
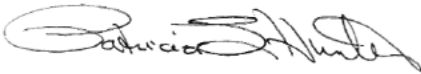




# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

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| <b>Appointee Name:</b><br><i>Philip J. Sanchez</i>  |  |  |
| <b>Board/Commission Name:</b><br><i>Community Police Commission</i>   |  | <b>Position Title:</b><br><i>Member</i>  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Appointment</b> OR <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Reappointment</b>   |  | <b>Council Confirmation required?</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No  |
| <b>Appointing Authority:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Council<br><input type="checkbox"/> Mayor<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Community Police Commission</i>   | <b>Date Appointed:</b><br><i>7/14/2023</i>   | <b>Term of Position: *</b><br><i>1/1/2023</i><br><b>to</b><br><i>12/31/2025</i><br><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i> |
| <b>Residential Neighborhood:</b><br><i>Southeast Redmond</i>  | <b>Zip Code:</b><br><i>98052</i>   | <b>Contact Phone No.:</b><br>[REDACTED]  |
| <b>Background:</b><br><i>Philip Sanchez is a Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for King County. He has served as a prosecutor for more than 15 years handling a wide range of criminal cases with a focus on special assault, domestic violence, and economic crimes. Throughout his career, he has had the honor and privilege of serving victims and their families across a large spectrum of diverse communities within the King County region. Having developed trusted relationships with law enforcement and members of various communities has allowed him to better understand the challenges of policing, cultural and community hurdles, and the value of collaboration. It is through this lens which Philip hopes to continue to serve the public and law enforcement community in restoring transparency, public confidence, and accountability.</i> |  |  |
| <b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b><br>   | <b>Appointing Signatory:</b><br><i>Joel C. Merkel</i><br><i>Community Police Commission Co-Chair</i>           |  |
| <b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b><br>   | <b>Appointing Signatory:</b><br><i>Reverend Patricia Hunter</i><br><i>Community Police Commission Co-Chair</i> |  |

\*Term begin and end date is fixed and tied to the position and not appointment date.

PHILIP J. SANCHEZ  
SENIOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY | SEATTLE, WA



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**EXPERIENCE:**

**KING COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE | SEATTLE, WA**

- **Senior Deputy Prosecutor – Economic Crimes Unit** *November 2021 – Present*
  - Responsible for review and managements of more than 200 complex fraud referrals spanning theft investigations involving embezzlement, theft by deception, identity theft, theft of access devices, major retail theft, organized retail theft, and other fraudulent electronic financial schemes.
  - Routinely leads, advise, and consults with investigating law enforcement agencies and agents in performing best practices, proper seizure of evidence, search warrant review, and interview techniques.
  - Drafting of Motions, Discovery Review, Search Warrants, Appellate Briefs, Decline Memorandums, and other Court documents filed in Superior Court.
  - Routine Court appearances handling Motions, Bond, Arraignment, Omnibus, and Case Setting hearings.
  
- **Senior Prosecutor & Supervising Attorney – Juvenile Division** *March 2018 – October 2021*
  - Assists in overseeing the work, training, and development of Juvenile Division attorneys and implementing solutions to employee relations issues.
  - A focus in conducting investigations and interviews of victims/witnesses of sexual assault, criminal charging decisions, and plea negotiations for all juvenile sex related offenses within King County.
  - Building trusted relationships within a labyrinth of victim advocacy groups, medical providers, State agencies, and other regional stakeholders to improve systematic responses and practices.
  - Developed and managed a case management system providing real time updates with key partners to improve work efficiency and transparency.
  - Provider of legal advice to multiple county agencies, law enforcement departments, and other statewide prosecuting attorney offices.
  - 2019 panel speaker at the Juvenile Detention Initiative Alternative National Conference and supporter of alternative solutions to traditional outcomes resulting in unjust sentences for both juveniles, their victims, and community.
  
- **Early Plea Negotiating Attorney – Felony Trial Unit** *May 2017 - February 2018*
  - Successfully managed and negotiated favorable plea bargains with a caseload of nearly 200 in a fast-paced environment.
  - Responsible for case development and orchestrated investigations with State and Federal law enforcement agencies.

