City of Seattle
Notice of Appointment

Name: **Catherine Benotto**		☒ **Executive Reappointment** ☐ **Legislative Appointment** ☐ **Agency Appointment** ☐ **PDA Council** ☐ **PDA Constituency**
Residential Neighborhood: *Alki Beach (West Seattle)*	**Zip Code:** *98116*	**Contact Phone No.:** *206.344.5700*
Appointed to: *Seattle Planning Commission*		**Date of Appointment:** *March 7, 2012*
Authority (Ord., Res.): *SMC 3.64 and City Planning Commission*		**Term of Office:** **From:** *Confirmation* **To:** *4/15/2015*

Comments:

Catherine co-chairs the Seattle Planning Commissions Housing & Neighborhoods Committee. She represent s the Planning Commission on the Light Rail Review committee and acted as the Commission rep. on the West Seattle Triangle Advisory Committee. She is a former chair of the West Seattle Design Review Board. She spends time writing and lecturing on how to attract families with children back into our cities by designing urban areas with children in mind. Catherine is a Principal, Weber Thompson where she leads Weber Thompson's Community/Urban Design and Landscape Teams working on innovative place-making projects throughout the Northwest. As the firm's first LEED Accredited Professional, she also directs Weber Thompson's Sustainability Team, a research group that supports the firm's projects and in-house operations. She is passionate about creating sustainable communities, combining expertise in urban design, architecture and landscape architecture

Authorizing Signature:	**Name and Title of Officer Making Appointment:** *Mayor Michael McGinn*

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WEBER THOMPSON

CATHERINE BENOTTO AIA, ASLA, LEED AP

Landscape Architecture/Planning Principal

"A lot of people have ideas but there are very few who can actually execute upon them," Adams said. "Her ability to just articulate all of that, tie it all together, was very poetic and very convincing to that community."

— Kevin Adams, Owner, Sweetwater quoted in "LEED pilot projects rethink the design of neighborhoods", Daily Journal of Commerce, November 9, 2007

"One case study that is worth reading was put together by a team at Weber Thompson architects who created a site plan for Fairhaven Heights (Highlands) in Bellingham that all at once reduced the footprint of a proposed development, increased protections for critical areas, increased density and avoided height increases. Size matters, but so does context. It's our job to ask first what outcomes we want from rules governing land use."

— Roger Valdez, Size Matters, in Sightline Daily

Catherine Benotto directs Weber Thompson's Community/Urban Design and Landscape Departments. As an Architect, Landscape Architect and Master Planner, Ms. Benotto brings a thorough understanding of built form, ecology, urban design and planning processes, providing balanced, sensitive and sustainable solutions.

Catherine's role on planning projects is Principal in Charge and Lead Designer. She oversees the entire project, ensuring best practices in process, procedures, communications and quality control. She also leads the design of the project.

Throughout her career, she has been recognized for several of her projects, most notably for the design of Jerusalem's City Hall Square in Israel, while working with AJ Diamond Donald Schmitt and Company in Toronto. Ms. Benotto headed the landscape design team on this master plan where the garden spaces tie this civic campus of 13 buildings together and to the heart of Jerusalem. These public spaces included the main civic plaza, amphitheater, aqueduct water feature, roof garden, landscape structures, a City park, courtyards, streetscapes, site lighting and bus shelter design.

Catherine performs extensive public service and advocacy for sustainable site strategies, Low Impact Design and LEED for Neighborhood Development. She serves on the Seattle Planning Commission and is the former chairman of the City of Seattle Design Review Board for West Seattle. She is also a LEED Accredited Professional and leads Weber Thompson Sustainability Team.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture — University of Toronto, Ontario
Master of Architecture — UCLA

AWARDS

- AIA Henry Adams Medal, 1987
- Knapp Scholar 1985–87
- Sweetwater: Award Recipient, Idaho Smart Growth Award for Residential
- Sweetwater: LEED ND (Pilot Certified)
- Crofton Springs: 2006 Builder's Choice Merit Award — Community Design
- Jerusalem City Hall Square: Urban Design Honor Award, Canadian Architect (while at another firm)

