

Resolution 2024-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING COMMITTEE OF THE KING COUNTY REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS AUTHORITY; MODERNIZATION THE BYLAWS OF THE GOVERNING COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement for the Establishment of the King County Regional Homelessness Authority dated December 18, 2019 (the “Interlocal Agreement”) between King County (the “County”) and the City of Seattle (“Seattle”), the County and Seattle formed a governmental administrative agency pursuant to RCW 39.34.030(3) known as the King County Regional Homelessness Authority (the “Authority” or as abbreviated “KCRHA”); and

WHEREAS, under Article VIII, Section 1(b,I,2) of the Interlocal Agreement, the Governing Committee of the Authority has the ability, via resolution, to amend the Bylaws of the Governing Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws were initially approved of by the Governing Committee on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is in a time of transition with the inaugural CEO resigning on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year 2023, as well as the unanimous passing of the five-year plan on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June in the year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Structure Review Committee, which was established by the passage of Resolution 2023-13 on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year 2023, was charged with finding immediate and medium-term steps to improve the Authority’s structure. The subcommittee found additional role clarity to be necessary, as well as amendments to the bylaws to modernize and streamline the decision-making process; and

WHEREAS, specific changes have been requested to ensure the Bylaws match the language of the Interlocal Agreement, add accountability for the members of the Governing Committee, and provide additional clarity to the procedures of the Governing Committee; and

WHEREAS, Bylaw modernization is a normal procedure for boards to undertake and this resolution is to amend the Governing Committee Bylaws, via resolution in compliance with Article VIII, Section 1(b,I,2) of the Interlocal Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING COMMITTEE OF THE KING COUNTY REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS AUTHORITY:

Section 1. Ensuring the Bylaws match that of the Interlocal Agreement

(A) Replace of language in Section 2.01 paragraph 1

- a. STRIKE: “The Lived Experience Coalition shall select representatives of individuals with Lived Experience who shall be appointed by the Advisory Committee to the Governing Committee”

- b. ADD: “The Advisory Committee shall select and appoint three (3) members representing individuals with lived experience.”

(B) Replace of language in Section 4.04 paragraph 1

- a. STRIKE: “Lived Experience Coalition”
- b. ADD: “Coalition of Lived Experience or other groups representing individuals with Lived Experience”

Section 2. Adding accountability to the members of the Governing Committee. The following will improve accountability for members of the board:

- (A) ADD new subsection to Article III. “Section 3.06 Consecutive Absences.”
- (B) ADD to new Section 3.06: “Any Governing Committee Member who is absent for three consecutive regular meetings without being excused may, by resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the remaining Governing Committee Members, be deemed to have forfeited their position as Governing Committee Member and that Member’s position shall be vacant.”

Section 3. Providing additional clarity to the procedures of the Governing Committee.

- (A) STRIKE: “also” from Section 3.02 paragraph 1.
  - a. “In the event of a special meeting of the Governing Committee, the Chair identified as next in the rotation will ~~also~~ be responsible for facilitating the special meeting.”
    - i. Clarifying that the next chair in the rotation will be responsible for facilitating the meeting regardless of if it is a Special or Regular meeting.
- (B) STRIKE: “In the event none of the Co-Chairs are able to attend such meeting, the member bloc from which the Chair was selected will designate an alternate to facilitate the meeting.” from Section 3.02 paragraph 3.
- (C) ADD: “In the event none of the Co-Chairs can attend and/or run the meeting, the Governing Committee can elect a Chair Pro-Tempore to preside over the meeting with a motion and a simple majority vote. This can also occur during the meeting in an instance where the chair can no longer preside over the meeting.

Section 4. Effective Time.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. Resolution 2024-01 was introduced on the 18th day of January, 2024 and Passed by a two-thirds majority vote of the Governing Committee pursuant to the terms of the Interlocal Agreement at a regular meeting held this 18th day of April 2024.

