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SCA Board of Directors AGENDA

Renton City Hall, 1055 S Grady Way, Renton, WA
Conferencing Center, 7th Floor
10 AM - Noon

- 1) **Call to Order** – President Mary Lou Pauly 2 minutes
- 2) **Public Comment** 10 minutes
- 3) **Consent Agenda** 3 minutes
 - a. Minutes of the December 18, 2024 SCA Board of Directors Meeting [Attachment 1](#)
 - b. Minutes of the 2024 SCA Annual Meeting [Attachment 2](#)

Recommended Action: Approval of the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the December 18, 2024 SCA Board of Directors Meeting; and the minutes of the 2024 SCA Annual Meeting
- 4) **Election of 2025 SCA Board Officers**

Recommended Action: Election of 2025 SCA Board President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer
- 5) **Executive Session** to Discuss Personnel Matter 20 minutes
- 6) **President’s Report** – 2025 President 5 minutes
- 7) **Welcome, Introduction of New Members** 5 minutes
- 8) **2025 Meeting Schedule** 5 minutes
Recommended Action: Adoption of 2025 Meeting Schedule [Attachment 3](#)
- 9) **Financial Report** – 2025 Treasurer 15 minutes
 - a. 2025 Reserves [Attachment 4](#)

Recommended Action: Approval of 2025 Financial Reserves.
 - b. HomeStreet Bank Accounts
Recommended Action: To authorize the 2025 Board Officers of President; Vice President; and Treasurer as signers for HomeStreet Bank accounts held by SCA, in addition to the SCA Interim Executive Director
 - c. Confirmation of 2025 Finance Committee Members
Recommended Action: Appointment of 2025 Finance Committee Members
 - d. Member City Dues Update [Attachment 5](#)
 - e. Sponsorship Update [Attachment 6](#)
 - f. Other Updates
- 10) **PIC Chair’s Report** – PIC Chair Chris Roberts 15 minutes
 - a. January 8, 2025 [Meeting Materials](#)

- i.) 2025 SCA Legislative Agenda
Recommended Action: *Adoption of 2025 Legislative Agenda*
- ii.) PIC Orientation

[Attachment 7](#)

11) King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) Operations Board
Recommended Action: *Appointment of SCA Representative to KCRHA Operations Board*

10 minutes

[Attachments 8-9](#)

12) Discussion Items

25 minutes

- a. Events Committee
Potential Action: *Appointment of 2025 Events Committee Members*
- b. Sponsorships
- c. 2025 SCA Board Retreat

13) For the good of the order

5 minutes

14) Adjourn

Upcoming Events/Meetings

- a. SCA Public Issues Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February*
- b. SCA Board of Directors Meeting – Wednesday, February*



SCA Board of Directors

DRAFT Minutes

December 18, 2024

Virtual

10 AM - Noon

1) Call to Order

SCA President Mary Lou Pauly called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM Present were members Traci Buxton, Armondo Pavone, Jan Molinaro, De'Sean Quinn, Troy Linnell, Katherine Ross, Dana Ralph, and Regan Bolli, Amy Falcone, and Chris Roberts, and SCA staff Carl Cole, Leah Willoughby, Andie Parnell, and Aj Foltz. Absent were members Mason Thompson and Wendy Weiker.

2) Public Comment

President Pauly asked if there were any members of the public present for public comment. Hearing none, this portion of the agenda was closed.

3) Consent Agenda

President Pauly asked for any questions or concerns regarding the minutes of the November 20, 2024 SCA Board of Directors meeting.

Falcone moved, seconded by Molinaro, to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2024 SCA Board of Directors meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

4) President's Report

President Mary Lou Pauly reported

5) Interim Executive Director's Report

Interim Executive Director Carl Cole provided brief updates regarding

6) Board Nominating Report

7) Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Armondo Pavone reported that the November 2024 Finance Committee was canceled due to quorum. There were no additional updates.

8) PIC Chair's Report

PIC Chair Chris Roberts reported on the December 5, 2024 SCA PIC Meeting. Items included:

- a. PIC Chair and Vice Chair Election (Update)
PIC members were briefed on the process for the election of the 2025 PIC Chair and Vice Chair.
- b. Regional Boards and Committee Appointments

PIC Chair Roberts asked for any questions or concerns regarding the recommended appointments to regional boards and committees. Following discussion, the board took the following action:

Molinaro moved, seconded by Falcone to approve Appointments to 2025 Regional Boards and Committees, as recommended by PIC and as shown in [Minutes Attachment A](#), including a finding of exceptional circumstances to exceed term limit for appointment of:

- ***Marli Larimer, Kent as member to the Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services***
- ***Nancy Backus, Auburn as member to the Greater Seattle Partners***
- ***Dana Ralph, Kent as member to the PSRC Transportation Policy Board***
- ***Angela Birney, Redmond as member to the Regional Policy Committee***

The motion passed unanimously.

c. King County Long-Term Waste Disposal Options

d. 2025 SCA Legislative agenda

Senior Policy Analyst Andie Parnell provided Board with summary of feedback from PIC members regarding the draft 2025 legislative priorities. Board members discussed feedback and suggested edits. This item will return to PIC, and subsequently to the Board at the January 2025 meeting.

9) Regional Staff Committee Appointments

Chief Operating Officer Leah Willoughby gave overview of applicants for Regional Staff Committees. Following discussion, the board took the following action:

Molinaro moved, seconded by Quinn to appoint individuals to Regional Staff Committees as shown in [Minutes Attachment B](#). The motion passed unanimously.

10) Update on Selection of SCA Representative on KCRHA Operations Board

Policy Analyst Aj Foltz provided members with update and next steps regarding the selection of a Lived Experience Representative to the King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) Operations Board. This item will be brought back to the next meeting of the board.

11) Discussion Items/Updates

a. Annual Meeting Debrief

This item was discussed earlier in the agenda.

b. 2025 Board Committees

Members were asked to communicate interest on serving on 2025 Board Committees, including Finance Committee and Events Committee.

12) Recognition of Outgoing Board Members

President Pauly acknowledged and thanked 2024 outgoing members Jan Molinaro and Wendy Weiker.

13) For the good of the order

There were no items for the good of the order.

14) The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 AM.

