City of Seattle
Notice of Appointment

Name: Kristi Rennebohm Franz		☒ **Executive Appointment** ☐ **Legislative Appointment** ☐ **Agency Appointment** ☐ **PDA Council** ☐ **PDA Constituency**
Residential Neighborhood: Capitol Hill	**Zip Code:** 98102	**Contact Phone No.:** N/A
Appointed to: Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board (Position 9)		**Date of Appointment:** September 17, 2012
Authority (Ord., Res.): Resolution No. 30995		**Term of Office:** **From:** Confirmation **To:** August 31, 2014

Comments:
Succeeding Ann Boyd

Kristi is a 65 year old educator with a lifelong focus on community activism, environmental sustainability and youth empowerment. She has many motivations for wanting to serve on the board: as a senior citizen and grandmother of five, she personifies the current movement of building bicycle infrastructure that accommodates 'all ages & abilities'; as a citizen of Seattle, she is committed to seeing Seattle replicate communities in our country and around the world where bicycling is actively supported as an environmentally sustainable and economically affordable mode of transportation.

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

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May 20, 2012

To: Douglas Cox, Seattle Department of Transportation Bicycle Program and the Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board

From: Kristi Rennebohm Franz

I am interested in serving on the Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board. I am a retired public school teacher and a lifelong community action advocate in education and environment. I live on Capital Hill and use my bicycle for both transportation and recreation.

As a sixty-five year old bicyclist, I am especially interested in advocating bicycle route/ road safety from the perspective of seniors.
As a lifelong bicyclist and now, a grandmother of five elementary age grandchildren who are just beginning their bicycle experiences, I am deeply committed to helping Seattle be a safe and inclusive bicycle-riding city with routes and trails for all ages and abilities, especially our children and youth.
As an educator, I am interested in furthering bicycle education and mentoring children and youth as active bicyclists, including integrating bicycle riding curricula into K-12 classroom education.
As a global educator, I am interested in mentoring our children and youth in connecting with their bicycle peers around the world to understand the commonalities , diversities and opportunities of bike riding worldwide.
As an advocate for building sustainable environments from urban to rural locations, I am an advocate for bicycling as a healthy environmental form of transportation. .
As a citizen of Seattle, I am committed to seeing Seattle replicate communities in our country and around the world where bicycling is actively supported as an environmentally sustainable and economically affordable mode of transportation and recreation.

My first bike was a one-speed Huffy. I treasure the memories of my father helping me learn to ride. I used that bike to get to school and ride the neighborhood to my heart's content. My father always made sure our family, friends and communities had access to outdoor adventures. He also set an example of public service and advocacy for outdoor recreation. His career was land use planning to build and support urban to rural trails and parks accessible and available for all citizens. He and my mother mentored our immediate and extended family to be involved in making positive contributions in our communities. Their lifelong philosophy of commitment to community and public service inspired me to be a teacher and inspires me now to serve on the Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board.

My second bike was a blue 26 inch wheel three speed Schwinn Racer, purchased with money I earned from babysitting. That bike gave me the freedom to ride miles upon miles around the city of Madison, Wisconsin and to my first job as a lifeguard and swim instructor. I still have that bike today, refurbished and as treasured as ever. My third bike is a Seattle-made small sized frame 24 speed lightweight bike that has taken me to

new levels of appreciation of how new technologies and the "right-sized" bike can make a difference in cycling. This bike's gearing makes it possible for me to manage hills in the city and countryside. This bike's technology and design fits my size and physical limitations so I can safely maneuver when riding and feel confident on the road. After recovering from surgeries and illness, this bicycle pushed my rehabilitation to levels of physical activity I had thought were no longer possible.

One of my most memorable and treasured bike riding experience was riding in Denmark in 1963 where I lived for three months. Being able to bicycle to school, on errands to the market and from village to village on designated bike trails away from car roads has forever been my ideal for bicycle riding. In Denmark, then and now, bikes are everywhere and everywhere there are safe bicycle routes. The model of bicycling in Denmark inspires supporting and growing bicycling in Seattle.

Now is the time in my life for creating new treasured riding experiences. We have started all our grandchildren on bike riding and are having bike adventures with them - building the family bike tradition into the next generation and sharing with them the feel of the wind in your face through human-powered transportation! Our two sons live in Seattle and both bike to their work. My life partner, (who refurbished my Schwinn as a birthday surprise) rides his bikes all over the city on errands, to appointments and for recreation. The small garage behind the house is a "bike shop" for storing, repairing and conditioning family bikes - the cars we own are parked on the street.

