



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Cara Kadoshima Vallier</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Housing Levy Oversight Committee</i>		Position Title: <i>Member</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		City Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> City Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>		Term of Position: * 1/2/2017 to 12/31/2023 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: Ravenna	Zip Code: 98115	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: <i>Cara Kadoshima Vallier is a Mayoral Assistant working on Special Projects regarding cross-cutting, interdepartmental efforts to address issues surrounding homelessness and housing. She has worked on matters pertaining to legislation and funding for affordable housing development, planning, and acquisition efforts at the City of Seattle since 2019. Cara has an MPP (Master of Public Policy) from the University of California, Los Angeles.</i>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): <i>Bruce A. Harrell</i> Date Signed (appointed): 4/25/2022		Appointing Signatory: <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.

Professional Experience

Mayoral Assistant and Special Projects, Office of the Mayor, City of Seattle. March 2022-present. Develop policy guidance and project management of Unified Care Team and interdepartmental efforts to address the complex issue of homelessness and the City's response, including development of dashboard and metrics for success. Assist Deputy Mayor in matters pertaining to housing and homelessness; assist Deputy Mayor of External Affairs.

Legislative Aide for Seattle City Councilmember, City of Seattle. November 2019-March 2022. Develop priorities and champion legislative solutions, research and perform outreach to key stakeholders, craft persuasive arguments, and draft informed talking points. Shepherd projects using strong relationships in the city to bring together diverse voices in areas of economic development, homelessness, housing, technology, and education, including: management of [Internet for All Resolution](#) implementation, liaison for departmental efforts; crafting of careful amendments responsive to stakeholders to improve complicated renter's rights legislation; guided large body of 14 pieces of Surveillance Ordinance reports with diligence, efficiency; oversaw U District Business Improvement Area renewal with robust community engagement.

Executive Assistant to Bill and Paula Clapp. 2017-November 2019. Managed charitable contributions for active philanthropists. Conducted system oversight, research, events, board preparations. Initiated improved cross team communication, liaison with funder organizations: SIF, Seattle Foundation, Stolen Youth, and Global WA.

Policy Analyst and Paralegal, Tupper Mack Wells. 2008-2016. Focused on data and analysis of local, state, and national policy and governmental agency decisions regarding land use, environmental issues, and shoreline matters for public and private clients. Researched legal decisions and policy, permitting, and legislation. Oversaw firm communications.

Policy Consultant, McCabe & Company. 2002-2006. Advised and represented a wide range and variety of governmental and private entities on contentious land use and environmental matters throughout the permitting process before the California Coastal Commission, a statewide regulatory body. Provided skillful expertise in public policy analysis, land use planning and strategy development on client teams with city managers, planners, and developers.

Political Fundraiser, Morgan & Associates. 1999-2000. Coordinated events for progressive candidates in Los Angeles. Tracked goals, oversaw volunteer team for environmental and LGBTQ leader's successful campaign for State Sen. Sheila Kuehl; Led successful campaign for Fran Pavley (retired CA State Sen.), champion of climate/environmental issues.

Paralegal, City of Seattle City Attorney's Office, Civil Division. 1992-1997. As the Environmental Protection Section's sole paralegal, managed \$40 million Superfund cost recovery action for Midway landfill; developed computer database and manual for complex litigation; part of successful mediation and settlement negotiations with over 20 parties. Conducted research for Tort lawsuits; assisted with challenges to City legislation at the Court of Appeals, and played key role in jury selection *voir dire* in Superior Court.



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Education

University of California, Los Angeles. [Master of Public Policy](#). Student Government Leader, Departmental Honor: *Outstanding Leadership*. Contributor to visiting professor VP Al Gore's book "Joined at the Heart" for cultural policy and preservation of the Japanese-American community and history in West LA.

University of Washington. [Bachelor of Arts in Sociology](#). Recipient of leadership and academic scholarships, including from Japanese American Citizens League (Seattle Chapter JACL).

