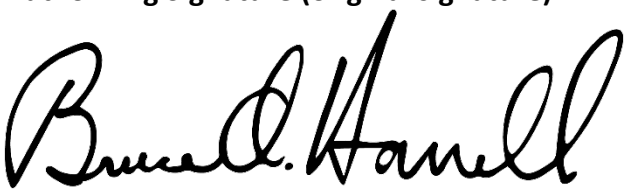
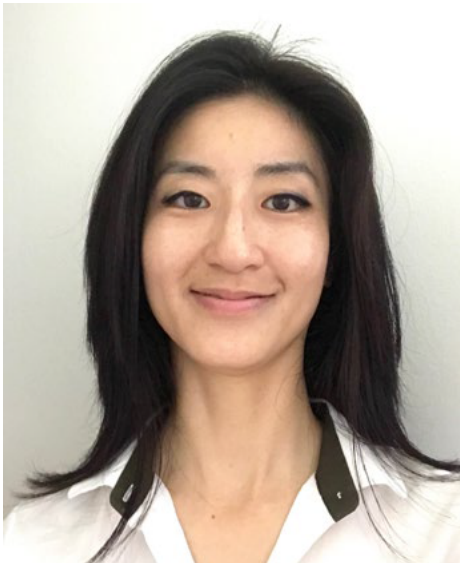
City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: *Sohyun Kim*		
Board/Commission Name: *Pioneer Square Preservation Board*		**Position Title:** *architect member*
☐ **Appointment** ***OR*** ☒ **Reappointment**	**City Council Confirmation required?** ☒ Yes ☐ No	
Appointing Authority: ☐ City Council ☒ Mayor ☐ Other: *Fill in appointing authority*	**Term of Position: *** 3/2/2025 **to** 3/1/2028 ☐ *Serving remaining term of a vacant position*	
Residential Neighborhood: *na*	**Zip Code:** *98124*	**Contact Phone No.:** [redacted]

Background:
Sohyun (Sage) Kim is currently serving and has provided valuable input on the Board. Sohyun (Sage) Kim is a Korean- American architect with a Master's in historic preservation from Columbia. She works for Bassetti Architects in Pioneer Square. For Sage, preservation is not just about physical restoration of buildings but also the stories that go with the building -the social, cultural, placemaking, identity and life telling stories. She focuses on sustainability, and architectural heritage and its underrepresented cultural values in order to uphold equity, diversity and inclusion.

Authorizing Signature (original signature):  **Date Signed (appointed):** **September 16th, 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.*



SOHYUN (SAGE) KIM LEED AP

Staff Architect — Bassetti Architects

EDUCATION

Master of Science in Historic Preservation
Columbia University

Ewha Womans University (South Korea)
Bachelor of Architecture

AWARDS

The 19th KIA (Korean Institute of Architects) International Competition

Gahoe-dong Guesthouse (Graduate Thesis)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Bassetti Architects, 2022 - present
Obra Architects / Jones & Jones Architects and Landscape Architects, 2021
Timothy Haahs and Associates, 2006 - 2018
ARC Architects, 2004
Group One, 2001

Top right: Tuition-Free Montessori-inspired Preschool Tenant Improvement project.

As an architect who is particularly interested in the sustainable design and the architectural heritage practices. My next chapter will focus on revitalization of historic or abandoned structures to contribute to sustainability of our built environment and my own extended studies toward a variery of architectural heritage and its underrepresented cultural values in an effort to uphold the EDI (Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) initiative.

RECENT PROJECTS/ EXPERIENCE

Talaris Site Development Master Plan, Seattle, WA*
Tuition-Free Montessori-inspired Preschool Tenant Improvement Projects (confidential client), Various Sites, WA*
Brownsville & Van Dyke Community Centers, Brooklyn, NY*>
Chief Seattle Club Mixed-Use & Expansion, Seattle, WA*>
Old Korean Legation, Washington, DC*>
Philip Jaisohn Memorial Center, Media, PA >

MAIN RESEARCH/ DESIGN PROJECTS

Korean Hanok Into American Architecture*>
Examined how the traditional Korean architecture can be transformed to accommodate large commercial programs in the U.S. and how the effort to achieve its critical preservation can contribute to the identity of Korean-American society.

Tong-Il-Chon in the Area of Korean Demilitarized Zone*>
Columbia University GSAPP
Graduate Thesis that analyzed values of a civilian village in the Korean DMZ area, evaluated previous initiatives and results, and proposed applicable management plans with new preservation methods.

Link to Old & New, Link to Breuer & Escher*>
Columbia University GSAPP
Advanced HP + ARCH Joint Studio III project for adaptive re-modulation of Marcel Breuer's US Embassy in The Hague. Archived into GSAPP Abstract with High Pass grade.

> Experience Prior to Bassetti
** Historic Preservation and/ or Renovation Project*

Pioneer Square Preservation Board

Ten Members: Pursuant to SMC 23.66.110, *all* members subject to City Council confirmation, *3*-year terms except for the Get Engaged which will be a 1-year term per SM C3.51:

- *#* City Council-appointed
- *10* Mayor-appointed
- *#* Other Appointing Authority-appointed (specify):

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	M	2	1	Property Owner	Sean O'Brien	3/2/23	3/1/26	1	Mayor
6	F	7	2	Historian	Maureen R. Elenga	3/2/25	3/1/28	2	Mayor
6	M		3	Property Owner	Henry Watson	3/2/22	3/1/25	1	Mayor
2	F		4	Get Engaged	Montana Houston	9/1/25	8/31/26	2	Mayor
6	F		5	At Large	Katrina Plewinski	3/2/25	3/1/28	1	Mayor
3	M		6	Architect	Jose Lorenzo-Tores	3/2/24	3/1/27	1	Mayor
4	F		7	Human Services	Maya Spotted Bear	3/2/25	3/1/28	1	Mayor
6	F	2	8	Attorney	Catherine Walker	3/2/23	3/1/26	1	Mayor
			9	Retail	vacant	3/2/25	3/1/28		Mayor
1	F	N/A	10	Architect	Sohyun Kim	3/2/25	3/1/28	2	Mayor

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

	(1) Male	(2) Female	(3) Transgender	(4) NB/ O/ U	(5) Asian	(6) Black/ African American	(7) Hispanic/ Latino	(8) American Indian/ Alaska Native	(9) Other	Caucasian/ Non-Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	3	6			1	1	1	1		5			
Council													
Other													
Total	4	3			1	2	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.