[Results]

Yea: **BALDUCCI, BARON, CONSTANTINE, WASHINGTON, MOORE, NELSON, BIRNEY**

Nay: **GREEN, MCQUARTER JR.**

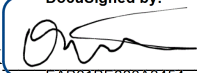
Present:

Excused:

KING COUNTY REGIONAL  
HOMELESSNESS AUTHORITY  
GOVERNING COMMITTEE  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Dow Constantine, Chair

ATTEST:

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Austin Christoffersen, Clerk of the Authority

**Attachments:** GC Bylaws with Amendments

REVISIONS DATED December 27, 2023

**KING COUNTY REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS AUTHORITY****GOVERNING COMMITTEE BYLAWS****Article I. Authority****Section 1.01 Authority; Purpose.**

The “Interlocal Agreement for the Establishment of the King County Regional Homelessness Authority” dated December 18, 2019 (as it may be amended and supplemented, the “Interlocal Agreement”) between King County (the “County”) and the City of Seattle (“Seattle”), creates a Governing Committee (a “Governing Committee”). The Governing Committee serves as the administrator of the King County Regional Homelessness Authority (the “Authority”) and provides oversight to the Authority by performing the duties established therein. The purpose of these bylaws (“Bylaws”) is to establish procedures for Governing Committee operations. These Bylaws are adopted by the Governing Committee pursuant to Article VIII, Section 1(b)(i)(3) of the Interlocal Agreement. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Interlocal Agreement.

**Section 1.02 Guiding Principles.**

Actions of the Authority and its governing bodies, including the Governing Committee, will adhere to and be informed by the Interlocal Agreement, including but not limited to, the Guiding Principles outlined in Article IV, Section 3 of the Interlocal Agreement, an equity-based decision making framework as articulated in Article VIII, Section 2(m) of the Interlocal Agreement, a theory of change, and evidenced-based practices.

**Article II. Governing Committee Membership****Section 2.01 Membership Generally.**

The Governing Committee is comprised of 12 members appointed pursuant to Article VIII, Section 1(a) of the Interlocal Agreement, representing elected officials and individuals representing those with Lived Experience. ~~The Lived Experience Coalition shall select representatives of individuals with Lived Experience who shall be appointed by the Advisory Committee to the Governing Committee. The Advisory Committee shall select and appoint three~~ (3) members representing individuals with lived experience. All Members of the Governing Committee have equal status, voting rights and authority; provided, however, the Chairs (as defined below) and other officers of the Governing Committee (if any) may have additional responsibilities as set forth herein and in policies and procedures of the Governing Committee.

**Section 2.02 Governing Committee Term.**

Members of the Governing Committee shall serve terms as provided in Article VIII, Section 1(f) of the Interlocal Agreement, except for Members representing those with Lived Experience. Representatives of individuals with Lived Experience will serve for terms of 24 consecutive months from the date of their appointment, or until replaced, as described in these Bylaws. Representatives of individuals with Lived Experience may be re-appointed by the Lived

Experience Coalition for up to three terms. Any Governing Committee Member may be deemed to have forfeited his or her position as a Governing Committee Member and may be removed from such position as provided in Article VIII, Section 1(g) of the Interlocal Agreement.

**Section 2.03 Vacancies.**

A vacancy or vacancies on the Governing Committee shall be deemed to exist in the case of the death, disability, resignation, removal by forfeiture or removal by the entity that appointed the Member of any Member of the Governing Committee or if the elected official or individual is no longer eligible for such appointment. Any vacancy on the Governing Committee shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment, and in accordance with these Bylaws.

**Section 2.04 Alternates.**

Each Member of the Governing Committee representing those with Lived Experience appointed pursuant to these Bylaws may have one alternate (an "Alternate") to serve on the Governing Committee in the absence of such Member. Other Members of the Governing Committee may also each appoint one alternate to serve on the Governing Committee, provided that the Seattle Mayor and King County Executive may appoint a representative from within their respective Executive Teams. Each Governing Committee Member is responsible for notifying the Governing Committee of the name of the Alternate, if any, for such Member. For Members representing those with Lived Experience, there may be a total of three alternates who may serve on behalf of any Member of the Governing Committee representing those with Lived Experience. Either the primary Governing Committee Member or such Member's Alternate may attend meetings; provided, however, if both representatives are in attendance at a meeting of the Governing Committee, only the primary Governing Committee Member shall be included for purposes of establishing a quorum and voting on matters before the Governing Committee. If an Alternate is serving in a meeting on behalf of a the Governing Committee Member, such Alternate shall have all of the rights and authority of the primary Governing Committee Member under the Interlocal Agreement and these Bylaws, including but not limited to establishing a quorum and voting on matters before the Governing Committee. When a Governing Committee Member is represented by a properly-named Alternate, the Member is considered to have an excused absence from the meeting and is not subject to forfeiting their seat as outlined in Article VIII, Section 1(g) in the Interlocal Agreement.