- Assisted in developing the King County Prosecutor's Office practices and responses to youthful offender cases, racial disproportionality, and social equities.
  
- **Trial Attorney - Juvenile Division** *February 2016 - April 2017*
  - Investigator and lead trial attorney in handling serious violent and sexual offenses.
  - Considerable discretion in making critical charging decisions of complex cases.
  - Partner and supporter of community-based organizations providing alternatives to juvenile rehabilitation, detention, and juvenile justice reform.
  
- **Appellate Attorney - Appellate Unit** *Sept. 2015 - January 2016*
  - Authored briefs on behalf of the State of Washington in the Division I Court of Appeals to ensure felony convictions were upheld on appeal.
  - Advised attorneys on a broad range of challenging legal issues arising at the trial level.
  - Performed legal research and writing, analysis, and evaluation of arguments raised on appeals.
  
- **Trial Attorney – Special Assault Unit** *Nov. 2013 - August 2015*
  - Prepared and litigated criminal cases involving physical abuse of a child, sexual assault, rape, child rape, harassment, sexual exploitation of minors, and media matters.
  - Developed trust and rapport with victims and advocacy groups yielding successful litigation results.
  - Led investigations with State and Federal Task Forces, including FBI, involving crimes of sex trafficking of minors and child abuse images.
  
- **Trial Attorney – Domestic Violence Unit** *June 2012 - October 2013*
  - Handled cases involving repeat offenders facing significant sentences for violent offenses.
  - Litigated an Attempted Murder in the Second Degree case with a favorable guilty plea.
  - Collaborated with victim advocacy groups to provide victim trauma trainings to in house prosecutors.
  
- **Trial Attorney – Violent Crimes Unit** *October 2011- May 2012*
  - Evaluated, charged, negotiated, and litigated cases involving violent assault, robberies, harassment, and high value property crimes.
  
- **Special Grant Attorney – Special Assault Unit** *Sept. 2010 – Sept. 2011*
  - Prosecuted and investigated failure to register as sex offender cases while drafting potential legislative changes to registration requirements.
  
- **Trial Attorney – Domestic Violence Unit** *June 2009 - August 2010*
  - Litigated misdemeanor cases of domestic assault, harassment, cyberstalking, and protection orders in both jury and bench trials.
  
- **Criminal Trial Attorney – District Court Unit** *Sept. 2008 - May 2009*
  - Screened and prosecuted gross misdemeanor criminal cases in King County.

- Handled appeals to the Superior Court from convictions in District Court.

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO – MOSCOW, ID

- *Judicial Administrative Officer* *Sept. 2007 - May 2008*

KING COUNTY PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE – SEATTLE, WA

- *Rule 9 Legal Intern* *May 2007 - July 2007*

HONORABLE KING COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE DEAN LUM – SEATTLE, WA

- *Legal Intern* *June 2006 - August 2006*

**EDUCATION / MEMBERSHIPS**

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO SCHOOL OF LAW - MOSCOW, ID

- *Juris Doctor (JD)* *August 2005 - May 2008*
- **Activities and societies:** Student Bar Association, Multicultural Law Caucus, & Legal Clinic

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON - SEATTLE, WA

- *Bachelor of Arts Degree - Major in Communications* *Sept. 2001 – Dec. 2005*
- *2005 School of Communications Public Speaking Competition Participant as nominated by peers and faculty.*

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

*May 2009 – Present*

ARIZONA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

*August 2021 - Present*

WSBA CRIMINAL LAW SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

*Jan. 2017 – Jan. 2020*

JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE – SEATTLE, WA

- Volunteer and guest presenter for 2018 Social Equity and Justice Seminar

CHOOSE 180 PANEL SPEAKER

*Feb. 2016 - April 2017*

MEDIA CASES:

[Opening statements in multiple-rape and robbery case | The Seattle Times](#)

['Never Going Back!' Releasing Inmates During a Pandemic - YouTube](#)

[Teen suspect in Renton rape may be charged as an adult | Renton Reporter](#)

[Bellevue Dentist Charged With Rape, Sexual Misconduct | Mercer Island, WA Patch](#)

