C.F. 313022

City of Seattle
Notice of Appointment

Name: ***Marjorie Press***		☐ **Executive Appointment** ☒ **Legislative Appointment** ☐ **Agency Appointment** ☐ **PDA Council** ☐ **PDA Constituency**
Residential Neighborhood: *Wallingford*	**Zip Code:** *98103*	**Contact Phone No.:** *206-548-1549*
Appointed to: *Seattle Planning Commission*		**Date of Appointment:** *May 2013*
Authority (Ord., Res.): *SMC 3.64 and City Planning Commission*		**Term of Office:** **From:** *Confirmation* **To:** *April 2016*

Comments: For twenty years, Marj was employed as a transportation planner primarily focused on analyzing the feasibility and environmental effects of transportation infrastructure projects in Seattle, the Puget Sound Region, and across the U.S. Projects included transit and rail, bridges, tunnels and roadways. Marj's diverse skill set includes building community consensus, coordinating collaborative efforts on multi-disciplinary teams, feasibility and analysis of alternatives, preparation of environmental documentation and permitting, managing large teams, and supervising staff.

Marj received her master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning (MURP), Community Planning and Design from The George Washington University. She also received her Bachelor's in Business Administration (BBA), Marketing, from the University of Massachusetts and a Certificate in Fundraising Management from the University of Washington.

Currently, Marj is a small business owner in the city of Seattle. Her business is located in the Capital Hill neighborhood. Marj also is an advisor to the Board of the American Planning Association (APA) in her capacity as Divisions Council Chair, a nationally elected position representing the Divisions Council (a component group of APA comprised of planners focused on practice areas, population diversity and equity).

Authorizing Signature:	**Name and Title of Officer Making Appointments:** *Councilmember Richard Conlin*

Confirmed by the Following Vote at City Council

In Favor:	**Against:**	**Date:**
Attested by:		**Title:**

Form last revised 2/21/08

Marjorie (Marj) Press
[redacted]
Seattle, WA 98103
(206) [redacted]
[redacted]@hotmail.com

Summary

More than twenty years of professional experience as a planner primarily focused on analyzing the feasibility and environmental effects of transportation infrastructure projects in the Puget Sound Region and across the United States, including light rail transit, multi-modal facilities, heavy rail, tunnels, bridges (vehicular and pedestrian), ferry systems and highways. Skills include project development and coordination, building community consensus, coordinating collaborative efforts on multi-disciplinary teams, feasibility and analysis of alternatives, preparation of environmental documentation and permitting, managing large teams and supervising staff. Additional planning experience includes land use, disaster recovery, and fisheries projects.

More recently, Marj has invested in two small businesses in Seattle. She is a founding member and co-owner of Terra Plata, a Capital Hill Restaurant. She also is co-owner of Skelly and the Bean, a restaurant formerly on Capital Hill and in search of a new location. Both restaurants support local farmers, purveyors and the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program.

Marj holds a nationally elected position with the American Planning Association serving as Chair of the Divisions Council and advisor to the Board of Directors. She also is very active in several local Seattle LGBT and allied non-profit organizations, including the Pride Foundation, Seattle LGBT Community Development, Greater Seattle Business Association (GSBA) and Legal Voice.

Education

- Master of Urban and Regional Planning (MURP), Community Planning and Design, The George Washington University
- Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA), University of Massachusetts
- Certificate, Fundraising Management, University of Washington

Community Activities

- Seattle LGBT Community Development – Board Member, 2012 to present
- Pride Foundation Scholarship Review Committee – Reviewer, 1996, 2012, 2013
- Greater Seattle Business Association (GSBA) – Member, 2011 to present
- Legal Voice Auction Committee - 2012
- Legal Voice – Volunteer, 2011 to present
- Pride Foundation – Board Member, 1995-2000

Professional Experience

- Terra Plata LLC, Seattle, WA, 2009 to present. Founding Member and co-owner.
- Skelly and the Bean LLC, Seattle WA, 2012 to present. Co-owner.
- HDR Engineering, Bellevue, WA, 2005-2007. Transportation Planning Manager.
- CH2M Hill, Bellevue, WA, 2003-2005. Senior Planner and Project Manager.

- Jacobs Engineering, Bellevue, WA, 1998-2003. Project Manager.
- David Evans and Associates, Bellevue, WA, 1995-1997. Project Manager.
- Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas, Seattle, WA, 1991-1995. Planner.
- Shapiro and Associates, Seattle, WA, 1990 -1991. Planner.
- Gannett Fleming, Seattle, WA, 1990. Planner.
- The Waterfront Center, Washington DC, 1988 -1990. Research Assistant
- Institute of Urban Development Research, Washington DC. 1986 -1988, Graduate Teaching Fellow.