2025 SCA Regional Boards and Committees – PIC Recommendations

Key

Unexpired Term

Reappointment of Incumbent

Alternate to Member

Member to Alternate

New Appointment

***Finding of Extraordinary Circumstances to make an exception to the six-year term limit*

Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services (ADS Advisory Council)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	**Marli Larimer	Kent	S
Member	Janice Zahn	Bellevue	N

Affordable Housing

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Ryan McIrvine	Renton	S
Member	Lynne Robinson	Bellevue	N
Member	Nigel Herbig	Kenmore	N
Member	Amy Falcone	Kirkland	N
Alternate	Annette Ademasu	Shoreline	N
Alternate	Dana Parnello	Maple Valley	S
Alternate	Lindsey Walsh	Issaquah	N
Alternate	Christina Rustik	North Bend	SnoV

Board of Health (BOH)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Cheryl Rakes	Auburn	S
Member	Amy Lam	Sammamish	N
Alternate	Amy Falcone	Kirkland	N
Alternate	Barb de Michele	Issaquah	N

Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board (EDDB)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Lydia Assefa-Dawson	Federal Way	S
Member	Dana Ralph	Kent	S
Alternate	James Alberson	Renton	S
Alternate	Tracy Taylor	Auburn	S

Children and Youth Advisory Board (CYAB)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Yolanda Trout-Manuel	Auburn	S
Member	Ariana Sherlock	Newcastle	N

Domestic Violence Initiative Regional Task Force (DVI)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Satwinder Kaur	Kent	S
Member	Susan Honda	Federal Way	S
Member	Yolanda Trout-Manuel	Auburn	S
Member	Troy Linnell	Algona	SV
Alternate	Neal Black	Kirkland	N
Alternate	Hannah Hedrick	Tukwila	S
Alternate			
Alternate			

Emergency Management Advisory Committee (EMAC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Leih Mulvihill	Black Diamond	SV
Member	JC Harris	Des Moines	S
Member	Karen Howe	Sammamish	N
Alternate	Zach Hall	Issaquah	N
Alternate	Jeralee Anderson	Redmond	N
Alternate	Hannah Hendrick	Tukwila	S

Greater Seattle Partners (GSP)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	**Nancy Backus	Auburn	S

Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Satwinder Kaur	Kent	S
Member	Salim Nice	Mercer Island	N
Member	Kelli Curtis	Kirkland	N
Member	Ryan McIrvine	Renton	S
Member	Kent Treen	Sammamish	N
Member	Melissa Stuart	Redmond	N
Alternate	Amy McHenry	Duvall	SnoV
Alternate	Lydia Assefa-Dawson	Federal Way	S
Alternate	Jim Ribail	Carnation	SnoV
Alternate	Kate Baldwin	Auburn	S

2025 SCA Regional Boards and Committees –
PIC Nominating Committee Recommendations

HealthierHere Governing Board

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Semra Riddle	Lake Forest Park	N
Alternate	Penny Sweet	Kirkland	N

Joint Recommendations Committee (JRC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Amy McHenry	Duvall	SNO
Member	Elizabeth Porter	Covington	S
Member	Karen Howe	Sammamish	N
Member			
Alternate			
Alternate			

King Conservation District Advisory Committee (KCD)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Brenda Fincher	Kent	S
Member	Amy Falcone	Kirkland	N
Member	Annette Ademasu	Shoreline	N
Alternate	Tracy Furutani	LFP	N
Alternate	Carston Curd	Bothell	N
Alternate	Sid Gupta	Sammamish	N

King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee (KCFCDAC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Karen Howe	Sammamish	N
Member	Carol Benson	Black Diamond	SV
Member	JC Harris	Des Moines	S
Member	Melanie O’Cain	Kenmore	N
Alternate	Henry Sladek	Skykomish	SNO
Alternate	Troy Linnell	Algona	SV
Alternate	Amy McHenry	Duvall	SnoV
Alternate	Annette Ademasu	Shoreline	N

King County Law Enforcement Officers’ and Fire Fighters’ Plan 1 (LEOFF1) Disability Retirement Board

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Craig Reynolds	Mercer Island	N

King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) Governing Committee

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Ed Prince	Renton	S
Member	Angela Birney	Redmond	N
Member	Nancy Backus	Auburn	S

Local Hazardous Waste Management Program (LHWMP) Management Coordination Committee (MCC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	John Boyd	Kent	S
Alternate	Kim-Khanh Van	Renton	S

Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) Oversight Committee King County

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Brenda Fincher	Kent	S
Alternate	Paul Charbonneau	Newcastle	N

Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) Advisory Council

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Satwinder Kaur	Kent	S

PSRC Executive Board

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Thomas McLeod	Tukwila	S
Member	Jeff Wagner	Covington	S
Member	Mary Lou Pauly	Issaquah	N
Alternate	Traci Buxton	Des Moines	S
Alternate	Mason Thompson	Bothell	N
Alternate	Chris Roberts	Shoreline	N

PSRC Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Pam Stuart	Sammamish	N
Member	Ed Prince	Renton	S
Member	Melissa Stuart	Redmond	N
Alternate	Lindsey Walsh	Issaquah	N
Alternate	Amy McHenry	Duvall	SnoV
Alternate	Satwinder Kaur	Kent	S

2025 SCA Regional Boards and Committees – PIC Nominating Committee Recommendations

PSRC Operations Committee

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Chris Roberts	Shoreline	N
Alternate	Dana Ralph	Kent	S

PSRC Transportation Policy Board (TPB)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	**Dana Ralph	Kent	S
Member	Mary Lou Pauly	Issaquah	N
Member	Peter Kwon	SeaTac	S
Alternate	Susan Honda	Federal Way	S
Alternate	Jay Arnold	Kirkland	N
Alternate	Matt Mahoney	Des Moines	S

Regional Law, Safety and Justice Committee (RLSJC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Neal Black	Kirkland	N
Member	Zandria Michaud	Kent	S
Member	Rob Wotton	Snoqualmie	SnoV
Member	Troy Linnell	Algona	SV
Member	Steve Sinwell	Clyde Hill	N
Member	Eric Zimmerman	Normandy Park	S
Member	Carmen Rivera	Renton	S
Member	Suzan Torguson	North Bend	SnoV

Regional Policy Committee (RPC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Nancy Backus	Auburn	S
Member	**Angela Birney	Redmond	N
Member	Armondo Pavone	Renton	S
Member	Jay Arnold	Kirkland	N
Alternate	Debra Srebnik	Kenmore	N
Alternate	Dana Ralph	Kent	S

Regional Transit Committee (RTC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Ryan McIrvine	Renton	S
Member	Katherine Ross	Snoqualmie	SNO
Member	Janice Zahn	Bellevue	N
Member	Susan Honda	Federal Way	S
Member	Toni Troutner	Kent	S
Member	Joseph Cimaomo, Jr.	Covington	S
Member	Barb de Michele	Issaquah	N
Member	Karen Howe	Sammamish	N
Alternate	Paul Charbonneau	Newcastle	N
Alternate	Neal Black	Kirkland	N
Alternate	Tarlochan Mann	Pacific	SV
Alternate	JC Harris	Des Moines	S

Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Conrad Lee	Bellevue	N
Member	Laura Mork	Shoreline	N
Member	Jessica Rossman	Medina	N
Member	Sarah Moore	Burien	S
Alternate	Yolanda Trout-Manuel	Auburn	S
Alternate	Penny Sweet	Kirkland	N

Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Amy Lam	Sammamish	N
Member	Laura Mork	Shoreline	N

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2025 SCA Staff Regional Committee Appointments

Affordable Housing Interjurisdictional Team

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Ian Lefcourte	Redmond	N
Member	Chris Pasinetti	Enumclaw	SV
Member	Thara Johnson	Bellevue	N
Member	Matt Herrera	Renton	S
Member	Jamie Burrell	North Bend	SnoV
Member	Evan Maxim	SeaTac	S
Member	Kristen Holdsworth	Kent	S
Member	Rhonda Ender	Carnation	SnoV

Crisis Care Center Proposal Review Panel

Seat	Name	City/Org.	Zone
Member	Brook Buettner	R.C.R	North
Member	Brooke Buckingham	Redmond	East
Member	Merina Hanson	Kent	South
Member	Brooke Drennon	Friends of Youth	Youth

