

SEATTLE CENTRAL COLLEGE SAC

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DON ANDERSON

Mr. Anderson attended the University of Washington in Seattle, where he completed a bachelor's degree in civil engineering, and a later master's degree in business administration. As a licensed engineer and an accredited project management professional, he has over thirty years combined experience working in engineering consulting companies and for public agencies, managing public works projects and programs through multiple phases. Previous volunteer work includes serving on design review boards, and staffing Lambert House, a Seattle GLBTQ resource agency. A longtime resident of Capitol Hill for over 25 years, he enjoys tennis, cooking, gardening and has been a community user and supporter of Seattle Central College for many years.

DANA BEHAR

Mr. Behar has lived on Capitol Hill since 1992. Dana has a BA from University of Washington, an MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and has completed the AMDP program at the Harvard Graduate School of Design. He has served on the Design Review Board, Landmark Preservation Board, Capitol Hill Housing Board, and Development Committee of Historic Seattle. Through his company, Discovery Bay Investments, Dana renovates older properties restores damaged land, and grows organic cherries in eastern Washington. When not working, Dana enjoys gardening, reading, and exploring small towns in the Pacific Northwest.

IVY FOX

Ms. Fox was raised on a family farm in Utah, and credits this experience for her commitment to farming and sustainability. After receiving her B. A. in Agricultural Economics and Spanish from Smith College, she moved to Seattle and began working at local nonprofits. Noticing systemic patterns that lead to burnout and toxic work environments, Ivy returned to school and obtained her Masters of Arts in Organizational Development and Sustainability (2011). Upon graduation, Ivy began working for the Neighborhood Farmers Markets and joined the Board of the Capitol Hill Chamber of Commerce. For the past six seasons, she has been designing and creating vibrant community Farmers Markets that support and incubate 200+ small Washington Farmers and family businesses in seven Seattle neighborhoods!

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DANIEL JAMES

Daniel James is a student in the landscape architecture program at the University of Washington having transferred from Seattle Central College. He has been living on Capitol Hill full time since September 2016 but has been splitting time between Seattle and the San Juan Islands for over a decade. He has strong connections to the neighborhood, especially the local LGBTQ and arts communities.

Daniel's professional background is in mid to large scale residential landscape construction and design. As a project manager, his focus has been on creating a sense of home rooted in a greater regional context with an emphasis on native and water efficient plants, soil ecology, and organic gardening methods.

His community involvement in Seattle has been as a citizen voice at the public design review level. He is keenly aware of the changes taking place throughout the neighborhood and how they inform and alter its character. During his time on San Juan Island he helped organize a community advocacy group called Citizens for the Core to amplify local citizen's voices in matters of development which affected core values of the community.

JAMIE MERRIMAN-COHEN

Ms. Merriman-Cohen is a first-year graduate student in the University of Washington's Masters of Urban Planning program. She worked for the City of Seattle Department of Planning and Development (now SDCl) Applicant Services Center Land Use and Construction Permit Specialist team for thirteen years and spent two years with Seattle Department of Transportation as a Strategic Advisor on an interdepartmental permit process improvement team. Ms. Merriman-Cohen has held leadership positions on several volunteer boards, most recently serving as the Advisory Board Chair for the University of Washington Stroum Center for Jewish Studies. Fun fact – Ms. Merriman-Cohen is a proud graduate of the Seattle Central Specialty Desserts and Breads program, and she is honored to join the Standing Advisory Committee and engage with the college outside the bakeshop!

KATRINA GOMEZ

Ms. Gomez moved to Seattle a year and a half ago from New York where started started her career as a management consultant focusing on process improvement and strategic growth. In her career as a consultant she worked with different organizations including University of Maryland, Leukemia Lymphoma Society, Pfizer, and Goldman Sachs. She has recently transitioned to cloud supply chain at Microsoft where she helps the team set the strategic direction and ensure organizational alignment with priorities. Outside of work she has volunteered with America Needs You as a mentor for a first generation college student and sat on the Young Leadership Board as a junior fundraiser. She loves exploring Seattle's great restaurants, wine bars, and cafes.

