

City of Seattle

Notice of Appointment

Name: <i>Michelle Connor</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Appointment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Agency Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Council <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Constituency
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Ravenna, Seattle</i>	Zip Code: <i>98105</i>	Contact Phone No.: <i>(206) 905-6899</i>
Appointed to: <i>Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission</i>		Date of Appointment: <i>August 10, 2012</i>
Authority (Ord., Res.): <i>High Ross Treaty and Agreement Ordinance # 111530</i>		Term of Office From: <i>August 10, 2012</i> To: <i>August 9, 2016</i>
Background: This is a new appointment as Alternate Commissioner: Michelle Connor is Executive Vice President and Chief Program Officer at Forterra, directing implementation of The Cascade and Olympic Agendas, visionary action plans that link landscape conservation to the creation of livable communities. Michelle has provided leadership on national, regional and state-wide natural resource and community issues by volunteering with Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission, the Quality Growth Alliance of Urban Land Institute's (ULI) Seattle Chapter, and USDA's National Urban and Community Forest Advisory Council. Connor is currently facilitating an effort among the landowner, county, multiple state agencies, two tribes and concerned citizens to conserve nearly 7,000 acres of prime forestland and 2 miles of shoreline near Port Gamble in Kitsap County. A third-generation Washingtonian, Connor grew up on Budd Inlet and Hood Canal. She holds an M.S. from the University of Washington's College of Forest Resources and a B.A. from the Evergreen State College.		
Authorizing Signature: 		Name and Title of Officer Making Appointment: Mayor Mike McGinn

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Biography - 2012

Michelle Connor

Executive Vice President
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Michelle Connor is Executive Vice President and Chief Program Officer at Forterra, directing implementation of the Cascade and Olympic Agendas, visionary action plans that link landscape conservation to the creation of livable communities to ensure a sustainable region.

Michelle has long provided leadership on national, regional and state-wide natural resource and community issues, including current posts as Co-Chair of the Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission, an international treaty organization, co-Chair of the Quality Growth Alliance of Urban Land Institute's (ULI) Seattle Chapter, and serves on the Advisory Board for ULI's Seattle Chapter. In the past she has served on a wide range of groups including: USDA's National Urban and Community Forest Advisory Council, the steering committee of the Northwest Environmental Forum, the Mitigation that Works advisory committee, the DNR Sustainable Recreation Working Group, the TDR Policy Advisory Committee, the Forest Work Group of the Climate Action Team, Chapter Chair for the Washington Native Plant Society and Cascade Bicycle Club newsletter editor.

Connor is currently facilitating an effort in Kitsap County, among landowners, the county, multiple state agencies, two tribes and concerned citizens, to conserve nearly 7,000 acres of prime forestland and 2 miles of shoreline near Port Gamble. Over the past 18 years, Connor has led the fundraising and negotiations for conservation of thousands of acres, most recently facilitating King County's \$36 million dollar acquisition of 250-acres and a mile of Puget Sound shoreline on Maury Island that was subject to a controversial gravel mining proposal. Since joining Cascade Land Conservancy (now Forterra) in 1994, Connor has served in a range of capacities from leading complex conservation negotiations, launching the organization's stewardship program, managing the Cascade Dialogues process and leading the establishment and implementation of the first five years of the Cascade Agenda strategic plan.

A third-generation Washingtonian, Connor grew up on Budd Inlet and Hood Canal. She holds an M.S. from the University of Washington's College of Forest Resources and a B.A. from the Evergreen State College. Connor bicycles to work when she can and enjoys hiking, kayaking, biking, birding, botany and fly fishing.

Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission

Eight US members: Per "High Ross Treaty", not subject to City Council confirmation, four-year terms. Seattle Ordinance # 111530 accepted the Treaty and Agreement.

- 0 Appointed by City Council
- 8 Appointed by Mayor
- 8 Appointed by BC Premier, not shown here

D*	G	Position No.	Name	Appointed	Term Ends	Term #	Position	Appointed By
6	M	1	Leo Bodensteiner	8/10/12	8/9/16	1	Alternate Commissioner	Mayor
4	M	2	Larry Campbell	11/4/2009	7/1/2013	1	Commissioner	Mayor
6	F	3	Michelle Connor	8/10/12	8/9/16	2	Commissioner	Mayor
6	M	4	Gerry Cook	8/10/12	8/9/16	1	Alternate Commissioner	Mayor
6	M	5	James Davis	11/4/11	9/19/15	1	Alternate Commissioner	Mayor
1	M	6	James Hattori	11/4/11	9/19/15	2	Commissioner	Mayor
6	F	7	Alison Studley	11/12/09	7/1/13	2	Alternate Commissioner	Mayor
6	F	8	Jennifer Watkins	8/10/12	8/9/16	2	Alternate Commissioner	Mayor

*Diversity

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

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