**Article III. Governing Committee Officers and Committees**

**Section 3.01 Officers of the Governing Committee.**

The Governing Committee shall have one or more chairs (a "Chair" or "Co-Chair") as described below. The Governing Committee may elect other officers and assistant officers as may be determined to be necessary. No person may simultaneously hold more than one office. In addition to the powers and duties specified below, the officers shall have such powers and perform such duties as the Governing Committee may prescribe.

**Section 3.02 Chairs and Co-Chairs.**

No later than January 31, 2021, and annually thereafter, the Governing Committee shall require Lived Experience, Sound Cities Association, County and Seattle to designate from its Governing Committee Members a Chair to serve for a one-year term. The Chair for each Governing Committee meeting will rotate among the four designated members. A calendar of meetings will be established that identifies who will chair each of the meetings as identified on the upcoming year's calendar. In the event of a special meeting of the Governing Committee, the Chair identified as next in the rotation will ~~also~~ be responsible for facilitating the special meeting.

It shall be a Chair's duty to see that the transaction of Governing Committee business is in accordance with law, the Interlocal Agreement, and these Bylaws. A Chair of the Governing Committee shall have the following authority and responsibilities: to preside at regular and special meetings of the Governing Committee; to call special meetings as determined to be appropriate; and to execute documents requiring approval of the Governing Committee (such as resolutions of the Governing Committee). On resolutions approved by the Governing Committee, the signature of the Chair presiding at the meeting where the resolution was approved shall be sufficient to bind the Authority.

(A) If the Chair who is scheduled to preside at a meeting is unable to attend such meeting, the Chair will notify the other Co-Chairs and request that one of the other Co-Chairs chair the meeting. ~~In the event none of the Co-Chairs are able to attend such meeting, the member bloc from which the Chair was selected will designate an alternate to facilitate the meeting.~~ In the event none of the Co-Chairs can attend and/or run the meeting, the Governing Committee can elect a Chair Pro-Tempore to preside over the meeting with a motion and a simple majority vote. This can also occur during the meeting in an instance where the chair can no longer preside over the meeting.

### **Section 3.03 Removal from Office.**

Upon reasonable prior notice to all Governing Committee Members of the alleged reasons for dismissal, the Governing Committee, by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Governing Committee Members, may remove any Chair or other officer of the Governing Committee from such position whenever in its judgment the best interests of the Authority will be served thereby.

### **Section 3.04 Vacancies.**

The Governing Committee shall fill any officer position which becomes vacant with a successor who shall hold office for the unexpired term and until such officer's successor shall have been duly appointed and qualified.

### **Section 3.05 Committees.**

The Governing Committee may, by resolution, establish an executive committee and other committees, each consisting of one or more Governing Committee Members, to advise the Governing Committee. The designation of any such committees and the delegation thereto of authority shall not operate to relieve any Governing Committee Member of any responsibility imposed by law.

**Section 3.06 Consecutive Absences.**

Any Governing Committee Member who is absent for three consecutive regular meetings without excuse may by resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the remaining Governing Committee Members, be deemed to have forfeited their position as Governing Committee Member and that Member's position shall be vacant.

## **Article IV. Meetings of the Governing Committee**

### **Section 4.01 Governing Committee Meetings.**

(a) *General.* Regular meetings of the Governing Committee shall be held at least four times per year in accordance with Article X of the Interlocal Agreement. The date, time and place of regular meetings for the upcoming calendar year shall be approved by resolution no later than the last regular meeting of the preceding calendar year. Regular and special meetings of the Governing Committee shall be held and noticed pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement and the chapter 42.30 RCW (“Open Public Meetings Act”).