Professional Activities

- Divisions Council Chair, American Planning Association, 2012 to present
- Development Plan and Budget Committee, American Planning Association, 2012 to present
- Divisions Council Vice Chair, American Planning Association, 2010-2012
- Governance Committee, American Planning Association, 2010-2012
- Divisions Council Leadership Committee Chair, American Planning Association, 2009-2010
- Diversity Task Force, American Planning Association, 2007-2012
- Gays and Lesbians in Planning (GALIP) Division, American Planning Association: Vice-Chair 1998 to 2003; Chair 2003 to 2007; immediate past Chair 2007 to 2009
- Gays and Lesbians in Planning Network, American Planning Association, Founding Member, 1992-1998
- National Conference Chair, Women's Transportation Seminar, 1999
- Diversity Committee Co-Chair, Women's Transportation Seminar, 1996-1998
- Puget Sound Chapter Vice President, Women's Transportation Seminar, 1994-1995
- Puget Sound Chapter Treasurer, Women's Transportation Seminar, 1993-1994

Transportation and Environmental Project Experience

Multimodal Planning

- **SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Project, Washington State Department of Transportation, Seattle, WA.** Environmental Manager for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for a multi-modal corridor project to improve mobility across Lake Washington along the SR 520 corridor from I-5 in Seattle to 124th Avenue NE in Bellevue. Coordinated DEIS activities with WSDOT management team and managed the environmental analysis and preparation of the DEIS.
- **Aurora Avenue North Multimodal Corridor Project, N. 165th Street to N. 205th Street, City of Shoreline, Shoreline, WA.** Environmental Manager for the development of alignment options, environmental screening and preliminary engineering services for potential improvements to Aurora Avenue North including a seven lane roadway section with a landscaped median, curb and gutter, undergrounding utilities and storm drainage.
- **Mukilteo Multimodal Terminal, Washington State Ferries, Seattle, WA.** NEPA Coordinator/Environmental Task Lead for the construction of a new ferry dock, terminal buildings, vehicle and pedestrian movable bridges, transit center, commuter rail station, and highway access with a new bridge over the railroad.

- **HOV Direct Access Projects, Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (Sound Transit), King County, WA**. Environmental Manager for preliminary engineering and environmental documentation for Sound Transit Regional Express projects to improve the speed, access, reliability, and competitiveness of the regional express bus service and all high occupancy vehicles (HOVs) and included a new transit center, an I-5 HOV direct access 'T' ramp, an in-line boarding station, and the expansion of two existing park-and-ride lots at Federal Way and Star Lake.
- **Star Lake Park-and-Ride Lot Expansion, King County Metro, King County, WA**. Task Manager for a site study to analyze and evaluate three alternative locations for expanding parking capacity by 500 stalls at or near this existing facility.
- **Puget Sound High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Predesign Studies, WSDOT, Puget Sound Region. WA**. Senior Planner responsible for preparation of the methodology for screening, evaluating and selecting HOV alternative improvements.
- **South Tukwila-Lucile Street HOV Lane, WSDOT. King County, WA.** Lead Environmental Planner responsible for environmental reconnaissance, documentation review and updating sections of an existing environmental assessment. This project evaluated the widening of 1-5 for an HOV lane from the City of Tukwila to Lucile Street, Seattle.

Transit and Rail Planning

- **Stanwood Station Project, Washington State Department of Transportation Rail Office, Olympia, WA.** Environmental Manager for the preparation of conceptual site plans, cost estimates and environmental analysis for an interim station in Stanwood, WA.
- **Beacon Hill Tunnel, LINK Light Rail System, Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (Sound Transit), Seattle, WA.** Systems and Project Integration Manager for engineering services the Segment 0710 Light Rail Transit (LRT) line. The segment D710 included an LRT line under Beacon Hill between Airport Way South and 25th Avenue South. Facilitated coordination with all other design contracts and with the city of Seattle, King County Metro and WSDOT as well as diversity management and outreach effort for the contract.
- **Seattle Monorail Project, Seattle Popular Monorail Authority, Seattle. WA.** Task Lead for both the permitting and environmental documentation tasks for the facilities engineering services for the 14-mile monorail between West Seattle and Crown Hill. Coordinated engineering support efforts for the EIS and local, state and federal permits. Facilitated coordination with all other design contracts (architecture and systems) and the legal and permitting teams.
- **Westside Corridor Light Rail Transit Project, Tri-Met, Portland, OR**. Principal author of the Supplemental Draft EIS and Senior Planner responsible for preparation of the development review applications for submittal to the five local jurisdictions reviewing the Westside light rail project alignment and associated improvements.
- **Tier 1 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), Bus/Rail Study, UDOT, Salt Lake City. UT**. Environmental Planner responsible for coordination and preparation of a NEPA FEIS and related technical reports for the I-15/State Street corridor (approximately 18 miles long and 3 miles wide).

