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City of Seattle



Director Office of Intergovernmental Relations

Confirmation Packet
January 13, 2014

Nick Harper



City of Seattle
Mayor Edward B. Murray

January 13, 2014

The Honorable Tim Burgess
President, Seattle City Council
Seattle City Hall, 2nd Floor
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Council President Burgess:

I am pleased to transmit to the City Council the following confirmation packet for my appointment of Nick Harper as the Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Relations.

The materials in this packet are divided into two sections:

A. Director name

This section contains Nick's appointment and oath of office forms, his resume, and the press release announcing his appointment.

B. Background Checks

This section contains the Mayor's Office report on Nick Harper's background check.

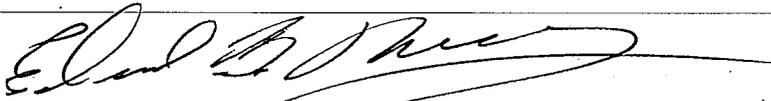
Nick Harper represented the 38th Legislative District in the State Senate, where, in 2013, he served as Deputy Leader of the Democratic Caucus. Nick worked for the Cascade Land Conservancy as Snohomish County Conversation Director, and was also the Government Affairs Director for the Snohomish County-Camano Association of Realtors. Most recently Nick has put his law degree to use and working as an attorney. Harper is a graduate of the University of Washington and the Seattle University School of Law.

Nick's experience gives him multiple and invaluable perspectives in the legislative process. Elected to Washington State Senate, Nick knows how Olympia works from the inside. Before election, he worked in government relations for environmental and realty groups in Snohomish County. His training and experience as an attorney will also prove helpful in this new role. I believe you will find Nick to be an excellent representative of the City of Seattle and urge you to confirm him as Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Relations.

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If you have any questions about the attached materials or need additional information, please contact Uriel Ybarra of my office, at 206-684-8162, or via e-mail, at uriel.ybarra@seattle.gov.

Sincerely,



Edward B. Murray
Mayor, City of Seattle

SECTION

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Edward B. Murray
Mayor of Seattle

January 2, 2014

Nick R. Harper

Dear Nick,

It gives me great pleasure to appoint you to the position of Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Relations (Executive 3) effective January 6. Your annual salary is \$140,000.

Your term of office is at the discretion of the Mayor. Also, your appointment as Director is subject to City Council confirmation. Therefore, you will need to attend the confirmation hearings of the full City Council.

Your contingent offer letter provided employment information related to the terms of your employment, benefits, vacation, holiday and sick leave. If you have questions about your employment with the City of Seattle please contact Galen Mauden, FAS Human Resources Director, at (206) 684-0516.

I look forward to working with you in your role as Director for the Office of Intergovernmental Relations and wish you success. We have much work ahead of us, and I am confident that the Office of Intergovernmental Relations will thrive beyond expectation under your leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed B. Murray", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Edward B. Murray
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Human Resources

City of Seattle

Notice of Appointment

Name: Nick R. Harper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative Appointment
Appointed to: Director, Office of Intergovernmental Relations	Date of Appointment: 1/6/2014
Authority (Ord., Res.): SMC 3.14.410	Term of Office From: City Council Confirmation To: Serves at discretion of Mayor
<p>Comments: Nick Harper represented the 38th Legislative District in the State Senate, where, in 2013, he served as Deputy Leader of the Democratic Caucus. Nick worked for the Cascade Land Conservancy as Snohomish County Conversation Director, and was also the Government Affairs Director for the Snohomish County-Camano Association of Realtors. Most recently Nick has put his law degree to use and working as an attorney. Harper is a graduate of the University of Washington and the Seattle University School of Law.</p> <p>Nick's experience gives him multiple and invaluable perspectives in the legislative process. Elected to Washington State Senate, Nick knows how Olympia works from the inside. Before election, he worked in government relations for environmental and realty groups in Snohomish County. His training and experience as an attorney will also prove helpful in this new role. . I believe you will find Nick to be an excellent representative of the City of Seattle.</p>	
Authorizing Signature: 	Name and Title of Officer Making Appointment: Edward B. Murray, Mayor



**CITY OF SEATTLE - STATE OF WASHINGTON
OATH OF OFFICE**

STATE OF WASHINGTON

COUNTY OF KING

I, Nick R. Harper, swear or affirm that I possess all the qualifications prescribed in the Seattle City Charter and the Seattle Municipal Code for the position of Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Relations; that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Washington, and the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Seattle; and that I will faithfully conduct myself as *Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Relations*.

