






# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Isaac Ruiz</i>		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> <i>Community Police Commission</i>		<b>Position Title:</b> <i>5</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		<b>Council Confirmation required?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Appointing Authority:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	<b>Date Appointed:</b> <del>11/20/2017</del> <i>CR</i> <i>11/06/2017</i>	<b>Term of Position: *</b> <i>1/1/2018</i> to <i>12/31/2020</i>
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>Capitol Hill</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> <i>98101</i>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> 
<b>Background:</b> <i>Resume attached; Letter of Intent attached</i>		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b> 		<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <i>M Lorena González</i> <i>City-Wide Councilmember</i>

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



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RE-APPOINTMENT SUBMISSION

Hon. Councilmember Lorena González:

Thank you for considering me for re-appointment.

It has been my honor to serve on the Seattle Community Police Commission (CPC) throughout 2016 and 2017, including the past year serving as co-chair.

During this time, I have contributed hundreds of hours working with colleagues helping to craft accountability reform legislation; participating in the CPC workgroup that focuses on SPD policies; representing the CPC in federal court, before Council, and other forums; co-chairing the search committee for the first Inspector General for Public Safety; and participating in the search committee for Seattle's Office of Police Accountability Director.

Among the most valuable experiences over the past two years were the study missions to New York, New Orleans, and Los Angeles—trips that you led and during which elements of the accountability legislation emerged.

We are entering a new era of police accountability in our city. If re-appointed, I look forward to continued collaboration with Council, the Office of the Mayor, the City Attorney's Office, the Office of Police Accountability (OPA), the new Office of the Inspector General, CPC colleagues and staff, and (most important) members of the community.

I look forward to our continued work together. My resume appears below.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Isaac Ruiz

Isaac Ruiz

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### **BIOGRAPHICAL**

- Born in South Texas to Mexican immigrant parents.
- Worked in agricultural fields and sold watermelons on the side of the road of home town.
- First college graduate in family.
- Fourteen-year resident of Seattle.
- Live on Capitol Hill (Council District 3) with partner of 17 years and 3 1/2-year-old daughter.

### **PROFESSIONAL**

- Trial lawyer and partner, Keller Rohrback L.L.P.
- Selected to the 2015, 2016, and 2017 Washington Super Lawyers lists.
- Rated a "Superb" lawyer by Avvo.com.
- Member in good standing of the Washington State Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar Association, King County Bar Association, QLaw Association, and Latino/a Bar Association of Washington.
- Eagle Member of the Washington State Association for Justice (WSAJ) and member of the American Association for Justice (AAJ).
- Served as Chair of WSAJ's Insurance Section in 2015 and 2016.
- Associate with Perkins Coie LLP's Product Liability Department from 2003 to 2006.
- Associate with Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck's Litigation Department in Denver from 2002 to 2003.
- Judicial law clerk for Judge Carlos F. Lucero of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit from 2000 to 2002. Lucero is known for, among other things, writing the first federal court of appeals opinion in favor of marriage equality.
- Graduated *magna cum laude* from Notre Dame Law School in 2000. Graded onto the *Notre Dame Law Review*. Served as research assistant on an antitrust treatise authored by Prof. Joseph Bauer. Received Arthur Abel award for best student law review article in 1999. Served on the *Journal of College & University Law*. Received Dean's Award in Business Associations.
- Served as copy editor for the *Valley Morning Star* in Harlingen, Texas, between college and law school in 1997.

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- Graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 1996. Double-majored in Government and Economics. Interned at Public Citizen. Completed degree in two and a half years.
- Graduated from La Feria High School in La Feria, Texas, in 1994. District champion in cross-examination debate three years. Received DAR Good Citizen Award. Attended Boys State. Voted Student of the Year by faculty junior and senior years. President or Vice President of virtually every club I belonged to.
- Grew up working in agricultural fields with my family. Sold watermelons on the side of the road and in flea markets during summer breaks.