Interjurisdictional Team (IJT) Growth Management Planning Council

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Carol Helland	Redmond	N
Member	Mike McCarty	North Bend	SnoV
Member	Angie Mathias	Renton	S
Member	Carl de Simas	Pacific	SV

King County Regional Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) Advisory Committee

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	(vacant)		

Opioid Abatement Council

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Kent Hay	Auburn	S

PSRC Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Thomas Valdriz	Issaquah	N
Member	James Webb	Auburn	S
Member	Victoria Kovacs	Kirkland	N
Member	Michael Hintze	Redmond	N

PSRC Regional Project Evaluation Committee (RPEC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	John Mortenson	Issaquah	N
Member	Chad Bieren	Kent	S
Member	Larissa Grundell	Duvall	SnoV
Member	Nytasha Walters	Shoreline	N
Member	Ingrid Gaub	Auburn	S
Alternate	Dan Marcinko	North Bend	SnoV
Alternate	Kimberly Scrivner	Kirkland	N
Alternate	Vangie Garcia	Redmond	N
Alternate	Ellen Talbo	Renton	S

PSRC Regional Staff Committee

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Minnie Dhaliwal	Issaquah	N
Member	Eric Perry	Renton	S
Member	Mark Rigos	North Bend	SnoV
Alternate	John Vicente	Kenmore	N
Alternate	Becky Frey	Redmond	N
Alternate	Rhonda Ender	Carnation	SnoV



**SCA Annual Meeting
December 4, 2024
6:15 PM
DRAFT MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order.** Issaquah Mayor Mary Lou Pauly, SCA President, called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.
2. **Roll Call.** 23 cities had representation: Algona, Auburn, Black Diamond, Bothell, Burien, Covington, Des Moines, Enumclaw, Federal Way, Issaquah, Kenmore, Kent, Kirkland, Maple Valley, Mercer Island, North Bend, Pacific, Renton, Sammamish, SeaTac, Snoqualmie, Tukwila, and Yarrow Point.
3. **Treasurer's Report.** Renton Mayor Armondo Pavone, SCA Treasurer, reported on the recommended 2025 member city dues, and reviewed the policies for dues assessments: dues are based on the assessment rate multiplied by the population of the city. The city population is based on 2024 OFM numbers. Per SCA Board Policy 402.5, dues for cities with populations of 100,000 or above are recommended to be capped at a population of 100,000. And, Per SCA Board Policy 402.3, the assessment rate shall be adjusted annually based on the June-June CPI-W for Seattle/Tacoma/Bellevue, with a floor of 0% and a cap of 5%. The CPI-W this year was 3.6%.

Pavone reported on the recommended 2025 SCA budget: budget is balanced; including projected revenue of \$1,083,591 and expenditures of \$1,083,583.

Treasurer Pavone moved, seconded by Amy Falcone, Kirkland, to adopt the 2025 Budget as recommended by the SCA Board of Directors, including a membership assessment of \$ 0.7801987 per resident based on 2024 OFM population (capped at 100,000 residents) and including projected revenue of \$1,083,591 and expenditures of \$1,083,583. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Adjourn.** President Molinaro adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 6:46 PM

Sound Cities Association
DRAFT Board Resolution 2025-1
Board of Directors Schedule of Regular Meetings

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4.1 of the Bylaws of Sound Cities Association, the Board of Directors shall have general control and supervision over the corporation and shall be empowered to determine all questions of policy that may arise in all intervals between annual membership meetings; and

WHEREAS, Section 4.6 of the Bylaws of Sound Cities Association provide that, by resolution, the Board of Directors may specify the date, time and place for the holding of regular meetings; and

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUND CITIES ASSOCIATION AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR MEETINGS.

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors are hereby scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of each month beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The schedule for 2025 Board of Directors regular meetings is as follows:

- January 15, 2025
- February 19, 2025
- March 19, 2025
- April 16, 2025
- May 21, 2025
- June 18, 2025
- July 16, 2025
- August 20, 2025
- September 17, 2025
- October 15, 2025
- November 19, 2025
- December 17, 2025

Additional meetings, or meeting cancellations, shall be noticed on the Sound Cities Association website, www.soundcities.org.

SECTION 2. LOCATION.

Unless otherwise noted, the 2025 SCA Board of Directors meeting shall be held at Renton City Hall, 1055 S Grady Way, Renton, WA, Conferencing Center, 7th Floor.

The location of each Board meeting will be posted on the Sound Cities Association website, www.soundcities.org, and will be set not less than 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

**Sound Cities Association
DRAFT Board Resolution 2025-1
Board of Directors Schedule of Regular Meetings**

SECTION 3. BOARD RETREAT

The 2025 SCA Board of Directors Retreat will be held on a date and time to be determined, at a location to be determined.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and approval.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUND CITIES ASSOCIATION ON JANUARY 15, 2025

, SCA President Date

Attest:

Date

DRAFT 2025 SCA Reserve Levels:

- Operations Reserve of half of budgeted expenses **\$541,792**
- Equipment Reserve of **\$15,000**
- Contract Liability Reserve **\$34,062**
- Legal Reserve of **\$25,000**

Total draft reserves 2023 : \$615,854

SCA Board Policies Regarding Reserves

201.7

a) The association should maintain an Operations Reserve equal to half the annual budget. (3/15/95, 4/15/09, 3/20/2019)

b) The association should maintain an Equipment Replacement reserve of a minimum of \$15,000 to fund unbudgeted capital expenditures. (Board 9/27/2006, 3/21/2012, 3/20/2019)

c) The association should maintain a Contract Liability Reserve to fund the liabilities of all SCA contracts. (Board 9/27/2006, 3/20/2019)

d) The association should maintain a Legal Reserve of \$25,000.

e) The association should maintain sufficient funds to pay all liabilities, including accrued vacation and other employment liabilities. (3/20/2019)

f) The association may apply unallocated operating reserves to the budget for the following year. (4-15-09, Board 10/20/10)

2025 Member City Dues

Municipality	Payment Due	Payment Date	Method	Payment Received
Algona	\$ 2,601.96			
Auburn (part)	\$ 61,549.88			
Beaux Arts Village	\$ 245.76			
Bellevue	\$ 78,019.87			
Black Diamond	\$ 5,613.53			
Bothell (part)	\$ 23,632.22			
Burien	\$ 41,350.53			
Carnation	\$ 1,755.45			
Clyde Hill	\$ 2,418.62			
Covington	\$ 17,164.37			
Des Moines	\$ 26,058.64			
Duvall	\$ 6,850.14	12/18/2024	check	\$ 6,850.14
Enumclaw (part)	\$ 10,415.65			
Federal Way	\$ 78,019.87			
Hunts Point	\$ 358.89			
Issaquah	\$ 32,378.25			
Kenmore	\$ 18,997.84			
Kent	\$ 78,019.87			
Kirkland	\$ 75,453.02			
Lake Forest Park	\$ 10,673.12			
Maple Valley	\$ 22,875.43			
Medina	\$ 2,278.18			
Mercer Island	\$ 20,152.53			
Milton (part)	\$ 1,275.62			
Newcastle	\$ 10,727.73			
Normandy Park	\$ 5,348.26			
North Bend	\$ 6,444.44			
Pacific (part)	\$ 5,640.84			
Redmond	\$ 62,447.10			
Renton	\$ 78,019.87			
Sammamish	\$ 53,373.39			
SeaTac	\$ 25,520.30			
Shoreline	\$ 48,302.10			
Skykomish	\$ 128.73			
Snoqualmie	\$ 11,328.49			
Tukwila	\$ 17,889.96			
Woodinville	\$ 10,844.76			
Yarrow Point	\$ 885.53			
Total	\$ 955,060.73			\$ 6,850.14
Outstanding				\$ 948,210.59

January 15, 2025 SCA Board of Directors Meeting
Attachment 5: 2025SCA Member City Dues

2024 Sponsorship Payment

Tracking

Highlighted have been invoiced and payment is not yet received.