- **Honolulu Rapid Transit Development Program, Supplemental FEIS, Honolulu, HI**. Contributing author for a NEPA EIS for a 16-mile, 22-station elevated fixed guide-way transit system.
- **Light Rail Study, King County Metro, King County, WA**. Contributing author for preparation of three special studies: a land use and economic development impact analysis; an urban planning and station development analysis; and a regional congestion analysis study. Assisted in the research and analysis of alternative rail corridors in King County.
- **Southeast Tacoma Transit Center, Pierce County Transit, Tacoma, WA**. Environmental Planner responsible for preparation of a SEPA environmental checklist for siting of a bus transit center in Tacoma.

Roadway and Bridge Planning

- **SR 520 West Lake Sammamish Parkway to SR 202, Redmond, WA.** Environmental Manager for this roadway project to widen SR 520 within the city of Redmond to an 8-lane facility including auxiliary lanes, ramps and HOV lanes and five new bridges. Coordinated an integrated environmental team through the environmental analysis in support of a SEPA Addendum.
- **South 277th Street Reconstruction Project -Phase II, King County Department of Transportation, WA**. Environmental Task Lead for the widening a two-lane major arterial within four different jurisdictions to add a center left turn lane, curb and gutter, a pedestrian/bicycle path, two mechanically stabilized earth walls and widening a bridge over SR 167.
- **SR 104 EIS, US 101 to Kingston, Phase I, WSDOT, Jefferson and Kitsap Counties, WA.** Environmental Task Lead for the preparation of the technical studies (wetlands, water resources, fish and wildlife habitat, noise, visual quality) for the SR 104 Corridor between US 101 (MP 0.2) and the Kingston Ferry Terminal (MP 24.4) located in northern Jefferson and Kitsap counties.
- **Hood Canal Bridge, Temporary Ferry Service, WSF, WA**. Assisted in the preparation of the traffic mitigation options for inclusion in the NEPA environmental assessment for the planned closure of the Hood Canal Bridge in 2006. The project included design of the park-and-ride facilities and onshore ferry terminal facilities at South Point, Port Gamble, Lofall, Salisbury Point, Barge Road, Port Townsend, Edmonds, and Kingston.
- **NE 29th Place Connection, City of Bellevue, WA**. Environmental Manager a SEPA environmental checklist, wetland inventory and assessment, biological assessment, air quality analysis, noise analysis, and permitting.
- **First Avenue South Bridge Preliminary Engineering and EIS, City of Seattle, WA**. Lead Environmental Planner responsible for coordination of the environmental analysis and assistance in the preparation of a NEPA/SEPA EIS for a second bridge span across the Duwamish
- **South Spokane Street Viaduct Widening, City of Seattle, WA**. Environmental Task Manager in the determination of the environmental process required to meet SEPA requirements for a new on-off-ramp at First Avenue South and eliminating the on-off-ramp at Fourth Avenue South and modifications of, and additions to, the existing structure and construction of new structures to improve the operating characteristics of the viaduct.
- **Southeast Expressway (1-93) HOV Study, Massachusetts Highway Department, Boston, MA.** Senior Planner responsible for coordination and

preparation of the long-range HOV plan for the corridor. The plan focused on the expressway from downtown Boston to approximately Route 18 beyond Braintree, MA.

- **Oregon Coast Highway Corridor Study, ODOT, Portland, OR**. Senior Planner responsible for review of Oregon state policy documents and community issues develop a 20-year master plan for the 350-mile Oregon Coast Highway corridor.
- **Riceville Hill Roadway Widening, MDOT, Cascade County, MT**. Responsible for preparation of environmental documentation for the widening of US-89 between Riceville and Monarch.
- **Novelty Bridge No. 404 over Snoqualmie River, King County Roads, King County, WA**. Deputy Project Manager responsible supervision of the preparation of two special studies, and the SEPA environmental checklist for replacement of the Novelty Bridge, on NE 124th Street.
- **State Highway 201 Relocation Environmental Assessment, UDOT, Salt Lake County, UT.** Deputy Project Manager responsible for coordination and preparation of a transportation assessment report to evaluate the potential transportation-related impacts of the realignment of a 3-mile section of the existing roadway.

