City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name:
Edward M. Leigh

Board/Commission Name:
Central Waterfront Oversight Committee

Position Title:
Owner of a Residential Apartment Property

☐ **Appointment** ***OR*** ☒ **Reappointment**

Council Confirmation required?
☒ Yes
☐ No

Appointing Authority:
☐ Council
☒ Mayor
☐ Other: *Fill in appointing authority*

Term of Position: *
1/1/2026
to
12/31/2027

☐ *Serving remaining term of a vacant position*

Residential Neighborhood:
Downtown

Zip Code:
98101

Contact Phone No.:
[redacted]

Background:
Ed is the VP of Investments for Equity Residential, an owner and operator multi-family real estate that owns over 5,000 apartment units in the City of Seattle. Four of Equity Residential's buildings are in the Waterfront LID boundary, including 2300 Elliott and Moda Apartments on 3rd Ave. Ed has worked for Equity Residential for 17 years, in Chicago and Seattle, and has a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Illinois and an MBA from the University of Pennsylvania.

Ed has participated on the CWOC since 2019 and continues to engage with community on the Waterfront Park progress.

Authorizing Signature (original signature):

October 23rd, 2025

Appointing Signatory:
Bruce A. Harrell

Mayor of Seattle

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

Edward M. Leigh

Ed Leigh is the VP of Investments for Equity Residential the Seattle area. Ed moved to Washington State in 2018, relocating from the company's headquarters in Chicago. He is responsible for asset management and acquisitions for Equity's 9,000-unit regional portfolio of multi-family properties.

Ed has a B.S. in Engineering from the University of Illinois, a M.S in Engineering from Texas A&M, and an M.B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. He started his career as an environmental engineer, then spent several years in strategy consulting with Bain & Company. He joined Equity Residential's Property Operations group in 2006 where he worked on national programs for property technology, maintenance, and energy, and utilities.

Ed is a member of the Downtown Seattle Association where he sits on the Advisory Board for the Metropolitan Improvement District (MID). He is also on the Board of Directors for the Washington Multi Family Housing Association, and serves as Chairman of the Government Affairs Committee.

Ed lives in downtown Seattle only two blocks from the Seattle Waterfront with his wife Christine and 9-year-old son Isaac. They are frequently ferry riders, and spend their weekends exploring the Puget Sound region. Ed has traveled extensively in Latin America and has joined two international trips for Habitat for Humanity, visiting Paraguay and Ghana.

Central Waterfront Oversight Committee

20 Members: Pursuant to Ordinance 125761 and Section 5 amended by Ordinance 126983, 14 members subject to City Council confirmation, all positions shall be 2-years except positions 15 through 20 which shall be permanent.

- 7 Mayor- appointed
- 7 City Council- appointed
- 6 Other Appointing Authority: Chief Executive Officer, Executive Director or designee

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
			1.	At-Large (Environmental)	Donny Stevenson	1/1/26	12/31/27	3	Mayor
			2.	At-Large (Labor)	Katie Garrow	1/1/26	12/31/27	3	Council
6	M	7	3.	At-Large	Gerry Johnson	1/1/26	12/31/27	3	Mayor
			4.	At-Large	Pamela Quadros	1/1/26	12/31/27	2	Council
			5.	At-Large	Eric R. Howard	1/1/26	12/31/27	3	Mayor
3	F	2	6.	At-Large	Michelle A. Rusk	1/1/26	12/31/27	3	Council
			7.	LID Residential Tenant	Leslie Veloz	1/1/26	12/31/27	1	Mayor
6	M	6	8.	LID Commercial Tenant	Jim Rowe	1/1/26	12/31/27	3	Council
			9.	LID Hotel Property Owner	Vacant	1/1/26	12/31/27		Mayor
6	F	7	10.	LID Condominium Owner	Emily Hoober George	1/1/26	12/31/27	3	Council
6	M	7	11.	LID Residential Apartment Property Owner	Edward M. Leigh	1/1/26	12/31/27	3	Mayor
			12.	LID Office Property Owner	Ryan Smith	1/1/26	12/31/27	1	Council
			13.	LID property on or within one block of Pike/Pine St. owner	Shawn Jackson	1/1/26	12/31/27	3	Mayor
			14.	LID Commercial/Retail Property Owner	Vacant	1/1/26	12/31/27		Council
6	F	3	15.	Pike Place Market PDA	Rachel Ligtenberg	9/1/25			Executive Director (or designee
			16.	Seattle Aquarium Society	Peggy Sloan	1/1/26			Chief Executive Officer (or designee)
6	M	4	17.	Downtown Seattle Association/MID	Jon Scholes	12/31/19			Chief Executive Officer (or designee)

6	M	NA	18.	Seattle Historic Waterfront Association	Bob C. Donegan	12/31/19			Executive Director (or designee
6	F	2	19.	Alliance for Pioneer Square	Lisa Dixon Howard	12/31/19			Executive Director (or designee
	F		20.	Port of Seattle	Geri Poor	1/1/24			Executive Director (or designee

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	3	0								3			
Council	1	2					1			2			
Other	3	3								5			
Total	7	5					1			10			

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.