Sponsorship Level	Sponsor/Entity	Invoiced Month	Amount Invoiced	Paid Month	Amount Paid
Partner	Amazon	February 2024	\$ 6,000.00	September 2024	\$ 6,000.00
Regional Associate Member	AWC	February 2024	\$ 500.00	February 2024	\$ 500.00
Event Sponsorship	Boeing	November 2023	\$ 12,500.00	December 2023	\$ 12,500.00
Event Sponsorship	Boeing	June 2023	\$ 2,500.00	July 2024	\$ 2,500.00
Partner	Boeing	June 2023	\$ 6,000.00	July 2024	\$ 6,000.00
Partner	Comcast	April 2024	\$ 6,000.00	April 2024	\$ 6,000.00
Event Sponsorship	Comcast	April 2024	\$ 2,500.00	April 2024	\$ 2,500.00
Regional Associate Member	Desimone Consulting Group	March 2024	\$ 500.00		
Regional Associate Member	EMC Research	February 2024	\$ 500.00	March 2024	\$ 500.00
Regional Associate Member	Foster Garvey	March 2024	\$ 500.00	April 2024	\$ 500.00
Regional Associate Member	Green River College	February 2024	\$ 500.00		
Event Sponsorship	Gordon Thomas Honeywell	October 2024	\$ 500.00		
Regional Associate Member	Jurassic Parliament			In-Kind	
Regional Associate Member	KC Dept of Assessments	February 2024	\$ 500.00	October 2024	\$ 500.00
Regional Associate Member	King County Library Systems	February 2024	\$ 500.00	May 2024	\$500.00
Regional Associate Member	Langton Spieth, LLC	February 2024	\$ 500.00		
Partner	Lumen	March 2024	\$ 6,000.00	May 2024	\$ 6,000.00
Partner	Marketing Solutions			In-Kind	
Partner	Microsoft	February 2024	\$ 6,000.00	February 2024	\$ 6,000.00
Partner	Port of Seattle	February 2024	\$ 6,000.00	February 2024	\$ 6,000.00
Regional Associate Member	PRR	March 2024	\$ 500.00	April 2024	\$ 500.00
Partner	Puget Sound Energy	February 2024	\$ 6,000.00	April 2024	\$ 6,000.00
Event Sponsorship	Puget Sound Energy	May 2024	\$ 2,500.00	May 2024	\$ 2,500.00
Partner	Republic Services	February 2024	\$ 6,000.00	April 2024	\$ 6,000.00
Regional Associate Member	Seattle Building and Constr.	February 2024	\$ 500.00	February 2024	\$ 500.00
Partner	Sound Transit	February 2024	\$ 6,000.00	February 2024	\$ 6,000.00
Regional Associate Member	ValleyCom	February 2024	\$ 500.00	March 2024	\$ 500.00
Partner	Waste Management	February 2024	\$ 6,000.00	March 2025	\$ 6,000.00
Totals			\$ 86,000.00		\$ 84,000.00

Not Yet Invoiced for 2024

Not Yet Invoiced for 2024

Sponsorship Level	Sponsor	Amount	Invoice Due Month
RAM	King County Elections	\$500.00	Jun-24
Partner	Seattle King County Realtors	\$6,000.00	Sep-24
Partner	Seattle Metro Chamber	\$6,000.00	Sep-24
Partner	Recology	\$6,000.00	Sep-24
RAM	McDonald's	\$500.00	Nov-24
		\$19,000.00	

The Sound Cities Association (SCA) represents 38 cities and over one million people in King County. SCA's primary goal is to create vital, livable communities and unite leaders toward collective decision-making on regional policy issues. The vitality of King County is determined by cities' collective voice in county and state decision-making. It is important to recognize that **King County's cities are currently facing a significant budget crisis**. In response to these urgent challenges, SCA requests the state to consider new state revenue sources to share with localities, grant local authority to institute local revenue sources, and not reduce existing shared revenues.

SCA asks the Legislature to partner with cities and act on the following priorities:

Improve Public Safety

Increase state funding for capital and operating expenses and maintain and/or increase existing tools and resources at the current level. Provide a local option for taxing authority to address public safety expenses and continue to provide other vital local government services.

Promote Housing Affordability

Provide additional funding resources (such as local option REET) to assist cities with the implementation of affordable housing legislation. Prioritize partnerships with cities on existing regulations that support the development of affordable housing prior to enacting new regulations.

Prioritize Equitable Resource Distribution for Local Climate Action.

Support legislation that emphasizes environmental justice and equity in the allocation of resources for implementation of local climate actions, including preventing and mitigating impacts of environmental harm to overburdened communities. Improve city access to Climate Commitment Act funding, considering geographical differences and specific climate-related needs.

Support Sustainable Funding for Core Local Services

Expand the variety of local revenue options that allow cities to provide and maintain core local services. Support local revenue options that respond to inflation and population growth, such as allowing property tax increases above 1%.

Invest in Transportation Infrastructure & Mobility

Support sustainable state transportation revenue that provides funding for local preservation, maintenance, operations, and safety improvements. Prevent diversion of funds and increase investment in the Public Works Assistance Account. Support local funding options to preserve and maintain public transportation systems.

Address the Behavioral Healthcare Crisis

Increase the capacity of the crisis response system and fund local systems that connect individuals with needed care and diversion programs.

Confront Labor Challenges

Increase support for workforce pipelines in order to address the gap between available jobs and the realities of labor shortages. Focus on recruitment and retention of individuals in critical fields.

Legislative Guiding Principles

SCA supports legislation that aligns with the following guiding principles:

*Advance racial equity and social justice

*Improve the social safety net

*Make no unfunded mandates to cities

*Preserve local decision-making authority¹⁷



Item 11:

KCRHA Governing Board - Lived Experience Appointment Candidates

DISCUSSION

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Discussion

At the December SCA Board of Directors meeting, the Board discussed the process and preferred next steps to appoint an individual with lived experience with homelessness to the King County Regional Homelessness Authority Governing Board (GB). Following this discussion, policy staff conducted outreach to the SCA network and disseminated application materials for the lived experience seat. **At the January meeting, the Board will review and discuss the candidates who applied through SCA’s recruitment process.**

Simultaneously, KCRHA is conducting their own recruitment and screening process, and will be sharing the list of candidates once the application closes.

