City of Seattle
Notice of Appointment

Name: *Leif E. Fixen*		☐ **Executive Appointment** ☒ **Reappointment** ☐ **Legislative Appointment** ☐ **Agency Appointment** ☐ **PDA Council** ☐ **PDA Constituency**
Residential Neighborhood: *Eastlake*	**Zip Code:** *98102*	**Contact Phone No.:** *(605) 691-3072*
Appointed to: *Urban Forestry Commission* *Position #5 - Arborist*		**Date of Appointment:** *December 1, 2014*
Authority (Ord., Res.): *Ordinance 123052*		**Term of Office:** **From:** *December 1, 2014* **To:** *December 1, 2017*

Background:

Mr. Fixen is being re-appointed by City Council to the Urban Forestry Commission Position #5 (Arborist with certification from the International Society of Arboriculture).

Mr. Fixen holds an arborist certification by the International Society of Arboriculture, and has extensive experience ranging from City Urban Forester and tree crews foreman, to District arborist and Certified Resource Planner.

During his municipal experience Mr. Fixen developed and implemented tree planting, pruning, and removal projects and contracts; implemented a city-wide tree inventory and develop urban tree canopy goals; worked with landscape architects on park designs and public improvement projects. He currently works for the Snohomish Conservation District as certified resource planner, district arborist, and urban forester. He works with land owners to create resource management plans; and conducted tree risk assessments.

Mr. Fixen's broad experience and familiarity with municipal processes has been an asset to the Urban Forestry Commission. Mr. Fixen will be serving a three year term to expire on December 1, 2017.

Authorizing Signature: SBagshaw	**Name and Title of Officer Making Appointments:** *Councilmember Sally Bagshaw*

Leif E. Fixen

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Seattle, WA 98102
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Education

Bachelor of Science, Horticulture/Forestry, **May 2005**
South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD
Business and Agronomy minors
Member of SDSU Turf Club and Arboriculture Club

- **Harvard University,** (Fall 06 – Spring 07)
  Subjects: Chemistry Certificate Degree
- **Vaxjo University,** Sweden Exchange Program (07/2004 – 01/2005)
  Subjects: Forestry Science, International Economics, Swedish language
- **Disney University / Internship,** Business Leadership Course (Spring 2002)

Work Experience

Snohomish Conservation District (2010 – Present)
Position: Certified Resource and Nutrient Management Planner & Urban Forester

- **Urban Forester** for the NW region of WA
- **BMP consultant** to dairies, commercial farms, and small farms
- Resource and Nutrient **Management Planning**
- Agricultural research lead
  - Partner with WSU and commercial composters to engineer and implement **compost utilization research**
- **Partnership** development and Landowner **outreach**
- **Community building** and engagement
- Public presentations and educational lectures
- Grant management and writing
- WA State Technical Advisory Committee member
- Organics **anaerobic digestion** and **nutrient recovery** expertise and promotion
- Precision ag program development: experience with GPS, GIS, variable rate technology

City of Seattle Commissioner (2012 – present)
Position: Urban Forest Commissioner

- **Advised the City Council and Mayor** concerning the establishment of policy and regulations governing the protection, management, and conservation of trees and vegetation in the City of Seattle
- **Counseled** city department leaders on **management strategies and policy**
- Engagement with **community groups** and citizens on issues

Boston Parks & Recreation Department (2005 – 2010)
Position: City Urban Forester / Tree Crews Foreman

- **Contracting:** Developed/implemented various planting, pruning, and removal projects & contracts **(managed $1,000,000/yr budget for tree plantings alone)**
- Developed Boston's **Urban Forest Management Plan,** & City-Wide Tree Inventory
- Organized and **officiated** Boston's Public Shade Tree Removal Hearings (MA Chapter 87)
- City representative at numerous **public meetings**
- **Community outreach** and engagement

Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation, DCR *(2005-2007)*
Position: Assistant Forester (part-time)

- Identified & installed needed **conservation BMP's**
- Completed **resource inventories** and asset risk assessments

Schade' Vineyard (2002-2005)
Position: Viticulturist / Vineyard Manager

- Managed the care and harvest of the **vineyard & orchard**, supervised 2 employees
- Wine making, **customer assistance** and tastings

Fixen Farms (Birth-Present)
Position: Family Farmhand

- Born and raised on a family farm in South Dakota growing corn, soybeans, and beef

Accomplishments

Washington AgForestry Leadership Program – Class 37 (2014)

- A leadership development program dedicated to advancing the natural resource industries through enhanced understanding, education and empowerment of future leaders

Massachusetts Outstanding Citizen Forester Award (2008)

- Award given annually by the State of Massachusetts to a resident for his or her service and dedication to urban and community forestry in Massachusetts

NRCS Certified Resource Planner

NRCS Certified Comprehensive Nutrient Management Planner

- Write AFO / CAFO plans

International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborist

- Certification # NE-6494A
- Currently a member of the Northwest Chapter

WA State Resource Planner Technical Advisory Committee (2013-Present)

Boston Urban Forest Coalition Steering Committee Member (2005 – 2010)

ULTRA (Urban Long Term Research Area) Development Committee

- A project with the U.S. Forest Service to build the **1st nationwide network of Urban Forest Experiment Stations.**
- The committee comprised of the **best researchers and practitioners** from across the U.S. specializing in Urban Forestry, Sociology, & Urban Planning

South Dakota State University Program Council (UPC) (06/2003 – 05/2005)

- **Event Planning** - Developed & Supervised programming for the SDSU student body
- Coordinated **big name concerts** (Mark Wills, Everclear, Sister Hazel, Josh Turner)

SDSU Student Senate Ex-officio for UPC (2004 - 2005)

Urban Forestry Commission

NOVEMBER 2014

Nine (9) Commission members: Per S.M.C. 3.14.920, all subject to City Council confirmation, *3*-year terms

- *4* Appointed by City Council
- *4* Appointed by Mayor
- *1* Appointed by the Commission

D*	G	Position No.	Name	Appointed	Term Ends	Term #	Position	Appointed By
6	M	1	Steve Zemke	2-18-14	12-1-16	1st	1: Wildlife Biologist	Council
6	F	2	Donna Kostka	4-28-14	12-1-16	1st	2: Urban Ecologist	Mayor
6	M	3	Dr. Gordon Bradley	12-1-09	12-1-15	2nd	3: Natural Resource Agency or University Representative	Council
6	F	4	Peg Staeheli	11-2-09	12-1-14	2nd	4: Hydrologist or Similar Professional	Mayor
6	*M*	*5*	*Leif Fixen*	*12-1-14*	*12-1-17*	*2nd*	*5: Arborist*	*Council*
6	M	6	Tom Early	7-8-11	12-1-14	1st	6: Landscape Architect	Mayor
6	F	7	Joanna Nelson de Flores	6-16-14	12-1-15	1st	7: NGO Representative	Council
6	M	8	Jeff Reibman	11-2-09	12-1-15	2nd	8: Development Community or Utility Representative	Mayor
6	M	9	Erik Rundell	2-11-14	12-1-16	1st	9: Economist, Financial Analyst, Realtor or Similar Professional	Commission

***Diversity**

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

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