City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: *Michelle A. Rusk*		
Board/Commission Name: *Central Waterfront Oversight Committee*		**Position Title:** *At-Large*
☐ **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: *Pioneer Square*	**Zip Code:** *98104*	**Contact Phone No.*:*** [redacted]
Background: *Lifelong Washingtonian and resident of Pioneer Square for nearly 10 years.*		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): **Date signed (appointed): 11/6/2025**	**Appointing Signatory:** *Joy Hollingsworth* *Seattle City Councilmember*	

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

MICHELLE A. RUSK

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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

WASHINGTON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - OFFICE OF PROGRAM RESEARCH | Seattle & Olympia, WA Nov. 2021-present
Legal Counsel

- Provide non-partisan, broad-ranging, legal support to members of the Washington State House of Representative including drafting bills and amendments, providing technical review and analysis of proposed legislation, and preparing bill analyses and legal memoranda
- Participate in public legislative hearings and work sessions including preparing and delivering bill briefings and presentations

FOSTER GARVEY | Seattle, WA Sept 2017 – Oct. 2021
Associate Attorney
Summer Associate (2015 and 2016)

- Represented public and private clients in a wide range of land use and real estate matters, including advising clients on local and state regulatory processes relating to property development, permitting, and environmental review
- Researched and drafted internal legal memoranda, motions, and briefs, and participated as a team member in all stages of litigation, including in trial and appellate proceedings in administrative and judicial forums

SEATTLE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, CIVIL DIVISION - TORTS SECTION | Seattle, WA Mar. 2016 – June 2016
Student Law Clerk

- Performed legal research; drafted motions, including motions for summary judgments and associated declarations; investigated facts concerning evidentiary support for motions; and provided litigation assistance to section attorneys

VETERANS PROJECT, NORTHWEST JUSTICE PROJECT | Seattle, WA Jan. 2015 – May 2015
Student Law Clerk

- Worked in coordination with attorneys on civil legal aid cases for veterans including child support and disability compensation appeals

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Staff Assistant/Intern Coordinator, U.S. House of Representatives | Washington, D.C. Jan. 2011 – July 2012
Implemented congressional internship program, coordinated constituent services & assisted with drafting legislative correspondence

Marketing Assistant, Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce | Saratoga Springs, NY July 2013 – Feb. 2014
Promoted chamber membership of 3,000 businesses, events, and services, including drafting press releases and membership emails

Marketing Coordinator, Saratoga Economic Development Corp. | Saratoga Springs, NY Nov. 2013 – Aug. 2014
Wrote all press releases, drafted articles for publications, and consulted on strategy related to County economic development

Project Assistant (hired as Receptionist)**, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough** | Charleston, SC Aug. 2012 – April 2013
Assisted the national coordinating counsel for an energy company in litigation and settlement strategy, including coordination with legal counsel nationwide, management of multiple in-house databases, and participation in preparing documents as part of discovery.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Board Member, Pioneer Square Residents' Council | Appointee, Seattle Central Waterfront Oversight Committee | Board Member, Latina/o Bar Association of Washington | Advisory Board Member, Whitworth Women's Leadership Network

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF LAW | Seattle, WA June 2017
Juris Doctor (Graduated with Honors)
Activities: Associate Editor-in-Chief, Washington International Law Journal, | 3L Representative, Student Bar Association President, Women's Law Caucus | Treasurer, Latina/o Law Student Assoc. | Veterans Law Moot Court, Speaker Award

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY | Arlington, VA | Paralegal Certificate March 2013

WHITWORTH UNIVERSITY | Spokane, WA May 2011
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Minor in Spanish - *magna cum laude*
Honors and Activities: Provost's Honor Roll | Laureate Society Member, 3.75+ GPA | Mind & Heart Scholar | Political Science
Study Abroad: University of Guanajuato in Guanajuato, Mexico (January 2009)

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.