Per KCRHA’s updated Interlocal Agreement, SCA has appointment authority for one individual with lived experience with homelessness to the GB. KCRHA has created their own recruitment process consisting of an application and interviews to assist all appointing entities in choosing their lived experience representative. The SCA Board members have discretion on how SCA will proceed in the recruitment process, alongside KCRHA.

Background

This year, King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) approved a revised Interlocal Agreement (ILA) that streamlined the governance structure of the organization. Previously, KCRHA was governed by two Boards, the Governing Committee, composed of elected officials, and the Implementation Board, composed of subject matter experts and individuals with lived experience. The new ILA creates a single Governing Board (GB) responsible for setting strategic policy direction, providing fiscal oversight, monitoring performance metrics, and ensuring the authority is making progress to fulfill its mission.

SCA has authority to appoint one individual with lived experience with homelessness to the GB (definition of lived experience is provided in [Appendix 1](#)). KCRHA has offered to assist with this process by providing a pool of individuals for the SCA Board to select to interview. However, the SCA Board has discretion on SCA’s internal selection process for this seat and does not have to choose a candidate that KCRHA recommends.

SCA Candidates

The candidates below, listed in alphabetical order by last name, applied for the lived experience GB seat following SCA outreach. Full applications for review by the Board are included in [Attachment 8.A](#).

- [Christina Alexander](#)
- [Elisha Burton](#)
- [Christopher Carter](#)
- [Kent Hay](#)

Notably, the SCA Board of Directors has the sole authority to appoint an individual to this seat. The Board does not have to select an individual screened by KCRHA staff. However, having all interested individuals submit the application and participate in an interview ensures equity in the recruitment process.

KCRHA Candidates

Policy staff have not yet received the candidate list from KCRHA, as the organization is still actively collecting applications. Applications will be shared with SCA staff during the week of January 20th – 24th.

Updated Process Timeline

- January Board of Directors meeting:
 - First look at candidate pool from SCA network
 - Discussion of SCA considerations for this seat
- Mid-January to Mid-February:
 - Interviews with selected SCA candidates
 - List of KCRHA candidates to be shared with SCA staff.
- February Board of Directors meeting:
 - Discuss KCRHA candidates
 - Potentially approve final appointment to KCRHA GB, pending review of full candidate pool
 - Individual is notified and will attend the next KCRHA GB meeting

Next Steps

SCA Board of Directors will interview selected SCA candidates this month. Policy staff require direction on who will be conducting interviews and when interviews will take place. The interviews will be a half-hour long and consist of five questions prepared by KCRHA. Staff also requests board direction on handling timeline regarding candidate list from KCRHA.

APPENDIX 1: Lived Experience Definition

The applicant must meet the following requirements in order to be eligible for this appointment. Members must have lived experience **and** demonstrable expertise in one or more of the areas specified below:

- Implementation of policies and practices that promote racial-ethnic equity within an organization of similar size and responsibility as the Authority
- Fiscal oversight of entities with budgets of similar size to the Authority
- Direction or oversight of business operations and/or strategy of a large public or private entity or organization
- Federal Continuum of Care program governance and operations
- Provision of services for persons experiencing homelessness or related social services with an emphasis on serving populations disproportionately represented among those experiencing homelessness and
- Academic research on topics related to homelessness and/or performance evaluation.

King County Regional Homelessness Authority Governing Board Lived Experience Application

Board members are expected to participate in 3 hours of onboarding, monthly briefings ahead of board meetings, monthly board meetings and committee meetings as assigned.

SECTION I:

Full Name and Pronouns:

Christina Alexander she/her

Preferred Contact Information:

Phone:	253-259-5346
Email Address:	calexander@auburnwa.gov
Preferred Method of Contact: (Circle One)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Phone / <input type="radio"/> Text / <input type="radio"/> Email
Zip code:	98002
Are you able to commit up to 15 hours a month for the 1-year duration? (Circle One)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / <input type="radio"/> No

SECTION II:

Question 1: Please describe your understanding of the role of the KCRHA.

Question 2: What motivates you to be on the KCRHA Governing Board?

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Question 3: KCRHA’s authorizing legislation requires that the Governing Board has three members representing lived experience and each of these members must possess demonstrable skills and expertise in at least one of a variety of areas including promotion of racial-ethnic equity; fiscal oversight; business operations; Federal Continuum of Care programming; services for those experiencing homelessness; and academic research on topics related to homelessness and/or performance evaluation.

Please describe how you meet these requirements.

Question 4: Detail an initiative you led that increased representation of underrepresented groups.

Question 5: Describe your leadership experiences. For example, other boards you have been a part of, community groups or leadership activities.

Question 6: How does systemic racism impact the root causes of homelessness?



Question 7: (Optional) Is there any resource you would need to fully participate as a Governing Board Member? If yes, please describe.

SECTION III:

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Question 1:

KCRHA is that KCHRA is responsible for developing and implementing programs and initiatives aimed at reducing homelessness across King County, Washington, with a focus on centering people with lived experience of homelessness, utilizing data-driven approaches and promoting social justice and racial equity principles in their work, this includes coordinating emergency responses, managing various homeless service providers, and advocating for policy changes to address the root cause of homelessness.

Question 2:

"What motivates me to be on the KCRHA Governing Board is my deep commitment to addressing homelessness and creating equitable housing opportunities for all. Having experienced homelessness myself off and on for over 15 years, I understand the complexities and barriers that individuals face when trying to access stable housing. This lived experience drives my passion to make a difference, not just by advocating for resources but by helping to shape policies that can lead to lasting, systemic change.

As a Certified Peer Specialist, I've been directly involved in working with individuals who are experiencing homelessness, and I've seen firsthand the profound impact that access to safe, stable housing can have on someone's life. I believe that being on the board would give me a platform to contribute my lived experience and professional insights toward developing strategies that not only provide shelter but also support long-term success for individuals and families.

I am particularly motivated by the opportunity to work with a diverse group of board members, stakeholders, and community partners to create solutions that are compassionate, inclusive, and effective. Ultimately, my goal is to ensure that everyone in King County, regardless of their background, has access to safe and affordable housing, and I believe the KCRHA board is a critical space for driving this vision forward."

Question 3:

"What motivates me to be on the KCRHA Governing Board is my deep commitment to advocating for individuals with lived experience of homelessness and my desire to contribute to effective, equitable housing solutions. Having personally experienced homelessness for over 15 years, I bring a unique perspective that ensures the voices of those most affected are heard in decision-making.

In my current role as a Certified Peer Support Specialist for the City of Auburn, I manage the clean and sober housing program, including overseeing the budget and approving program invoices. I'm responsible for working directly with residents who are seeking treatment and recovery, helping them navigate resources, providing emotional support, and facilitating access to medical appointments and other necessary services. This experience gives me a solid foundation in program management and fiscal oversight, both of which are vital to the work of the governing board.

Additionally, I have experience providing direct services to individuals experiencing homelessness, addiction, and mental health challenges. In my previous role at We Care Daily Clinics, I worked as a Certified Peer Counselor, assisting individuals in navigating healthcare, housing, and other critical services. My work also included outreach, transportation coordination, and facilitating group programs, ensuring that clients had access to the resources necessary to stabilize their lives.