Professional Development

[Short Course on Local Planning, 2021](#) an overview of the complex mix of land use planning laws that work together to support land-use decision-making in Washington state re comprehensive planning and plan implementation under the Growth Management Act. Public disclosure liaison lead [Washington Association of Public Records Officers, 2021](#).

Boards and Commissions

[The Wild and Scenic Institute](#). Board of Directors, and Annual Hike, Bike & Boat event, Seattle. 2009-2017. Capacity building advisor, plan programs for disadvantaged youth, including unsheltered, refugee & at-risk youth.

[Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters](#) (LALCV). Board of Directors, Los Angeles. 2005-2006. Worked with community groups to determine local "green goals" and environmental justice initiatives.

[Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women](#) (CEDAW). Implementation Task Force, City of Los Angeles. 2003-2004. Appointed by now-Mayor (then-Councilmember) Garcetti to provide policy guidance regarding implementation of equal rights ordinance in City of LA departments.

[Little Tokyo Service Center](#). Board of Directors. Los Angeles. 2002-2005. Cultural and Community Preservation Research Committee. Focused on heritage preservation of the Japanese-American community in LA.

Volunteer Roles

Mentor in 2021 and 2022 World Affairs Council Young Professionals International Network (YPIN) virtual [Annual International Women's Day Speed Mentorship event](#). [Northwest Girlchoir](#). Equity and Outreach Committee, 2016-2021. [Parent Association Representative](#), 2006-2019. [Stolen Youth](#). Annual Event Volunteer, 2017-2019. [InvestEd](#). Annual Event Volunteer, 2013-2017. [Neighborhood Legal Clinic](#). Intake and Referral for Free Legal Help, 1994-1996. [Central Area Youth Association](#) (CAYA). Tutor and Database Administrator, 1992-1993.

References gladly provided upon request

Housing Levy Oversight Committee

Thirteen Members: Pursuant to Ordinance 125028, all subject to City Council confirmation.

- 6 City Council-appointed
 - Position 8 (City employee): Seven year terms
 - Positions 9 and 10: Two year terms*
 - Positions 11, 12, and 13: Three year terms
- 7 Mayor-appointed
 - Position 1 (City employee): Seven year terms
 - Position 2, 3, and 4: Two year terms*
 - Positions 5, 6, and 7: Three year terms

*Subsequent appointees to the Oversight Committee shall each serve for a term expiring three years after the expiration of the initial term for the position.

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
9	F	4	1.	Mayor representative	Cara Kadoshima Vallier	1/2/17	12/31/23	1	Mayor
6	F	3	2.	Member	Ann Melone	1/1/22	12/31/23	3	Mayor
1	F	4	3.	Member	Pradeepta Upadhyay	1/1/22	12/31/23	3	Mayor
6	F	6	4.	Member	Dan Wise	1/1/22	12/31/23	1	Mayor
3	F	6	5.	Member	Denise Rodriguez	1/1/22	12/31/23	1	Mayor
2	F	5	6.	Member	Patience Malaba	1/1/22	12/31/23	1	Mayor
1	M	3	7.	Member	Joel Ing	1/1/22	12/31/23	1	Mayor
6	F	N/A	8.	Council representative	Traci Ratzliff	1/2/17	12/31/23	1	Council
2	M	N/A	9.	Member	Damien James	1/1/22	12/31/23	1	Council
6	M	2	10.	Member	Colin Morgan-Cross	1/1/22	12/31/23	3	Council
6	F	6	11.	Member	Beth Boram	1/1/22	12/31/23	3	Council
6	F	4	12.	Member	Erin Christensen Ishizaki	1/1/22	12/31/23	3	Council
2	F	2	13.	Member	Vallerie Fisher	1/1/22	12/31/23	3	Council

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

	Male		Female		Transgender		NB/ O/ U		(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	1	6			2	1	1			3			1				
Council	2	4				2				4							
Other																	
Total	3	10			2	3	1			7			1				

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.