CATHY HILLENBRAND

Cathy is a nearly 50-year resident of Capitol Hill. She has had several businesses on the Hill, including the Comet Tavern and the Real Comet Press. Cathy co-founded and is past chair of the Steering Committee of the Capitol Hill Champion, formed to implement our community's vision for the redevelopment above the Capitol Hill Light Rail Station. She is the Immediate Past Chair of the Capitol Hill Housing PDA board, and serves on the Capitol Hill EcoDistrict Steering Committee. Cathy is a graduate of Duke University and holds a JD from the University of Washington.

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MICHAEL OAKSMITH

Mr. Oaksmith attended high school at Seattle Prep and went on to attend the UW. Upon graduation from the University of Washington in 1999, Schuchart Corporation as a project engineer where he oversaw every aspect of distinctive commercial and high-end residential projects, including multi-million dollar mixed-use properties and condominiums throughout the Seattle area.

In 2003, Oaksmith founded Blueline Development LLC, followed in 2004 by co-founding Lakeview Development LLC. From 2003 to 2006 the companies developed single family homes as well as a multifamily building located on North Capitol Hill. In 2007, Oaksmith managed his first project with Hunters Capital: the 175,000 square foot Broadway Building. Since then he has gone on to manage multiple other projects for Hunters Capital Development including the recently constructed Dunn Motors Automotive Building. Oaksmith has helped expand Hunters Capital's portfolio from 90,000 to 700,000 square feet and counting.

Oaksmith is active in the community, servicing on his neighborhoods board of trustees, is a regular at Capitol Hill Pike Pine Urban Council meetings, coaches area youth football and basketball teams.

MICHAEL SIEWERATH

Michael Seiwerath is the VP of Advancement and External Affairs at Capitol Hill Housing (CHH), a Seattle-based affordable housing provider. CHH serves more than 2,000 residents in 47 properties throughout the city, with a number of family sized apartments. As the neighborhood Community Development Corporation, CHH is deeply involved with community building and sustainability efforts, including the Capitol Hill EcoDistrict and the Capitol Hill Arts District. Michael has worked on Capitol Hill for more than 20 years and back in the early 2000's his daughter attended the SCC daycare.

CATHERINE SMITH

Catherine Blake Smith moved to Seattle in 2009 and has been a resident of Capitol Hill since 2014. She loves the diversity of entertainment options, strong artistic community, and excellent coffee shops. You can most likely find her serving weekend brunch at St. John's Bar & Eatery or volunteering at Annex Theatre where she is currently Artistic Director. At Annex, Catherine has been a director, producer, production manager, stage manager, and performer for several world premiere plays, musicals, and festivals. In 2015, she assumed the role of curator for Spin the Bottle, Seattle's longest-running variety show. She holds a BA in Theatre Arts and History from Illinois Wesleyan University and certificate in Web Design from Seattle Central College. She also serves as a member of the Capitol Hill Arts & Cultural District Steering Committee.

AKINLANA STERLING

Mr. Sterling is the Community Relations Associate at Seattle Central College and has worked at the college for over two years. He also works at the Ram in Northgate part-time as a supervisor, server and bartender. He graduated from Washington State University with a bachelor's degree in communication, specializing in public relations. He volunteers his time by serving as the marketing lead for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event in Renton. In his free time, he enjoys playing volleyball, tennis and exploring a variety of restaurants throughout the greater Seattle area.

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JANICE WONG

Ms. Wong’s community involvement started with being involved with the Chinese Student Association at UW, and branched to other non-profits that reach out to homeless children. Her professional background is in marketing. She is passionate about the rapid growth and development of Seattle and am excited to be involved in crucial decisions that make a positive impact in at SCC and the Capitol Hill neighborhood.

TORI HALLIGAN (ALTERNATE)

Tori Halligan is an experienced landscape designer with a demonstrated history of working in the architecture and planning industry. Her career has taken her to Shanghai, Los Angeles and back home again to Seattle. Currently a designer at a local landscape architecture and site planning firm, she works on projects that include Transit Oriented Development (TOD), campus design, mixed-use and multi-family housing, parks and trail systems. In addition to living on Capitol Hill for over a decade, she is actively involved in the community having participated as a team leader and design professional volunteer for the CHTC (Capitol Hill triangle Collab) LID I-5 collaborative. In her free time she enjoys taking walks in her Rainier Beach Neighborhood and bike touring.

ELLIOTT HARVEY (ALTERNATE)

E.G. Harvey is a proud resident of Capitol Hill and former student at SCC. When they're not doing accounting, Grace is volunteering in the community and doing art projects. They live with their wife and several plants.