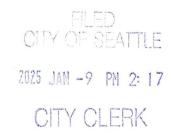
# **ROMAIN R. HARRIS**



01/09/2025

Dear Members of the Seattle City Council Selection Committee,

As a lifelong Seattle resident, born and raised in this vibrant city, I have experienced firsthand the strengths that make Seattle exceptional and the challenges that require our collective focus. My commitment to building an equitable, safe, and thriving community drives my desire to serve District 2 on the City Council.

Seattle has shaped who I am. From growing up in its diverse neighborhoods to building a career centered on community engagement, I have always sought opportunities to make a difference. As the founder and principal agent of Harris Insurance Services, I have had the privilege of serving over 300 individuals and families, helping them navigate essential healthcare decisions. Collaborating with organizations such as the YWCA, Transform Burien, and resource centers in Auburn, Redmond, and Shoreline has allowed me to witness the power of partnerships in addressing the needs of underserved communities.

Public safety and community pride go hand in hand. Every resident deserves to feel safe in their neighborhood, yet achieving this requires addressing root causes like homelessness and drug addiction while creating pathways to stability. I am committed to being a solution-oriented leader—one who listens, collaborates, and acts to foster a sense of security and belonging for all.

This city has given me so much, and I am eager to give back by helping Seattle realize its full potential. I envision a community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive, where diversity is celebrated, and where innovative solutions pave the way for a brighter future. I would be honored to contribute my skills, experiences, and unwavering dedication to this effort.

Thank you for considering my application. I welcome the opportunity to discuss how I can serve the residents of District 2 and the greater Seattle community as a member of the City Council.

Sincerely,

Romain R. Harris



## **ROMAIN R. HARRIS**

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#### **PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

Results-driven entrepreneur and community advocate with extensive experience in insurance, community outreach, and service delivery. Demonstrated leadership in founding and growing successful businesses, managing large client portfolios, and fostering impactful partnerships. A proven commitment to enhancing equity and access to essential services for underserved communities. Deep understanding of local issues, paired with strong connections to Seattle-area organizations and residents.

#### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### Founder & Principal Agent | Harris Insurance Services, Seattle, WA

Jan 2021 - Present

- Established and scaled an independent insurance agency, serving over 300 clients with personalized healthcare and Medicare solutions.
- Collaborated with community organizations, including the YWCA Willows in Rainier Beach, City of Edmonds Neighborhood Center Office, and Transform Burien, to expand access to essential services.

### Insurance Agent | AAA Washington, Seattle, WA

Jan 2010 - Oct 2021

- Delivered exceptional service through risk assessments, personalized recommendations, and consistent client engagement.
- Managed a portfolio of over 1,900 policies, providing comprehensive insurance solutions to individuals, families, and businesses.

#### Uber and Lyft Driver | Seattle, WA

Mar 2020 - Present

- Operated as a driver in the local gig economy, providing reliable transportation services to diverse populations across the region.
- Built relationships with residents and visitors, gaining firsthand insights into the challenges and opportunities faced by Seattle communities.

#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Partnered with Lifeline and National Verifier service companies to provide low-income individuals with cell phones and devices for connectivity.

- Collaborated with resource centers in Auburn, Redmond, and Shoreline to support underserved populations.
- Regularly engaged in community events, food banks, and senior centers to provide education and services to those in need.
- Organized workshops to educate communities about healthcare options, risk management, and connectivity resources.

## **EDUCATION | CERTIFICATIONS**

- Licensed Property & Casualty, Life, and Disability Insurance Agent (State of Washington) Since July 2009
- Accredited Advisor in Insurance (AAI) Obtained 2016
- High School Diploma Bishop Blanchet High School, Seattle, WA (1996)
- Eastern Washington University



## FINANCIAL INTEREST STATEMENT AND ADDRESS VERIFICATION **CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL DISTRICT 2**

All City of Seattle officials and employees are subject to the provisions of Seattle Municipal Code (SMC), Chapter 4.16, (the "Ethics Code"). The purpose of the Ethics Code is to ensure that no public office is used for personal gain; and that the public have confidence in the integrity of its government. An individual with certain financial interests may be prohibited from participating in City business, as specified in the Ethics Code. Please click HERE to see SMC 4.16.070, a list of

The City Council is interested in knowing whether you have any financial interests that could be an issue with your service on the Council. Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability. Answering "Yes"

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1.	Do you, or any member of your family, receive compensation from any person or entity that engaged in any transactions or activities with Seattle City government in the past five years?	<b>₩</b> No	Yes, please complete item 1 on page 2.
2.	Do you, or any member of your family, have a <b>direct financial interest</b> in any person or entity that engaged in any transactions or activities with Seattle City government in the past five years?	No	Yes, please complete item 2 on page 2.
3.	Have you, or any member of your family, served in the past five years as an officer, director, trustee, or employee of an entity that engaged in any transactions or activities with Seattle City government?	<b>⊘</b> No	Yes, please complete item 3 on page 2.
4.	After referencing SMC 4.16.070, do you have any other relationships, employment history or financial interests that you feel could be an issue with your service on the Council under the Ethics Code?	✓ No	Yes, please complete item 4 on page 3.
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	Name of Candidate (as registered with King County Elections): ROMA	IN HARR	IS
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# **EXPLANATIONS FOR RESPONSES ON PAGE 1:** (Use additional sheets if necessary. For assistance, please call the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission at 206-684-8500.)

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3.	Please indicate (i) the name of the person holding the position (you or an immediate family member); (ii) the title of the office, directorship, trusteeship or employment held; and (iii) the name and address of the entity.		
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