




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Steve Zemke		
Board/Commission Name: Urban Forestry Commission		Position Title: Position #1 Wildlife Biologist
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Date Appointed: <i>mm/dd/yy.</i>	Term of Position: * 12/1/2016 to 12/1/2019
Residential Neighborhood: Bitter Lake/North Seattle	Zip Code: 98133	Contact Phone No.: n/a
Background: <p>Mr. Zemke's broad experience includes environmental research, real estate, and public policy related to growth management, recycling, public energy, minimum wage, and toxic waste cleanup. He is adept at working with diverse groups and helping them reach compromise to move efforts forward.</p> <p>Mr. Zemke manages rental properties he and his wife own. This has given him a useful perspective on the concerns of both neighborhoods and the business community. He is very involved with non-profit environmental organizations. He is the chairperson of Save the Trees O Seattle; board member of the Cascade Chapter of the Sierra club, member of Washington Citizens for Recycling, the Seattle Audubon Society, Washington Environmental Council, and Washington Native Plant Society.</p> <p>Mr. Zemke's strong background in natural science have been an asset to the Urban Forestry Commission for the past three years. He is being re-appointed to a second three-year term that ends December 1, 2019.</p>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 	Appointing Signatory: Sally Bagshaw Seattle City Council member	

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

Urban Forestry Commission

December 2016

Ten (10) Members: Pursuant to S.M.C. 3.14.920, **all** members subject to City Council confirmation, **three-year** terms:

- **4** City Council-appointed
- **5** Mayor-appointed
- **1** Other Appointing Authority-appointed (specify): **1** (one) selected by Commissioners

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	M		1.	Wildlife Biologist	Steve Zemke	12-1-16	12-1-19	2	Council
6	F		2.	Urban Ecologist	Donna Kostka	12-1-16	12-1-19	2	Mayor
6	M		3.	Natural Resource Agency or University Representative	Weston Brinkley	2-29-16	12-1-19	1	Council
8	M		4.	Hydrologist or Similar Professional	Richard Martin	3-16-15	12-1-17	1	Mayor
6	M		5.	Arborist	Leif Fixen	12-1-14	12-1-17	2	Council
6	M		6.	Landscape Architect	Tom Early	12-1-14	12-1-17	2	Mayor
6	F		7.	NGO Representative	Joanna Nelson de Flores	6-6-14	12-1-18	2	Council
6	M		8.	Development Community or Utility Representative	Andrew Zellers	2-29-16	12-1-19	1	Mayor
6	M		9.	Economist, Financial Analyst, Realtor, or Similar Professional	Craig Johnson	12-1-16	12-1-19	1	Commission
6	M		10.	Get Engaged	Reid Haefer	9-1-16	8-31-17	1	Mayor

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)				
	Men	Women	Transgender	Unknown	Asian	Black/African American	Hispanic/Latino	American Indian/Alaska Native	Other (Specification Optional)	Caucasian/Non-Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	4	1								4		1	
Council	3	1								4			
Other	1									1			
Total	8	2								9		1	

Key:

- *D List the corresponding *Diversity Chart* number (1 through 9)
- **G List *gender*, M = Male, F= Female, T= Transgender, U= Unknown
- RD Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A

Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.

Resume
Steve Zemke

Working to protect native trees and shrubs in the city is important to maintaining native bird species, insects they need to feed their young, and other wildlife in the city. I would like to continue my past work on advocating for protection of Seattle's urban forests and trees and wildlife in Seattle as a member of Seattle's Urban Forestry Commission for Position 1 – Wildlife Biologist.

My background and interest in Biology has been a major component of my life. For example I lead Save the Trees – Seattle's successful effort to gain protection for most of the NW grove of trees at Ingraham High School that was threatened. I have chaired the citizens group for the last 5 years. I was able to identify the plant community present at the site as a unique habitat that should be protected and the Hearing Examiner in our appeal agreed. We were also able to find information of Band-tailed pigeons associated with the grove and eagle sightings at nearby Haller Lake which was used in our appeal.

Professional Background I have been active on environmental issues for much of my professional life, working mostly in the nonprofit sector. This work has included environmental research, environmental advocacy, legislative activity and politics.

Educational Background My educational background includes a BA from Case Western Reserve University and an MA in Biology from Wesleyan University. I also completed several additional years of graduate work at the University of Washington in the College of Fisheries. Besides courses at the UW in Fish Biology I also completed coursework in Limnology, Population and Community Ecology, Advanced Ecology, and Ecology of Marine Communities. This strong background in natural science has been important in my career over the years.

Work Experience My work experience has been varied over the years and has included working for the Pacific Science Center as an environmental researcher and working as a Fisheries Technician for the METRO Outfall and Nearshore Fish Survey. I have been involved in numerous initiative campaigns on public policy issues that included my being Chairperson and/or Campaign Director on campaigns on growth management, recycling, public energy, minimum wage, and toxic waste cleanup. These and other efforts have been collaborative efforts working with groups of people to make decisions and reach compromises as needed to move efforts forward. Other work experience includes being a real estate agent and running a used bookstore in Pioneer Square and managing rental properties my wife and I own, all of which has given me a useful perspective on the business community and their concerns and concerns of neighborhoods. Recently I was Chair of the King County Democrats, twice a candidate for Seattle City Council in the past and remain active in Democratic politics and issue advocacy for tax reform and urban forestry.

Nonprofit Environmental Affiliation Chairperson of Save the Trees – Seattle, past Chair of Washington Citizens for Recycling, State Board member of the Cascade Chapter of the Sierra Club, and member Seattle Audubon Society, Washington Environmental Council, and Washington Native Plant Society.