Consistent with the intent that the work of the Authority be an inclusive, collaborative effort with all members fully involved in this work and key decision making, it is the intent of the Governing Committee that every effort will be made to ensure all voting members will be present at meetings at which discussion and votes on substantive issues, such as decisions related to the budget and plans and policies, will be taken. At any meeting, a hearing of a particular matter may be continued to any subsequent meeting by a majority vote of the Governing Committee present, as provided in RCW 42.30.100. Notice of any continued meeting shall be provided in the same manner as special meetings. Meetings of the Governing Committee that fall on a holiday shall be rescheduled or cancelled by the Governing Committee.

(b) *Executive Sessions.* Executive sessions of the Governing Committee shall not be open to the public. Executive Sessions may be attended by Members of the Governing Committee, Alternates, legal counsel to the Authority, authorized staff members and/or other individuals as authorized by the Chair presiding over the meeting so as long as the attorney client privilege will not be deemed waived by such persons participation in the executive session.

Prior to convening an executive session, the Chair presiding over the meeting shall announce the executive session to those attending the meeting by stating the purpose of the executive session (in sufficient detail to identify the purpose as falling within one of those identified in the Open Public Meetings Act), and the time when the executive session shall end. The executive session may be extended by announcing to the public that it will be extended to a stated time. The Governing Committee shall not reconvene open session until the time stated unless such meeting is reconvened solely for the purpose of ending the meeting without further discussion or action. No final action shall be taken during an executive session. Everything discussed during an executive session, and all written materials reviewed during an executive session, shall be considered confidential by law and shall not be publicly disclosed by any Member of the Governing Committee, any Alternate or attendee of the executive session absent a vote of the Governing Committee on the record in a public meeting. This restriction applies to all executive session discussions and materials regardless of whether the Authority’s counsel is present.

### **Section 4.02 Quorum.**

At all meetings of the Governing Committee, a quorum of the Governing Committee must be present in order to do business on any issue. A quorum shall be defined as nine Governing Committee Members selected pursuant to these Bylaws.



For the sake of clarity, “doing business on any issue” means taking any “action” as defined in the Open Public Meetings Act. As of the date of these Bylaws, “action” is defined in the Open Public Meetings Act (RCW 42.30.020(3)) as “the transaction of the official business of a public agency by a governing body including but not limited to receipt of public testimony, deliberations, discussions, considerations, reviews, evaluations, and final actions. ‘Final action’ means a collective positive or negative decision, or an actual vote by a majority of the members of a governing body when sitting as a body or entity, upon a motion, proposal, resolution, order, or ordinance.”

#### **Section 4.03 Remote Participation in Governing Committee Meetings.**

Pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement, meetings of the Governing Committee shall be open to the public to the extent required by the Open Public Meetings Act. Governing Committee Members may participate in a regular or special meeting in person or through the use of any means of communication by which all attending Members and members of the public participating in such meeting can hear each other during the meeting. Any Member participating in a meeting by such means is deemed to be present in person at the meeting for all purposes including, but not limited to, establishing a quorum and taking action as defined in the Open Public Meetings Act.

The Governing Committee may establish procedures for allowing members of the public to remotely participate in its meetings. Such procedures shall include, at a minimum, for telephone access to be provided to members of the public wishing to participate remotely. The telephone number shall be included in the meeting agenda available on the Authority’s website and through other means feasible to the Authority, including on the Authority’s public calendar and through social media, as applicable.

#### **Section 4.04 Conduct of Business.**

Meeting agendas will be set by the Chair scheduled to preside over the meeting in consultation with the other Co-Chairs of the Governing Committee and the Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer will provide the agenda, previous meeting minutes and other meeting materials to all Members of the Governing Committee at least seven calendar days in advance of any regular meetings. Authority staff will be responsive to Governing Committee Members representing those with Lived Experience and staff hired by the ~~Lived Experience Coalition~~, Coalition of Lived Experience or other groups representing individuals with Lived Experience with requests and support as needed. Regular meeting agendas will include, but are not limited to, the approval of the minutes of the previous regular meeting and any special meetings held during the applicable time period and any other items for Governing Committee consideration and approval. Minutes shall be taken and recorded, whether in writing, by tape recording or by any other method deemed appropriate, for each meeting, and provided upon request as provided in Article X, Section 9 of the Interlocal Agreement.