[Kirkland massage therapist charged with rape | Kirkland Reporter](#)



# Community Police Commission

21 Members: Pursuant to 125315, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 3

- 7 City Council-appointed
- 7 Mayor-appointed
- 7 Other Appointing Authority-appointed (specify):

## Roster:

| *D | **G | RD | Position No. | Position Title  | Name                | Term Begin Date | Term End Date | Term # | Appointed By |
|----|-----|----|--------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------|--------------|
|    | F   |    | 1.           | Member          | Lars Erickson       | 1/1/23          | 12/31/25      | 1      | Mayor        |
|    |     |    | 2.           | Member          | Patricia L. Hunter  | 1/1/21          | 12/31/23      | 1      | City Council |
|    |     |    | 3.           | Public Defense  | Adrien Leavitt      | 1/1/21          | 12/31/23      | 1      | CPC          |
| 2  | F   |    | 4.           | Member          | Suzette Dickerson   | 1/1/21          | 12/31/23      | 2      | Mayor        |
|    |     |    | 5.           | Member          | Vacant              | 1/1/21          | 12/31/23      |        | City Council |
|    |     |    | 6.           | Civil Liberties | Lynne Wilson        | 1/1/21          | 12/31/23      | 1      | CPC          |
|    | F   |    | 7.           | Member          | Raven Nicole Tyler  | 1/1/22          | 12/31/24      | 1      | Mayor        |
|    |     |    | 8.           | Member          | Mary Ruffin         | 1/1/22          | 12/31/24      | 1      | City Council |
| 4  | M   |    | 9.           | Member          | Vacant              | 1/1/20          | 12/31/22      |        | CPC          |
| 2  | F   |    | 10.          | Member          | Harriett Walden     | 1/1/19          | 12/31/21      | 3      | Mayor        |
|    |     |    | 11.          | Member          | Joel Merkel         | 1/1/22          | 12/31/24      | 1      | City Council |
| 7  | M   |    | 12.          | Member          | Philip Sanchez      | 1/1/23          | 12/31/25      | 1      | CPC          |
| 9  | F   |    | 13.          | Member          | Vacant              | 1/1/22          | 12/31/24      |        | Mayor        |
|    |     |    | 14.          | Member          | Le'Jayah Washington | 1/1/22          | 12/31/24      | 2      | City Council |
| 2  | M   |    | 15.          | SPOG            | Mark Mullens        | 1/1/23          | 12/31/25      | 3      | CPC          |
|    |     |    | 16.          | Member          | Vacant              | 1/1/20          | 12/31/22      |        | Mayor        |
| 3  | NB  | 3  | 17.          | Member          | Vacant              | 1/1/23          | 12/31/25      | 2      | City Council |
|    |     |    | 18.          | SPMA            | Anthony Gaedcke     | 1/1/23          | 12/31/25      | 1      | CPC          |
|    |     |    | 19.          | Member          | Jeremy Wood         | 1/1/22          | 12/31/23      | 1      | Mayor        |
|    |     |    | 20.          | Member          | Tascha R. Johnson   | 1/1/23          | 12/31/25      | 2      | City Council |
| 2  | F   |    | 21.          | Member          | Erica Newman        | 1/1/23          | 12/31/25      | 2      | CPC          |

**SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART**

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9)

|         | Male | Female | Transgender | NB/ O/ U | Asian | Black/<br>African<br>American | Hispanic/<br>Latino | American<br>Indian/<br>Alaska<br>Native | Other | Caucasian/<br>Non-<br>Hispanic | Pacific<br>Islander | Middle<br>Eastern | Multiracial |
|---------|------|--------|-------------|----------|-------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---|-------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Mayor   |      | 5      |             |          |       | 2                             |                     | 2                                       |       |                                |                     |                   | 2           |
| Council | 1    | 1      | 1           |          |       | 2                             | 1                   |   |       |                                |                     |                   | 1           |
| Other   | 4    | 2      |             |          | 1     | 2                             |                     |   | 1     | 1                              | 1                   |                   |             |
| Total   | 5    | 9      | 1           |          | 1     | 6                             | 1                   | 2                                       | 1     | 1                              | 1                   |                   | 3           |

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.*