What excites me about the opportunity to serve on the KCRHA Governing Board is the chance to bring my lived experience and hands-on knowledge of homelessness to the table, especially in relation to racial equity and services for those most impacted. I'm eager to work alongside the board to advocate for policies and programs that can create lasting, systemic change in King County's housing landscape.

Question 4:

For the past three months, I have been leading a class at the Auburn Library designed to support seniors who have family members struggling with addiction and homelessness. The curriculum focuses on providing tools to help seniors set healthy boundaries, manage their expectations, and understand how to effectively support their loved ones through these challenges. Many seniors face difficulties in maintaining boundaries and often have misconceptions about addiction and homelessness, which can lead to burnout or enabling behaviors.

This program is specifically designed to shield this vulnerable demographic from the emotional and practical impacts they may experience if they are not properly equipped to navigate these issues. Through education and support, we help seniors gain a clearer understanding of addiction, homelessness, and the complexities involved, ultimately empowering them to offer informed and effective support to their loved ones. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, and it has been rewarding to see the impact on both seniors and their families as they work through these tough situations together.

Question 5:

For the past two years, I have had the opportunity to facilitate an HNI (Hospitals and Institutions) panel once a month at the Puyallup MultiCare START Program. This often involves bringing in an AA meeting, where we follow the program's steps and traditions to create a structured, supportive environment. After the meeting, I work closely with individuals who express interest in connecting to recovery resources, treatment, and housing. My role extends beyond facilitation—I provide direct assistance to help these individuals navigate the system, ensuring they have access to the services and support they need to progress in their recovery journey.

This experience has honed my leadership skills in areas such as guiding individuals through difficult transitions, fostering a sense of community, and ensuring that people are connected to the right resources. It has been rewarding to see how this monthly meeting empowers individuals to take steps toward recovery, housing stability, and better overall health. While I have not been formally part of a traditional board, my leadership experience has consistently involved advocating for systemic change, creating educational programs, and bringing together community members and organizations to address homelessness and its root causes. I'm eager to bring these skills to the KCRHA Governing Board and collaborate with others to drive solutions that promote equity and long-term success for individuals and families

Question 6:

When certain racial groups are consistently denied access to housing opportunities, it becomes disheartening, eroding the desire to keep trying. This continuous cycle of rejection can lead individuals to accept homelessness as an inevitable outcome, fearing that no matter how hard they try, they will always face discrimination. The emotional toll of this rejection—coupled with the practical barriers to housing—often results in individuals internalizing that homelessness is their only option.

Systemic racism is a deeply entrenched and multifaceted issue, and there is no single solution to solving it. Addressing the root causes of homelessness among marginalized communities requires a comprehensive approach that dismantles discriminatory practices, promotes equitable access to housing, and creates long-term policies that

address the structural inequities at every level—from housing to employment, healthcare, and education.

Question 7:

Optional

KCRHA GOVERNING BOARD INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Please describe your interest in the KCRHA Governing Board.
2. How do you stay informed about housing trends, homelessness statistics, and best practices to address unsheltered homelessness?
3. Describe your vision for a successful Governing Board?
4. Share an example of how you've participated in a difficult conversation when conflict was present.
5. Do you have any questions for us?

Interview Questions

1. Please describe your interest in the KCRHA governing Board.

"My name is Christina Alexander, and I've spent the past several years working closely with the homeless population. Currently, I serve as a Certified Peer Specialist on the City of Auburn's anti-homelessness team. This role has allowed me to connect directly with individuals in need, advocate for resources, and help them navigate paths toward stability.

What makes my perspective unique is my lived experience. For over 15 years, I faced homelessness off and on, which has deeply shaped my understanding of the systemic barriers people encounter. These experiences fuel my passion for finding solutions that are not only practical but also deeply empathetic and inclusive. Joining the governing board would give me the opportunity to contribute my insights and lived knowledge toward addressing the systemic challenges in housing. I'm eager to help create policies that ensure equitable opportunities for all community members and to be part of driving sustainable, meaningful change in King County."

2. How do you stay informed about housing trends, homelessness statistics, and best practices to address unsheltered homelessness.

"Staying informed about housing trends and best practices is crucial to my work. As a Certified Peer Specialist with the City of Auburn's anti-homelessness team, I regularly review data from sources like King County's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and HUD to understand local challenges and progress.

I participate in trainings on trauma-informed care and housing-first principles and stay connected with local coalitions and housing advocates to share strategies and insights. Most importantly, I draw from my lived experience and conversations with those currently experiencing homelessness, ensuring my understanding is both data-driven and grounded in real-life perspectives.

I also research innovative approaches from other communities to explore how they can be adapted to King County, blending practical solutions with compassion."

3. Describe your vision for a successful Governing Board.

"My vision for a successful Governing Board is one that operates with transparency, collaboration, and a commitment to equity. A strong board should be diverse, representing a range of experiences and perspectives, including those with lived

experience of homelessness. This ensures that decisions are informed by real-world insights and address the needs of all community members.

The board should focus on setting clear, measurable goals that align with the Regional Housing Authority's mission, such as reducing homelessness and expanding access to affordable housing. It should also foster partnerships with local governments, nonprofits, and the private sector to create innovative, sustainable solutions.

Most importantly, a successful board actively engages with the community, listens to their voices, and makes decisions rooted in fairness and compassion. By working collaboratively and staying focused on long-term impact, the board can drive meaningful change for King County."

4. Share an example of how you've participated in a difficult conversation when conflict was present.

"One example that comes to mind was when I was working on a case involving a client with disabilities experiencing homelessness. He was facing challenges with accessing supportive housing due to a lack of available units, and tensions were running high between the client and service providers.

I facilitated a difficult conversation where emotions were elevated, and there were clear conflicts of expectation. My approach was to actively listen to all parties involved, acknowledge the frustration on both sides, and create a space where everyone felt heard. I used my lived experience to build rapport with the person, letting him know I understood his struggles, while also working with the providers to ensure they understood this person's urgent needs.

By focusing on empathy, staying calm, and encouraging open communication, we were able to work through the conflict and come to a resolution that included securing a temporary housing option while continuing to search for permanent solutions.

This experience reinforced my belief in the power of active listening and finding common ground, even in the midst of tension."

5. Do you have any questions for us?

1. "What challenges have you faced when working to increase the availability of affordable housing in King County, and how has the board worked to overcome them?"

2. "What do you see as the most pressing challenges facing the King County Regional Housing Authority in the next few years?"
3. "What are the expectations for board members in terms of time commitment, involvement in committees, and community outreach?"

Affiliations (please circle any that apply):

Lived experience of homelessness	YES/NO
Public or Private Funder	YES/NO If yes, what organization:
Intersecting System – e.g. Behavioral Health, Child Welfare, Criminal Justice, etc.	YES/NO If yes, please note the system.
Faith Based Organization or Partner	YES/NO
Homeless Housing and/or Service Provider	YES/NO If yes, please note the organization.
Any other affiliations you'd like to note?	

Sub-Population Representation:

Please check any areas in which you have specific experience or expertise

<input type="checkbox"/> Youth/Young Adults
<input type="checkbox"/> Families
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chronic Homelessness
<input type="checkbox"/> Single Adults (not experiencing homelessness and non-Veteran)
<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence
<input type="checkbox"/> Veteran
<input type="checkbox"/> Immigrant and Refugees

Information provided on this form will be a public record and subject to open examination under Washington state disclosure laws.