The Governing Committee may devote part or all of its meeting to an informational study session during which no comments from the audience will be permitted, unless the Chair presiding over the meeting or a majority of the Governing Committee from time to time should decide otherwise.

## **Article V. Code of Conduct**

### **Section 5.01 Code of Conduct; Ethics.**

In accordance with, and as more fully set forth in, Article VIII, Section 4 of the Interlocal Agreement, Governing Committee Members shall conduct themselves in accordance with all applicable laws, including but not limited to, chapter 42.23 RCW (the “Code of Ethics for Municipal Officers”), the Open Public Meetings Act, the Interlocal Agreement, these Bylaws, and policies of the Authority.

### **Section 5.02 Attorney-Client Privilege and Work Product.**

In accordance with, and as more fully set forth in, Article VIII, Section 4 of the Interlocal Agreement, the Authority, and not any individual Member of the Governing Committee, is the holder of any attorney-client privilege with the Authority’s counsel and any attorney work product protection. No individual Member of the Governing Committee shall make any disclosure or release any information which would result in the waiver of the attorney-client privilege or work product protection absent a vote of the Governing Committee majority on the record in a public meeting.

## **Article VI. Approval of Bylaws**

Pursuant to Article III, Section 1(b)(i)(3) of the Interlocal Agreement, these Bylaws were approved by an affirmative vote of the Governing Committee pursuant to Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_, adopted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

Resolution 2024-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE KING COUNTY REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS AUTHORITY  
GOVERNING COMMITTEE CONFIRMING RIAN WATT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION  
BOARD

WHEREAS, The Implementation Board Bylaws Section II.02 states the Implementation Board Members' terms begin at the start of the calendar year in which they are nominated, and terms conclude at the end of the calendar year in which their term is set to expire; and

WHEREAS, One of the King County Council appointed seats was vacated by Michael Ramos on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, with the term set to conclude on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024; and

WHEREAS, On April 2nd the Clerk of the Authority was notified that the appointment of Rian Watt of Washington state to the Implementation Board had been successfully passed by the King County Council, sponsored by King County Council Member Jorge Barón; and

WHEREAS, Rian Watt's nomination passed the nominating committee as outlined in the Interlocal Agreement (ILA); and

WHEREAS, Rian Watt brings to the Implementation Board the following skills and experience as outlined by the ILA: Affordable Housing Finance or Development, Federal Continuum of Care Service Provision, Homelessness Service Provision, Youth Services, Local Business Community, and Philanthropy;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING COMMITTEE OF THE KING COUNTY REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS AUTHORITY:

**Section 1:** The King County Regional Homelessness Authority Governing Committee hereby confirms the appointment of Rian Watt of Washington state to the Implementation Board to complete the vacated term, effective April 18, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

Resolution 2024-09 was introduced on and Passed by a majority vote of the Governing Committee pursuant to the terms of the Interlocal Agreement at a special meeting held this 18th day of April 2024.

Resolution 2024-09

[Results]

Yea: **BALDUCCI, BARON, CONSTANTINE, WASHINGTON, MOORE, NELSON, BIRNEY, GREEN, MCQUARTER JR.**

Nay:

Present:

Excused:

KING COUNTY REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS AUTHORITY  
GOVERNING COMMITTEE  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Dow Constantine, Chair

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Austin Christoffersen, Clerk of the Authority

**Attachments:** King County Council Motion 16552, Rian Watt Resume, Rian Watt Letter of Interest



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**Motion 16552**

**Proposed No.** 2024-0083.1

**Sponsors** Barón

1           A MOTION appointing Rian Watt to the King County  
2           Regional Homelessness Authority's Implementation Board  
3           as a King County council appointee for the remainder of a  
4           five-year term expiring December 31, 2024.

