/29	1	Mayor
11	Member	Cecelia Black	4/16/24	4/14/27	1	City Council
12	Member	Rose Lew Tsai-Le Whitson	4/16/24	4/15/27	2	Mayor
13	Member	Dylan Glosecki	4/16/24	4/15/27	1	City Council
14	Member	Nick Whipple	4/16/24	4/15/27	1	Mayor
15	Member	Dylan Stevenson	4/16/24	4/15/27	1	Commission
16	Get Engaged Member	Margaret Szeles	9/1/25	8/31/26	1	Mayor

Self-identified diversity chart

Appointing Authority	Male	Female	Transgender	Non-Binary	N/A	Asian	Black/African American	American Indian/Alaska Native	White/non-Hispanic	Hispanic/Latinx	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multi-racial	N/A
Mayor	4	4					1		4			1	2	
Council	3	4							6				1	
Other	1	0						1						
Total	8	8					1	1	10			1	3	

City Council districts represented

Council District	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6	District 7	N/A
Total	2	3	4	1	4	1	1	

*P is for partial initial term. Appointee is eligible for full terms thereafter.