My hope is that I am able to "bike ride" Seattle for many, many years. My hope is that, with each year, there are more and more bikes out and about in Seattle! My hope is we can exponentially create an infrastructure and positive culture on city roadways where bikes and cars are companionable in the best and safest way. My hope is that our Seattle community will invest the time, education and infrastructure that is needed for bicycling to be a first choice option of transportation and recreation. I look forward to being a part of a community team that builds bicycle riding in Seattle for all ages and abilities!

Sincerely,
Kristi Rennebohm Franz

Kristi Rennebohm Franz

Born Seattle, Washington, 1946
K-12 Education, Public Schools, Madison Wisconsin
College Education: University of Illinois, B.S. Speech Correction, 1968
University of Georgia, B.M. Music Therapy, 1977
Washington State University, M.Ed. Elementary Education, 1989

Teaching and Community Experience:
Speech Therapist, Champaign, Illinois, Public Schools
Speech and Language Development Volunteer and Teacher, Headstart Program, Athens, Georgia
Community Action Committee, Athens Georgia (Advocate for Local, State and Federal Funds for Social Services, Advocate for Statewide Public Kindergarten in Georgia)
Private Speech Therapist for Hearing Impaired, Champaign,Urbana and Athens, Georgia
Cello Teacher and Cellist in Washington Idaho Symphony
Elementary School Classroom Teacher: International School of Kenya, Nairobi, Kenya
Pullman, Washington, Public Schools

Additional Academic Appointments:
Adjunct Faculty, Washington State University College of Education
Harvard University Graduate School of Education:
Visiting Scholar, Programs in Professional Development
Visiting Practitioner, Technology in Education Program
International Education and Resource Network (iEARN, a global community of teachers and students using technology to do collaborative school curricular projects) Lead Teacher and Board Member

Recognitions and Awards:
Outstanding Senior Class Speech Clinician, Dept. of Speech and Hearing, University of Illinois
Presidential Award for Excellence in Elementary Science Education (For Environmental Education Curriculum)
Peace Corps Paul D. Coverdell Worldwise Schools Excellence in Education Award
Washington State University Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "Keeping the Dream Alive" Award
Milken Educator Award

Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board

11 members: Per Resolution 25534, all subject to City Council confirmation, 2-year terms

- 5 Appointed by City Council
- 7 Appointed by Mayor (including YMCA Get Engaged program member)

D*	G	Position No.	Name	Appointed	Term Ends	Term #	Position	Appointed By
6	F	1	Allegra Calder	8-25-11	8-31-13	2	Co-Chair	Mayor
6	F	2	Jean White	8-28-09	8-31-13	2		City Council
3	M	3	Gabe Grijalva	8-25-11	8-31-13	2		Mayor
6	M	4	Neal Komedal	8-28-09	8-31-13	2		City Council
6	M	5	Max Hepp-Buchanan	8-25-11	8-31-13	2	Co-Chair	Mayor
6	M	6	Matthew Crane	8-28-09	8-31-13	2		City Council
3	**M**	**7**	**Alfonso Lopez**	**8-14-12**	**8-31-14**	**1**		**Mayor**
6	M	8	Dylan Ahearn	Pending	8-31-14	1		City Council
6	**F**	**9**	**Kristi Rennebohm Franz**	**8-14-12**	**8-31-14**	**1**		**Mayor**
6	F	10	Jessica Szelag	Pending	8-31-14	1		City Council
6	**F**	**11**	**Jodi Connolly**	**8-14-12**	**8-31-14**	**2**		**Mayor**
6	F	12	Elizabeth Nixon	8-25-11	8-31-12	N/A		Get Engaged—Mayor

***Diversity**

	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	(1) Asian-American	(2) African-American	(3) Hispanic Latin@	(4) Native-American	(5) Other**	(6) Caucasian
Mayor	3	3	0		0	0	2	0	0	4
Council	3	2	0		0	0	0	0	0	5
Other Bodies	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	*6*	*5*	*0*		*0*	*0*	*2*	*0*	*0*	*9*

***Other includes diversity in any of the following: race, gender and/or ability*