PUBLIC SERVICE

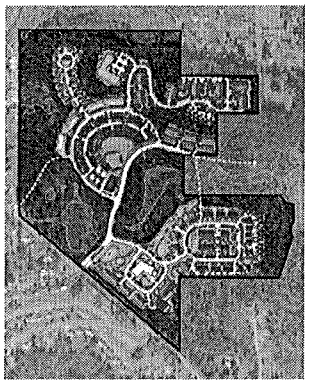
- Seattle Planning Commission: 2009–ongoing
- Climate Action Plan Technical Advisory Group for Building Energy, Seattle, 2011-2012
- Light Rail Review Panel, Seattle, ongoing
- West Seattle Triangle Advisory Group, 2010
- Cascadia Living Futures 2010 Conference Volunteer
- Advisory Committee for the Puget Sound LID Technical Manual update–ongoing
- South Lake Union, Urban Design Framework Design Charrettes, 2009
- Juror, 2009 Builders' Choice Award, Builder Magazine, Washington, DC
- US Green Building Council, LEED ND, Pacific Regionalization Task Force 2009
- US Green Building Council, LEED ND, Subject Matter Expert 2009–ongoing
- Puget Sound Regional Council/Urban Land Institute "Reality Check" charrette facilitator 2008
- University of Washington Arch/LA program — guest critic 2008–2009
- Mentor — UW B. Landscape Architecture student 2008
- South Lake Union LEED ND Neighborhood Advisory Committee 2007–08
- Seattle Design Review Board/West Seattle: 2002–2006; Chairman 2005–06
- WSU Low Impact Development Certificate Program — Instructor — ongoing
- University of Toronto, Master of Landscape Architecture Program, Guest Critic 1990–95

AFFILIATIONS

- American Institute of Architects
- American Society of Landscape Architects
- American Planning Association
- USGBC — LEED AP

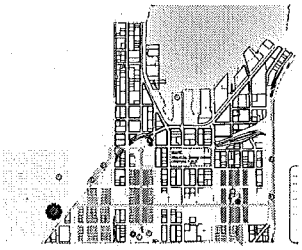
SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Where is the Family in Multi-Family?" Presented at Built Green Conference 2010 — March 12, 2010 | Great City Brown Bag — February 25, 2010 | The Design for Livability: Sustainable Cities Forum — October 16, 2009
- Restoring the Human Dimensions in Cities: Making Urban Areas Livable for all, ASLA Annual Confernence 2011 — October 30, 2011
- Site Analysis: Using it to inform your design. Washington State University/Puget Sound Partnership, LID Technical Workshops June 14, 2011
- Sustainable Communities: LEED ND" Presentation and interactive exercise at the WASLA Spring Conference 2009 — Engaging Change: A Greener Perspective, April 3, 2009
- "Priority Green: Sustainable Site Features in Demand" Panel participant at WASLA Spring Conference 2009 — Engaging Change: A Greener Perspective April 3, 2009
- "Eco•Lab" co-presented at Designing, Developing and Financing "Bright Green" Communities/Green Building Finance and Investment Forum — March 3, 2009
- "Site Analysis: Using it to Inform Your Planning and Design" Presented at the WSU Puget Sound Low Impact Development Technical Workshop, Seattle, May 19, 2009 | Olympia, Feb. 9, 2009 | Bellingham, Oct. 1, 2008 | Sequim, June 24, 2008
- "Sustainable Buildings and Neighborhoods" Presentation at Seattle Business Monthly's Sustainable Breakfast Series discussing LEED ND in South Lake Union and The Terry Thomas, a sustainable office building; in conjunction with Vulcan, December 2008
- "LEED ND: Pilot Experience in South Lake Union" Presentation and interactive exercise as part of AIA/Cascadia Land Conservancy's "Design for Livability: Doing Density Right" Conference September 26, 2008
- Presentation at King County's Greening in Place Conference, September 16, 2008
- "Using LEED ND as a Blueprint for Sustainable Communities" Presentation to Great Cities Initiative, July 11, 2008, Seattle
- "Planning Smarter Communities," Lorman Seminar/Convention Center, Seattle Feb. 29, 2008
- "Community Planning for Low Impact Development" Presentation at Sustainable September Conference, September 2007