5           WHEREAS, the county funds programs to provide services to individuals and  
6 families experiencing homelessness, and

7           WHEREAS, in Ordinance 19039, the King County council authorized the King  
8 County executive to execute an interlocal agreement for the establishment of the King  
9 County Regional Homelessness Authority on December 11, 2019, and

10          WHEREAS, King County and the city of Seattle executed the interlocal  
11 agreement on December 18, 2019, and

12          WHEREAS, Article 8, Section 1, of the interlocal agreement established the  
13 Governing Committee, consisting of twelve members, including two members of the  
14 King County council, that acts as the Regional Homelessness Authority's administrator,  
15 and

16          WHEREAS, Article 8, Section 2, of the interlocal agreement established the  
17 Implementation Board, made up of thirteen members, two of which are appointed by the  
18 King County council, and

19          WHEREAS, the initial terms of the two council-appointed positions are for three  
20 and five years, and

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21           WHEREAS, under Article 8, Section 2, of the interlocal agreement, the  
22           Governing Committee confirms Implementation Board appointees, and

23           WHEREAS, the council-appointed and confirmed Implementation Board member  
24           for the initial five-year term, Michael Ramos, resigned his position effective as of April  
25           14, 2023, resulting in a vacancy in that position, and

26           WHEREAS, in accordance with Article 8, Section 2.h., of the interlocal  
27           agreement, vacancies in an unexpired term are to be filled as soon as possible and in the  
28           same manner as the appointment for the position now vacant, and

29           WHEREAS, following the direction of Article 8, Section 2, of the interlocal  
30           agreement, a nominating committee was convened to coordinate and confer on the  
31           replacement for Michael Ramos;

32           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

33           The King County council hereby appoints Rian Watt to the King County Regional  
34           Homelessness Authority's Implementation Board to serve as a King County council  
35           appointee for the remainder of the five-year term council-appointee position, with the

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- 36 term expiring December 31, 2024, subject to confirmation by the King County Regional  
37 Homelessness Authority's Governing Committee.


Motion 16552 was introduced on 3/19/2024 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 4/2/2024, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Dave Upthegrove, Chair

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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** None

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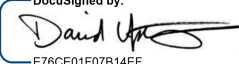
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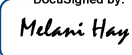
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to submit myself for consideration as a member of the King County Regional Homelessness Authority's Implementation Board.

For the last eight years, I've focused primarily on the work of ending homelessness and creating the conditions for housing justice across the country (as a Senior Analyst at [Abt Associates](#), where I worked on major family homelessness projects) and internationally through my work at [Community Solutions](#), where I've led a team coaching and guiding CEOs and Executive Directors as they've worked to build and deliver effective programs and organizations to end homelessness in Australia, Canada, Denmark, the United Kingdom. **That work has been grounded in a data-driven improvement science framework and premised on the idea that good policy is only as good as the implementation and delivery work that follows.**

In the course of that work, I've come to see clearly the connections between our homelessness crisis and a wider set of racialized crises in housing, poverty, transportation, climate, environmental, family, and education policy. I've also seen the role that **smart, innovative, reliable, and effective service provision** can play in returning power to the communities most affected by our county and country's long history of injustice, and I've helped build exactly those kinds of programs in five countries around the world. I see this role as an opportunity to leverage the skills and relationships I've developed in fighting homelessness around the world to serve my home community right here in King County.

In addition to my experience in homelessness, I've developed a deep network of relationships in the social policy space here in King County that I would bring to this role. Most notably, my work in King County includes board service with the **Third Door Coalition**, a network of PSH providers and business leaders based here in King County; **Futurewise**, a statewide land use and climate justice advocacy organization, on the **Seattle Planning Commission**, and as the Executive Director of **The Urbanist**, where I've handled many of the same operational and strategic direction questions the RHA is facing right now.

Through these efforts, I've followed the RHA's challenging first few years closely and am excited to be part of the solution. We need a regional response to homelessness, and we need it to work well. I'm ready to roll up my sleeves and contribute to the work.