<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native Indigenous communities <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American communities <input type="checkbox"/> Other:

Identity (optional):

How do you identify your race? <i>Asian American</i>	
Sexual Orientation <i>Hetro</i>	
Age <i>52</i>	
Disability Status <i>N/A</i>	

Region (please check any areas in which you have specific experience or expertise):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seattle <input type="checkbox"/> North King County <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South King County <input type="checkbox"/> East King County <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)

Agreement and Signature:

I affirm that my application responses are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Name (print & sign) <i>Christina Alexander</i>	<i>Christina Alexander</i>
Date <i>12/03/2024</i>	

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KCRHA Governing Board Lived Experience Seat Application - SCA Representative

Please fill out the following application to represent the Sound Cities Association as a Lived Experience Representative on the King County Regional Homelessness Authority Governing Board.

To meet the qualifications, applicants must have lived experience with homelessness and demonstrable expertise in one or more of the areas listed below:

- Implementation of policies and practices that promote racial-ethnic equity within mid-size organizations with similar responsibilities as KCRHA
- Federal Continuum of Care program governance and operations
- Providing services for people experiencing homelessness or related services for those who are disproportionately represented in King County’s homeless population
- Academic research on topics related to homelessness and/or performance evaluation
- Fiscal oversight of entities with budgets of more than \$100 million.
- Experience directing and/or overseeing business operations at a large organization

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2. Text

3. Email

Zip Code *

98122-4756

Are you able to commit up to 15 hours a month for the 1-year duration? *

Dropdown

1. Yes

2. No

Who (if anyone) nominated you for this appointment? *

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Section 2: Application Questions

Please provide detailed answers in paragraph format.

What is your understanding of the KCRHA? *

kcrha IS THE GOVERNING BODY THAT HAS THE FUNDING FOR THE HOMELESS COMMUNITY OF KING COUNTY

What motivates you to be on the KCRHA Governing Board? *

I want to see changes for the better of KCRHA

KCRHA’s authorizing legislation requires that the Governing Board has three members representing lived experience and each of these members must possess demonstrable skills and expertise in at least one of a variety of areas including promotion of racial-ethnic equity; fiscal oversight; business operations; Federal Continuum of Care programming; services for those experiencing homelessness; and academic research on topics related to homelessness and/or performance evaluation. *

Please describe how you meet these requirements.

I have lived experience of being homeless and continue to see that and experience it today even though I have gained stable housing I can see soon I will experience this homelessness again because of the cost of living

Detail an initiative you led that increased representation of underrepresented groups. *

I have been apart of I-137 and rent control process and am now apart of the 2nd part of I-137 as well

Describe your leadership experiences. For example, other boards you have been a part of, community groups or leadership activities. *

I was part of the PIT count in 2023 as team leader and ran several spots and I also help Book Keeper and External Coord for Nickelsville CD for the time I was there

How does systemic racism impact the root causes of homelessness? *

Being homeless and someone that isnt the right color or race has issues with trying to get help in finding something that is safe for them to live and just recently there was a person that was shot just because he was homeless and he got coffee and a indiginus person shot him for no reason he was in his 20 now that family has to deal with the loss and it was for no reason

Is there any resource you would need to fully participate as a Governing Board Member? If yes, please describe.

none

Section 3: Affiliations

Lived experience of homelessness *

Dropdown

1. Yes

2. No

Public or Private Funder *

Dropdown

1. Yes

2. No

If yes, what organization?

Intersecting System *

Dropdown

For example: Behavioral Health, Child Welfare, Criminal Justice, etc.

1. Yes

2. No

Faith Based Organization or Partner *

Dropdown

1. Yes

2. No

Homeless Housing and/or Service Provider *

Dropdown

1. Yes

2. No

Any other affiliations you'd like to add?

no

Section 4: Sub-Population Representation

Sub-Population Representations *

Please check any areas in which you have specific experience or expertise

- Youth/Young Adults
- Families
- Chronic Homelessness
- Single Adults (not experiencing homelessness and non-Veteran)
- Domestic Violence
- Veteran
- Immigrants and Refugees
- American Indian/Alaska Native Indigenous communities
- Black/African American communities
- Other:

Section 5: Identity and Region (OPTIONAL)

How do you identify your race?

cau

How do you identify your sexual orientation?

Bi Sexual

What is your age?

59

How do you identify your disability status?

Disabled

Region

Please check any areas in which you have specific experience or expertise

Seattle

North King County

South King County

West King County

Other: _____

Section 6: Agreement and Signature

I affirm that my application responses are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Please write your name to agree to the above *

Elisha Burton

Date *

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- Fiscal oversight of entities with budgets of more than \$100 million.
- Experience directing and/or overseeing business operations at a large organization

Section 1: Preferred Contact Information

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Christopher Carter

Phone Number *

2063082123

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Preferred Methods of Contact *

Dropdown

1. Call

2. Text

3. Email

Zip Code *

98155

Are you able to commit up to 15 hours a month for the 1-year duration? *

Dropdown

1. Yes

2. No

Who (if anyone) nominated you for this appointment? *

Christopher Roberts; Shoreline City Council Member

Section 2: Application Questions

Please provide detailed answers in paragraph format.

What is your understanding of the KCRHA? *

A group of people working together to cure the homeless population in King County

What motivates you to be on the KCRHA Governing Board? *

A simple thought that I could give more to the less fortunate, knowing i don't do enough.

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Please describe how you meet these requirements.

I have been serving the less fortunate since 2015, however my time serving has been on the same street and in the same trenches.

First, in Seattle with Tent City 3 while on my way to Santa Monica, then back here in Shoreline in 2017. As ministry travels, I have found myself living on the streets of our Nation from the West Coast to the East Coast. Learning how to work and help the less fortunate. However not that easy as the less fortunate has its own level of less fortunate inside itself. they consist of the Elderly, Disabled, and Veterans from many years of internal war. it truly hurts the Soul of this Our Great Nation when the Individual found on the streets turns out to be a disabled, elderly Veteran.

I have felt first-hand the pain of separation from society, along with the misjudgment from the very same Society we was all apart of.

Detail an initiative you led that increased representation of underrepresented groups. *

Led the construction and sought funding to build Camp United We Stand a shower. Something CUWS has not had since it was first established.

Describe your leadership experiences. For example, other boards you have been a part of, community groups or leadership activities. *

I serve on the CUWS Board of Directors

How does systemic racism impact the root causes of homelessness? *

The "root" cause of homelessness is as all roots, below the dirt. Never to be seen unless you dig. The tree is at times way to eager to discard its own leaves before they have changed.

Is there any resource you would need to fully participate as a Governing Board Member? If yes, please describe.

Time we don't have.

Section 3: Affiliations

Lived experience of homelessness *

Dropdown

1. Yes

2. No

Public or Private Funder *

Dropdown

1. Yes

2. No

If yes, what organization?

The Family of God

Intersecting System *

⌵ Dropdown

For example: Behavioral Health, Child Welfare, Criminal Justice, etc.