### **COMMUNITY WORK**

- Vice President of the QLaw Foundation Board from 2015 to 2017 and current President Elect. The foundation advocates for the legal rights of LGTBQ Americans and provides education and free legal services to the community.
- Editor, *Judge's Bench Guide on the LGBTQ Community and the Law*, Washington State Supreme Court's Gender and Justice Commission (3d ed. 2017).
- Appointed to Seattle Community Police Commission (CPC) by Mayor of Seattle. Confirmed unanimously by the Seattle City Council.
- Served on the CPC Accountability Workgroup from 2016 to 2017 and participated in drafting of historic police reform legislation.
- Participated in Seattle Councilmember Lorena González's missions to New York, New Orleans, and Los Angeles to study accountability reform.
- Represented CPC in federal court hearings.
- Served as co-chair of the CPC in 2017.
- Served as co-chair of the search committee for Inspector General for Public Safety in 2017.
- Served as member of the search committee for Office of Police Accountability Director in 2017.
- Assist in voter-protection and get-out-the-vote efforts for major elections.

## **PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- Presenter, *Civil Rights Issues Impacting the Trans and GNC Community*, King County Bar Association, Common Legal Issues and Barriers for the Trans and Gender Non-Conforming Community, Seattle, Washington (2017).
- Panelist, *Community Concerns and Complaints, Community Involvement and Oversight*, Washington State Bar Association, A Look at People of Color: Racial Progress or a Deepening Racial Divide, Seattle, Washington (2017).
- Panelist, *Collective Bargaining and Police Oversight*, National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE), 23rd Annual NACOLE Conference, Spokane, Washington (2017).
- Author, *Washington's Insurance Fair Conduct Act: Cases and Analysis*, the definitive guide to Washington's groundbreaking insurance law (2014 & 2015 Supp.). Book received positive review in the *WSAJ Trial News* and proved popular among lawyers on plaintiff and defense sides.
- Author, *Legislative History of Washington's Insurance Fair Conduct Act*, which makes available (for the first time ever) written transcripts of the House and Senate committee hearings that led to IFCA's passage (2014).
- Editor, *Judge's Bench Guide on the LGBTQ Community and the Law*, Washington State Supreme Court's Gender and Justice Commission (3d ed. 2017).
- Author and Publisher, [www.IFCA.online](http://www.IFCA.online), an online resource where lawyers and consumers can research and access IFCA's legislative history.
- Host, *Insurance for Regular People Podcast* (2017).
- Presenter, *UIM + IFCA: Two Acronyms that Go Together*, WSAJ's Auto Cases Seminar, Seattle, Washington (2017).
- Co-Chair & Presenter, *Insurance Fair Conduct Act Update*, Washington State Association for Justice's 37th Annual Insurance Law Seminar, Seattle, Washington, and Spokane, Washington (2015).
- Co-Presenter, *Duty or No Duty?*, concerning the duty to defend in liability insurance policies, American Bar Association's 2015 Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee CLE Seminar, Tucson, Arizona (2015).
- Co-Presenter, *"American Sniper": What to Do When Good Faith Goes Bad*, Puget Sound Adjusters Association's 4th Annual Spring Symposium (2015).
- Presenter, *A Claimant's View of IFCA*, Washington Defense Trial Lawyers' Annual Insurance Law Update, Seattle, Washington (2015).

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- Author, *Lost in Translation: The Needs of Spanish Language Policyholders*, published in *WSAJ Trial News* (2014).
- Author, *On the Remedial Nature of the Insurance Fair Conduct Act*, published in the *Gonzaga Law Review* (2014).
- Author, *Seven Years After the Insurance Fair Conduct Act*, published on the first page of the *King County Bar Bulletin* (2014).
- Author, *The Insurance Fair Conduct Act & Liability Insurance Policies*, published in *WSAJ Trial News* (2014).
- Presenter, *IFCA and Bad Faith Insurance Claims*, WSAJ's Legal Staff Section (2014).
- Presenter, *IFCA Claims Without a Denial of Coverage*, WSAJ's 35th Annual Insurance Law Seminar: Hot Topics in Insurance Law (2013).
- Co-Presenter, *Insurance Fair Conduct Act: Point-Counterpoint*, Washington Defense Trial Lawyers' Annual Insurance Law Update (2013).
- Author, *My Letter to the Trustees of the La Feria Schools on the Handling of Jeydon Loredó's Yearbook Photo* (2013), published by the *Huffington Post*. The letter involved a high school principal's decision to ban a transgender teen from appearing in a yearbook.
- Author, *IFCA Claims Without a Denial of Coverage*, published in *WSAJ Trial News* (2012).