Thank you for your consideration,

Rian Watt 

# RIAN LAHIRI GALLOWAY WATT

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## KEY RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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**Community Solutions, *Strategy Lead, International & Initiative Large-Scale Change*** 2019 – Present

Community Solutions has helped 15 communities across the United States and four in Canada reach functional zero homelessness for a population since launching the Built for Zero initiative in 2015. I lead our team working with international & initiative partners, providing strategic counsel to CEOs, Executive Directors, and leadership teams building large-scale organizations to end homelessness in Australia, Canada, Denmark, France, and the UK.

- I advise on all aspects of initiative design, launch, and operation, including: strategic planning, infrastructure development, campaigns, budgeting, staffing, race and power equity, and public & funder partnerships.
- I also provide strategic coaching to A Way Home Washington, which operates the Anchor Community Initiative to end youth homelessness in four WA communities by 2026. AWHWA operates in Spokane, Yakima, & Walla Walla, alongside Pierce, Skagit, Thurston, Jefferson, Clallam, Clark, & Whatcom counties.

**Third Door Coalition, *Board Member & Policy Committee Chair*** 2021 – Present

I serve as a board member and policy committee chair for the Third Door Coalition, a group of permanent supportive housing providers and business leaders committed to working together to expand the supply of permanent supportive housing in King County. As Policy Committee Chair, I set and execute our policy agenda.

**Abt Associates, *Senior Analyst*** 2016 – 2019

I led research, evaluation, and technical assistance projects for federal, state, and philanthropic clients, with a focus on systems-level housing, homelessness, and anti-poverty efforts. Relevant projects included:

- *Deputy Project Director, HUD Technical Assistance in Los Angeles, US Department of Housing and Urban Development.* I helped to manage a team of technical assistance providers providing targeted expertise in coordinated entry systems, grants management, and homelessness programs and policies to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) and other key stakeholders as they work to end homelessness in LA.
- *Manager, Point-in-Time and HIC Reporting, Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR), US Department of Housing and Urban Development.* The AHAR is an annual HUD report to Congress which serves as a major source of data on homelessness in America. Part 1 includes point-in-time data about the number of people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January and the number of beds available to serve them. Part 2 draws on year-round data to report on the same subjects. I oversaw all aspects of Part 1 of the report.
- *Project Director, Evaluation of the Renew Collaborative, HomeStart.* I led an evaluation of the Renew Collaborative, an eviction prevention program operated by HomeStart in collaboration with the Boston Housing Authority. The evaluation involved a historical analysis of BHA administrative data, a cost-benefit analysis of BHA eviction practices, and in-depth ethnographic interviews with program participants.

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## OTHER INTERESTS

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I've contributed reporting, analysis, & commentary to a range of publications, including *FiveThirtyEight*, *Chicago Magazine*, *Vice Sports*, *The Athletic*, *Baseball Prospectus*, *FanGraphs*, *Sporting News*, *ESPN*, and the *Ringer*.

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## EDUCATION

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**London School of Economics** London, UK  
*Distinction* (highest honors), MSc Public Management and Governance

**Clark University** Worcester, MA  
*summa cum laude*, BA with Highest Honors in Economics & Political Science

## OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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### **Futurewise, Board Secretary & Legislative Committee** 2021 – Present

I serve as the Board Secretary and on the Board Legislative Committee for Futurewise, a statewide land use organization focused on building and maintaining the legal framework for affordable, vibrant, livable cities across Washington state — with beautiful wild and agricultural spaces between them. As a member of the Legislative Committee, I meet at least weekly with our executive director, Alex Brennan, and our contract lobbyist, Bryce Yadon, to set our legislative strategy and priorities, tweak legislative language to build coalitions, prepare testimony, and leverage my relationships with state legislators to advance our housing abundance agenda.

### **The Urbanist, Executive Director** 2023 - Present

The Urbanist's mission is to tell stories that inform and influence the public and their leaders — and win them to our vision of people-centered communities in the Puget Sound region. We advocate for abundant housing affordable to all; safe, sustainable, and reliable transportation; and a strong, just, and decarbonized economy. In 2023, I stepped off the Board of Directors to lead the organization through a major growth phase:

- Set and built consensus around a new strategic direction for the organization focused on advocacy journalism through a comprehensive internal and external stakeholder feedback process;
- Recruited new board members and reset expectations for board contribution; established and activated board committees around Development, Advocacy, Governance, and Finance.
- Increased annual revenue from ~\$150,000 to ~\$225,000 through targeted major donor cultivation; implemented standard financial controls; revamped annual budgeting process;

### **Seattle Planning Commission, Commissioner** 2019 – 2020

Served a term as a Get Engaged Commissioner on the Seattle Planning Commission during a period when the Planning Commission released a number of reports related to the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Cycle.