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2. No

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- Domestic Violence
- Veteran
- Immigrants and Refugees
- American Indian/Alaska Native Indigenous communities
- Black/African American communities
- Other: Elderly and the disabled

Section 5: Identity and Region (OPTIONAL)

How do you identify your race?

American made Mutt

How do you identify your sexual orientation?

Heterosexual

What is your age?

52

How do you identify your disability status?

Broken by time however still working

Region

Please check any areas in which you have specific experience or expertise

Seattle

North King County

South King County

West King County

Other: _____

Section 6: Agreement and Signature

I affirm that my application responses are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Please write your name to agree to the above *

Christopher Robert Carter

Date *

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SECTION I:

Full Name and Pronouns:

Kent Hay He/Him/His

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Zip code:	98198 98001
Are you able to commit up to 15 hours a month for the 1-year duration? (Circle One)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

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SECTION II:

Question 1: Please describe your understanding of the role of the KCRHA.
Influencing Systemic Change

1. Leveraging Your Expertise
2. Strengthening Community Networks
3. Driving Accountability
4. A Commitment to Managing Homelessness
5. Advocating for Justice and Equity

Question 2: What motivates you to be on the KCRHA Governing Board?

1. A Desire to Drive Meaningful Change
2. Using Your Experience to Shape Effective Policies
3. A Commitment to Collaboration and Equity
4. A Vision for Better Alignment Across Systems
5. The Opportunity to Amplify Your Impact
6. A Desire for Accountability and Transparency

Question 3: KCRHA’s authorizing legislation requires that the Governing Board has three members representing lived experience and each of these members must possess demonstrable skills and expertise in at least one of a variety of areas including promotion of racial-ethnic equity; fiscal oversight; business operations; Federal Continuum of Care programming; services for those experiencing homelessness; and academic research on topics related to homelessness and/or performance evaluation.

Please describe how you meet these requirements.

1. Services for Those Experiencing Homelessness
 - a. One of the agencies that I work with for our clean and sober housing has given me extensive experience in providing services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness. I have hands-on knowledge of supportive housing programs, including navigating the challenges of coordinating care, advocating for residents, and delivering services that meet immediate needs while fostering long-term stability.
2. Fiscal Oversight
 - a. In my work, I have navigated resource allocation, budgeting, and program funding to ensure the sustainability of supportive housing initiatives. This experience demonstrates my ability to oversee fiscal matters and prioritize effective use of public and private resources.
3. Business Operations
 - a. My role has required collaborating with department heads, managing partnerships, and finding solutions when interests conflict. These experiences show your expertise in business operations, decision-making, and creating systems that balance stakeholder priorities while achieving shared goals.
4. Performance Evaluation

- a. I've been involved in assessing the success of programs and services through measurable outcomes. This demonstrates my ability to evaluate performance and make informed decisions to improve effectiveness and accountability.
5. Your Lived Experience Component
- a. At the age of 13, my family experienced homelessness after we lost our home in a fire. The fire not only displaced us, but we also tragically lost my father in the process. With nothing left, we had to start over from scratch, living out of suitcases and staying with relatives. Watching my mother struggle to rebuild our lives and provide for us during this time gave me a deep understanding of the hardships that come with homelessness and the long-lasting impact it has on families..
6. Promotion of Racial and Ethnic Equity
- a. I have worked with diverse populations and seen how systemic inequities disproportionately impact marginalized communities. This experience equips you to advocate for policies and programs that address these disparities, ensuring that equity remains central to KCRHA's mission and operations.

Question 4: Detail an initiative you led that increased representation of underrepresented groups.

In my role as the Human Services Director for the city of auburn, I identified a significant gap in access to housing resources among people experiencing addiction challenges as well as being unhoused and provided them an opportunity for 1 year of clean and sober housing after completing inpatient treatment.

Key Components of the Initiative:

1. **Understanding the Barriers**
2. **Building Targeted Partnerships**
3. **Enhancing Accessibility and Representation**

Outcomes of the Initiative:

- Provided people the opportunity to work on their sobriety and provide stable housing for a year.
- Decreased Homelessness in Auburn.
- Provided a pathway was from incarceration into housing.
- Enhanced quality of life for all auburn residents.

Question 5: Describe your leadership experiences. For example, other boards you have been a part of, community groups or leadership activities.

I currently serve as the **Human Services Director for the City of Auburn**, where I oversee a variety of critical programs, including the anti-homelessness department and the **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** program. Additionally, I lead the **Human Services Committee**, coordinating efforts to support vulnerable populations in our community.

Prior to my current role, I **built and led the outreach program** for the **City of Redmond**, where I was responsible for developing strategies to connect individuals in need with essential services, ensuring a more responsive and comprehensive approach to homelessness.

Beyond my work in Auburn and Redmond, I am actively engaged in regional leadership through my involvement with the **King County Opioid Abatement Council** and the **Pierce County Opioid Abatement Council**, where I contribute to efforts addressing the opioid crisis. I also serve as a member of the **South King Housing and Homelessness Partners (SKHHP)**, collaborating with regional stakeholders to tackle housing and homelessness issues across South King County.

These roles have provided me with a diverse range of leadership experiences, including managing teams, overseeing complex programs, and working across jurisdictions to address critical community issues. Through these efforts, I've developed a strong commitment to collaboration, equity, and achieving sustainable solutions for the communities I serve.

Question 6: How does systemic racism impact the root causes of homelessness?

Systemic racism impacts the root causes of homelessness by creating and perpetuating barriers to housing, employment, and healthcare for people of color. Historical discrimination in housing policies, such as redlining and segregation, has resulted in wealth gaps and limited access to resources for these communities. These disparities contribute to higher rates of homelessness among people of color, as they face additional challenges in securing stable housing, employment, and support services due to ongoing racial inequities.

Question 7: (Optional) Is there any resource you would need to fully participate as a Governing Board Member? If yes, please describe.

No

Affiliations (please circle any that apply):

Lived experience of homelessness	YES / NO
Public or Private Funder	YES / NO If yes, what organization:
Intersecting System – e.g. Behavioral Health, Child Welfare, Criminal Justice, etc.	YES / NO If yes, please note the system. Behavioral Health
Faith Based Organization or Partner	YES / NO
Homeless Housing and/or Service Provider	YES / NO If yes, please note the organization. City of Auburn
Any other affiliations you'd like to note?	

Sub-Population Representation:

Please check any areas in which you have specific experience or expertise

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Youth/Young Adults <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Families <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chronic Homelessness <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single Adults (not experiencing homelessness and non-Veteran) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Veteran <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Immigrant and Refugees

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<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native Indigenous communities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black/African American communities
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:

Identity (optional):

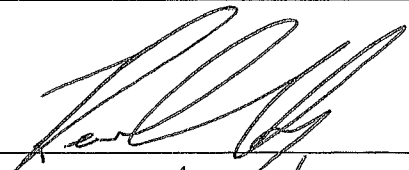
How do you identify your race?	Blk
Sexual Orientation	Heterosexual
Age	49
Disability Status	n/a

Region (please check any areas in which you have specific experience or expertise):

<input type="checkbox"/> Seattle
<input type="checkbox"/> North King County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South King County
<input type="checkbox"/> East King County
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)

Agreement and Signature:

I affirm that my application responses are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Name (print & sign)	
Date	12/5/2024

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