Other Planning

- **Campus Transportation Phase I, Preliminary Analysis, Expense Management Solutions, Boston, MA.** Environmental Manager for a campus transportation project and the development of baseline transportation data, land use conditions and limitations of the existing campus transportation system in order to evaluated alternative and advanced forms of intra-campus transportation.
- **Hatchery Intake and Water Supply System Rehabilitation Environmental Assessment, Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Leavenworth, WA**. Environmental Task Leader and author of the environmental assessment for rehabilitating the hatchery water supply system including the water intake, fish screens, fish ladder at the intake, and 15,000 feet of pipeline to increase system reliability and to protect threatened and endangered anadromous fish in Icicle Creek
- **Technical Advisory Contract, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Western U.S., San Francisco, CA** Northern California Coordinator for review of damage survey reports for environmental impacts and the need for environmental documentation to ensure NEPA compliance for the California winter floods of 1995.
- **Northwest Fiber Build Project, Confidential Client, Seattle, WA, to Salt lake City, UT**. Coordinated preparation of a NEPA environmental assessment for an 850-mile linear alignment consisting of the construction, operation, and maintenance of a buried fiber optic communication cable and associated facilities. The alignment crossed four states, 19 counties, and three national forests.
- **Blakely Ridge Master Plan Development, EIS, King County, WA**. Planner responsible for research and analysis of environmental impacts of the proposed 1,000-acre residential development in Northeast King County.
- **High Energy Test Facility Environmental Assessment, U.S. Navy, Bangor, WA**. Planner responsible for research and analysis of the environmental impacts of a nuclear testing facility at two alternative naval base locations.

Seattle Planning Commission

Fifteen members plus *One* Get Engaged Member that Per *SMC 3.64 and City Planning Commission,* all subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms, Get Engaged Member serves a 1-year term

- 7 — Appointed by City Council
- *7 + 1 Get Engaged member* — Appointed by Mayor
- 1 — Appointed by Seattle Planning Commission

D*	G	Position No.	Name	Appointed	Term Ends	Term #	Position	Appointed By
2	*F*	*1*	***Keely Brown***	*5/22/13*	*4/15/16*	*1*	***Chair***	***Council***
5	*F*	*2*	***Amalia Leighton***	*5/22/13*	*4/15/16*	*2+*	***Member***	***Mayor***
6	*M*	*3*	***Tim Parham***	*5/22/13*	*4/15/16*	*1*	***Member***	***Council***
5	*F*	*4*	***Jeanne Krikawa***	*5/22/13*	*4/15/16*	*2*	***Member***	***Mayor***
5	*F*	*5*	***Marjorie Press***	*5/22/13*	*4/15/16*	*1*	***Member***	***Council***
1	*F*	*6*	***Grace Kim*** *(automatic reappoint 4/15/14 thru 4/15/17)*	*5/22/13*	*4/15/14*	*1*	***Member***	***Mayor***
1	M	7	Morgan Shook	4/15/12	4/15/14	1	Member	Council
5	F	8	Colie Hough Beck	4/15/11	4/15/14	2	Member	Mayor
5	M	9	Kevin McDonald	4/15/11	4/15/14	2+	Member	Council
6	M	10	Josh Brower	4/15/11	4/15/14	2	Member	Mayor
5	M	11	Bradley Khouri	4/15/12	4/15/15	1+	Member	Council
3	M	12	Luis Borrero	5/15/12	4/15/15	1	Member	Mayor
6	M	13	David Cutler	4/15/12	4/15/15	2	Vice Chair	Council
5	F	14	Catherine Benotto	4/15/12	4/15/15	2	Member	Mayor
6	M	15	Matt Roewe	4/15/12	4/15/15	2	Member	Planning Commission
5	*F*	*16*	***Maggie Wykowski***	*5/22/13*	*9/01/14*	*1*	***Get Engaged Member***	***Mayor***

***Diversity**

	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	(1) Asian-American	(2) African-American	(3) Hispanic Latin@	(4) Native-American	(5) Other**	(6) Caucasian
Mayor	2	6		2	1		1		6	1
Council	5	2		2	1	1			2	2
Other Bodies	1									1
Total	*9*	*7*		*3*	*1*	*1*	*1*		*8*	*4*