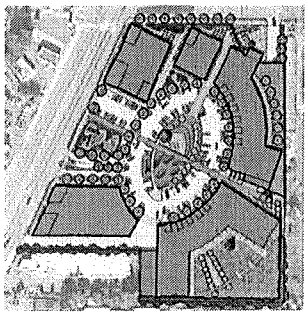
PUBLISHED ARTICLES

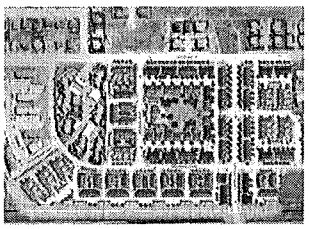
- "Sippy Cups at Starbucks: Enticing Families to Live Downtown" AIA Seattle Forum Vol. 2 No. 2 Summer 2009
- "Planning Our Communities for a Low Carbon Future" Daily Journal of Commerce, June 26, 2008, Seattle
- "Putting Suburbia on a Diet" American Planning Association News, Puget Sound Section, July–September, 2005
- "Where's the Family in Multi-Family" Daily Journal of Commerce, October 7, 2004, Seattle
- "Greenbacks in the Greenery" Daily Journal of Commerce, April 18, 2002, Seattle
- "When Building Green Isn't Thinking Green" Daily Journal of Commerce, May 2, 2002, Seattle
- "Jerusalem City Hall Square: Landscape Unites a Municipal Campus", Canadian Landscape Architecture Review, May 1991
- UCLA Architecture Journal "Edge Condition", 1986, Editorial Board



RELEVANT PROJECTS

- Kirkland TOD, Kirkland. Bellevue, WA
- South Lake Union, Urban Design Framework, Seattle, WA
- Kendall Yards, Spokane, WA
- Fairhaven Highlands Bellingham, WA
- Sweetwater Hailey, ID
- Edmonds Green Edmonds, WA
- E-Street Transit Village Chula Vista, CA
- Renton Highlands Vision Plan Renton, WA
- South Lake Union, LEED ND Pilot Seattle, WA
- Crofton Springs and Crofton Issaquah Highlands, Issaquah, WA
- Lanham Place, High Point Seattle, WA
- Snoqualmie Ridge Town Center Snoqualmie, WA (Callison Architecture)
- DuPont Town Center at Northwest Landing DuPont, WA (Callison Arch.)
- Kinta Highlands Vision Plan Malaysia (Callison Architecture)
- Water City Vision Plan Malaysia (Callison Architecture)
- Creekside Village Dubai (Callison Architecture)
- East Metro Waterfront Transit and Land Use Corridor Study, Toronto, Ontario (Diamond / Schmitt)
- Jerusalem City Hall Square Jerusalem, Israel (Diamond / Schmitt Architects, Inc.)
- Burlington Beach Community Master Plan Burlington, Ontario (Diamond / Schmitt Architects)
- Confederation Heights, Plan of Development, for mixed use, high density development Ottawa, Ontario (Diamond / Schmitt Architects, Inc.)
- Housing Intensification Study Burlington, Ontario (Diamond / Schmitt Architects, Inc.)





ROSTER - SEATTLE PLANNING COMMISSION 2012

15 Members (3-year terms, renewable/ 2 full term maximum)
1 "Get Engaged" Youth Member
SMC 3.64 and City Planning Commission

		Term Ends	Appointed By
# 1	Leslie Miller**	4/15/13	Council
# 2	Amalia Leighton**	4/15/13	Mayor
# 3	Chris Persons**	4/15/13	Council
# 4	Jeanne Krikawa*	4/15/13	Mayor
# 5	***VACANT***	***4/15/13***	***Council***
# 6	Mark S. Johnson**	4/15/14	Mayor
# 7	***Martin Kaplan*****	***4/15/11***	***Council***
# 8	Colie Hough-Beck**	4/15/14	Mayor
# 9	Kevin McDonald**	4/15/14	Council
# 10	Joshua Brower**	4/15/14	Mayor
# 11	**Bradley Khouri****	**4/15/15**	**Council**
# 12	***Kay Knapton*****	***4/15/12***	***Mayor***
# 13	**David Cutler****	**4/15/15**	**Council**
# 14	**Catherine Benotto****	**4/15/15**	**Mayor**
# 15	**Matt Roewe****	**4/15/15**	**Commission**
#16	Sarah Snider	9/30/12	Mayor

* New Appointments
** Reappointments
*** "Get Engaged" Youth Member 1 year appointment

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