Nick R. Harper

**Subscribed and sworn to before me
this _____ day of _____, 2014**

(affix seal)

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

Nick R. Harper

Education

Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, WA
Juris Doctor, 2004 – Cum Laude

CALI Award Recipient Criminal Law

Seattle University Moot Court Administrative Law Competition Competitor *4th Place*

Seattle University Moot Court Reasonable Doubts Competition Competitor

Seattle University Negotiation Competition Competitor *2nd Place*

American Bar Association Regional Negotiation Competition Competitor

University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science, 2001

Dean's List, 1999, 2000, 2001

President's List 2000

NROTC Marine-Option Scholarship Recipient

Employment

ADAMS & DUNCAN, INC., P.S., Everett, WA 05/2012 – 12/2013

Lawyer

Manage client matters related to both commercial and residential real estate in the following areas: Real Estate purchase and sale negotiations; Residential and Commercial Leases and Real Estate Contracts; Easements and Covenants; Residential and Commercial Purchase and Sale Agreements; both Judicial and Non-Judicial Foreclosures; Development and Construction matters; and Financing Agreements.

WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE, Olympia, WA 01/2011 – 11/2013

State Senator, 38th Legislative District

Senate Democratic Deputy Leader, 2012 – 2013

Senate Majority Whip, 2011 – 2012

FORTERRA (formerly CASCADE LAND CONSERVANCY), Seattle, WA 04/2008 – 12/2011

Snohomish County Conservation Director

Oversees and implements the Cascade Agenda in Snohomish County, including identification of conservation priorities, collaboration with public and private entities, negotiations to acquire properties, fundraising, and outreach.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY-CAMANO ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® 12/2006 – 04/2008

Government Affairs Director

Establish relationships with elected officials and their staff. Monitors legislative, regulatory, and program activities affecting the association, and the housing industry. Develops land use planning tools to create attainable housing options for residence of Snohomish County.

Membership

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Active member in good standing since October, 2004: Bar #35368

Community Involvement

DAWSON PLACE, Child Advocacy Center, Everett, WA

Board Member

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

December 23, 2013

Contact: Jeff Reading, Office of the Mayor-elect
(206) 684-3952, Jeff.Reading@Seattle.gov

Murray names director of Office of Intergovernmental Relations, press secretary

SEATTLE – Mayor-elect Ed Murray made two additional key hires to his administration today, naming Nick Harper as director of the Office of Intergovernmental Relations, and Rosalind Brazel as press secretary.

Harper, an attorney, currently works at Adams & Duncan, Inc. P.S., a law firm in Everett. He previously represented the 38th Legislative District in the state Senate, where, in 2013, he served as Deputy Leader of the Democratic Caucus. Harper worked for the Cascade Land Conservancy as Snohomish County Conversation Director, and was also the Government Affairs Director for the Snohomish County-Camano Association of Realtors. Harper is a graduate of the University of Washington and the Seattle University School of Law.

Brazel is currently a project account coordinator at The Feary Group, a Seattle public relations and public affairs firm, and is also coordinator of communications, media relations and public relations for etsyRAIN, a group of artisans and craft-makers who operate independent shops in Western Washington. She was previously at writer and producer at KIRO TV in Seattle, and an anchor and reporter at KTAL TV in Shreveport, LA. Brazel is a graduate of Washington State University.

Harper will earn \$140,000 annually. Brazel will earn \$95,000 annually.

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City of Seattle
Department of Finance & Administrative Services

January 2, 2014

To: Uriel Ybarra, Mayor's Office
From: *GM*
Galen Mauden, Human Resources, FAS
Subject: **BACKGROUND CHECK – NICK HARPER**

The Department of Finance & Administrative Services has completed the criminal history and background review for Nick Harper. There were no findings that would impact the employment eligibility of Mr. Harper.

cc: FAS Mayor's Transition File