City of Seattle
Notice of Appointment

Name: **Brendan W. Donckers**		☐ **Executive Appointment** ☐ **Reappointment** ☒ **Legislative Appointment** ☐ **Agency Appointment** ☐ **PDA Council** ☐ **PDA Constituency**
Residential Neighborhood: Pioneer Square	**Zip Code:** 98104	**Contact Phone No.:** 206.330.1240
Appointed to: Advisory Committee on Tolling & Traffic Management		**Date of Appointment:** *2-19-2012*
Authority (Ord., Res.): Resolution 31323		**Term of Office:** **From:** Confirmation **To:** through end of ACTT activities (up to one year after implementation of tolls)

Background:

The Advisory Committee on Tolling and Traffic Management (ACTT) is comprised of fifteen members, five appointed by the City Council, five by the Mayor and five by WSDOT. In September 2011, the City Council adopted Resolution 31323 appointing its 5 members and confirming the Mayor and WSDOT's appointments. The resolution also establishes the City Council's intention to convene the ACTT.

The Council is appointing Brendan Donckers to take the place of Charley Royer, one of Council's original five appointees to the ACTT, per resolution 31323.

Brendan Donckers lives in Pioneer Square and works as an attorney with the law firm of Breskin Johnson & Townsend. He serves on the board of the King County Chapter of the Washington Conservation Voters, the Historic South Downtown Community Preservation & Development Authority, is the Compliance Officer for the Washington State Chapter of the Sierra Club, and volunteers regularly with the Northwest Justice Project and the KCBA's Housing Justice Project. He received his J.D. with honors from Seattle University School of Law, an undergraduate degree from Santa Clara University and grew up in South Seattle.

Authorizing Signature:	**Name and Title of Officer Making Appointments:** Tom Rasmussen, Chair, City Council Transportation Committee

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PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GENDLER & MANN LLP | Seattle WA **2008 – Present**
Litigation Attorney

- Complex litigation and appeals in state and federal court focusing on environmental, land use, real estate, public records, consumer, administrative, and general tort litigation
- Represented plaintiffs and defendants in all phases of litigation: filing suit and answering; conducting and defending discovery; briefing and arguing dispositive motions; preparing for trial; trial; negotiating settlement and ADR
- Appellate experience briefing and arguing before state Court of Appeals and Washington Supreme Court; briefing and second-chair before successful U.S. Supreme Court case
- General counsel, lobbying, and transactional work for nonprofit and for-profit corporations
    - **Presenting Panelist**: WSBA Antitrust and Consumer Protection Seminar and Meeting (2010); WSBA Access to Justice Conference (2010); National Association of Women Judges Annual Conference (2008); Washington Judicial Conference (2006)
    - **Honors**: Legal Services Corporation, partnership with Northwest Justice Project (2011)

WASHINGTON STATE SUPREME COURT | Olympia WA **2008**
Contract Staff Attorney *Supreme Court Commissioner's Office*

- Drafted legal memoranda and recommendations in response to petitions for court review

WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE | Olympia WA **2008 Legislative Session**
Session Attorney *House Democratic Caucus*

- Provided counsel on bills referred to House environmental and natural resource committees
- Collaborated with legislators, agency officials, lobbyists, and stakeholders to draft legislation

COGNITO COMMUNICATIONS, LLC | Seattle WA **2006 – Present**
Sole Member and Manager

- Strategic consulting to municipal government, elected officials, and small businesses

UNITED NATIONS FOUNDATION / UNFIP | Washington DC **2003 - 2004**
Public Affairs and Research Associate

- *Global Security Initiative* – staff support for U.N. Secretary General's High Level Panel on Threats, Challenge, and Change through advocacy, research, and collaboration
- *The People Speak* – America Debates Its Role in the World campaign and Initiative (2003)

EDUCATION

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW | Seattle WA **2007**
Juris Doctor, *cum laude*

- **Fellowships**: Haywood Burns Memorial Fellowship (2005), Public Interest Law Fellowship (2006)
- **Publication:** Hague Convention on Int'l Child Abduction: *A Child's Return and the Presence of Domestic Violence*, Appendix G, Domestic Violence Manual for Judges, Washington State Gender and Justice Commission (2006).
- **Externship**: General Counsel to Office of Mayor Greg Nickels, *City of Seattle*
- **Honors**: Presidential Law Scholarship (2005-2007); Access to Justice Service Award (2006)

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EDUCATION (cont.)

SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY | Santa Clara CA **2002**
Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude* and 2002 Class Valedictorian

- **Double Major**: English and Philosophy
  - *Senior Thesis*: Locke's *Two Treatises on Government* and Defoe's *Robinson Crusoe*
- **Academic Honors**: Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Sigma Nu, Sigma Tau Delta, Phi Sigma Tau
- **Semester Abroad**: Syracuse University in Florence, Italy
- **Activities**: Parliamentary Debate; President, Ruff Rider Student Association

ADMISSIONS AND BAR MEMBERSHIPS

- Admitted to all state courts of Washington
- Admitted to U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington
- Admitted to U.S. Supreme Court
- Member, Washington State Bar Association
- Member, Federal Bar Association, Western District of Washington

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF KING COUNTY | Seattle, WA
Board Member, Skyway Chapter (2006-2008)

GEORGETOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL | Seattle WA
Board Member (2008-2009)
Chair, Land Use Committee (2009)

KING COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION HOUSING JUSTICE PROJECT | Seattle WA
Pro Bono Attorney (2009-Present)

NORD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION | Pioneer Square Historic District
Board President (Present)

SIERRA CLUB WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER
Litigation Committee and Political Committee (Present)
Executive Committee (2010-2011)

WASHINGTON CONSERVATION VOTERS
Board Member, King County Chapter (Present)
Chair, King County Board (2010-2011)

WASHINGTON STATE ASSOCIATION OF JUSTICE | Seattle WA
Member (Present)

Brendan W. Donckers

Brendan W. Donckers litigates civil cases and appeals at the law firm of Breskin Johnson & Townsend. He represents individuals, nonprofit organizations, and small businesses in a range of matters including consumer protection, employment, land use, environmental, public records, real property and tort cases. Brendan has argued appeals before the Washington Supreme Court and Washington State Court of Appeals, and was second chair in a landmark FOIA case before the U.S. Supreme Court. He serves on the board of the King County Chapter of the Washington Conservation Voters, the Historic South Downtown Community Preservation & Development Authority, is the Compliance Officer for the Washington State Chapter of the Sierra Club, and volunteers regularly with the Northwest Justice Project and the KCBA's Housing Justice Project.

Before joining Breskin Johnson & Townsend, Brendan litigated environmental and land use cases at Gendler & Mann. He has worked as a staff attorney in the Washington Supreme Court Commissioner's Office and provided policy counsel on two environmental committees in the State House of Representatives. Before law school, Brendan worked on a global security initiative with the United Nations Foundation in Washington D.C. and was an aide to U.S. Rep. Jim McDermott. He received his J.D. with honors from Seattle University School of Law and was the Valedictorian at Santa Clara University. Brendan grew up in South Seattle, is a fourth generation Washingtonian, and lives in Pioneer Square.

Advisory Committee on Tolling and Traffic Management (ACTT)

FEBRUARY 2013

15 members:

- *5* Appointed by City Council
- *5* Appointed by Mayor
- *5* Appointed by WSDOT

Resolution 31323 confirmed 15 original members. The Council has appointed Brendan W. Donckers to replace Charley Royer as member 1, subject to confirmation.

D*	Position No.	Name	Appointed/Confirmed	Term Ends	Appointed By
(6) M	1	Brendan W. Donckers	2-19-2013	na	Council
(2) M	2	Henry Yates	9-13-2011	na	Council
(6) M	3	Bob Davidson	9-13-2011	na	Council
(6) M	4	Rob Johnson	9-13-2011	na	Council
(1) M	5	Phil Fujii	9-13-2011	na	Council
(1) F	6	Cynthia Chen	5-9-2012	na	Mayor
(6) M	7	Marcus Charles	9-13-2011	na	Mayor
(1) F	8	Sharon Maeda	9-13-2011	na	Mayor
(6) F	9	Peg Staeheli	9-13-2011	na	Mayor
(6) F	10	Tessa Greegor	9-13-2011	na	Mayor
(6) F	11	Maud Daudon	9-13-2011	na	WSDOT
(1) M	12	Sung Yang	9-13-2011	na	WSDOT
(6) F	13	Claudia Balducci	9-13-2011	na	WSDOT
(6) M	14	Kurt Beckett	9-13-2011	na	WSDOT
(6) M	15	Rick Bender	9-13-2011	na	WSDOT

***Diversity**

	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	(1) Asian-American	(2) African-American	(3) Hispanic Latin@	(4) Native-American	(5) Other**	(6) Caucasian
Mayor	1	4		2	2					3
Council	5			2	1	1				3
WSDOT	3	2		1	1					4
Total	*9*	*6*		*5*	*4*	*1*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*10*

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