### **Deloitte Consulting, Analyst** 2016

Supported strategic change at a major, 10,000+ employee Atlanta-based federal public health agency.

## HONORS & AWARDS

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- *Employee Advisory Committee*. Elected by ~300 Abt peers to represent employee concerns to management.
- *Paul P. Vouras '51 Social Science Award*. For the outstanding graduating student in the social sciences.
- *Irving '32 and Edith Wilner Prize*. For the outstanding paper written in Political Science in an academic year.

## SELECTED RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

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Henry, Meghan, Anna Mahathey, Tyler Morrill, Anna Robinson, Azim Shivji, and **Rian Watt**. 2018. The 2018 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress: Part 1: Point-in-Time Estimates of Homelessness.

Henry, Meghan, Korrin Bishop, Tanya de Sousa, Azim Shivji, and **Rian Watt**. 2018. The 2017 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress: Part 2: Estimates of Homelessness in the United States. October.

Henry, Meghan, **Rian Watt**, Lily Rosenthal, and Azim Shivji. 2017. The 2017 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress: Part 1: Point-in-Time Estimates of Homelessness. December.

Henry, Meghan, **Rian Watt**, Lily Rosenthal, and Azim Shivji. 2016. The 2016 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress: Part 1: Point-in-Time Estimates of Homelessness. November.

Solari, Claudia, Azim Shivji, Tanya de Sousa, **Rian Watt**, and Mark Silverbush. 2017. The 2016 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress: Part 2: Estimates of Homelessness in the United States. December.

**Watt, Rian**. 2021. "Gathering Real-Time Data is The First Step to Ending Homelessness," Community Solutions.

**Watt, Rian**. 2020. "We Can End Homelessness, and Therefore We Should," Community Solutions. October 10.

White, Matt & **Rian Watt**. 2018. "Moving Past a Waiting List to Nowhere: The Case for Dynamic Prioritization," The Center for Evidence-Based Solutions to Homelessness. March.

Resolution 2024-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING COMMITTEE OF THE KING COUNTY  
REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS AUTHORITY CONFIRMING ZSA ZSA FLOYD TO THE  
IMPLEMENTATION BOARD

WHEREAS, On the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023 Implementation Board Member Zsa Zsa Floyd of Washington state was confirmed to her seat, as an appointee of the caucus of Lived Experience. The seat was vacated by Sara Rankin, and expired December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023; and

WHEREAS, The Interlocal Agreement that established the King County Regional Homelessness Authority Article VIII Sec. 2.c.(vi) outlines seats of Lived Experience are to be appointed by the Advisory Committee and confirmed by the Governing Committee pursuant to Section 1.b.(i); and

WHEREAS, On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 the Advisory Committee reappointed Zsa Zsa Floyd to fulfill a full four year term to the Implementation Board; and

WHEREAS, Zsa Zsa Floyd has been an advocate for people of Lived Experience and has held many positions to end homelessness in King County, and currently serves as the Co-Chair of the Advisory Committee & Implementation Board.

NOW THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING COMMITTEE OF THE KING COUNTY REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS AUTHORITY:

**Section 1:** The King County Regional Homelessness Authority Governing Committee hereby confirms the appointment of Zsa Zsa Floyd of Washington state to the Implementation Board to complete the vacated term, effective April 18, 2024 to December 31, 2028.

Resolution 2024-10 was introduced on and Passed by a majority vote of the Governing Committee pursuant to the terms of the Interlocal Agreement at a special meeting held this 18th day of April 2024.

Resolution 2024-10

[Results]


Yea: **BALDUCCI, BARON, CONSTANTINE, WASHINGTON, MOORE, NELSON, BIRNEY, GREEN, MCQUARTER JR.**

Nay:

Present:

Excused:

KING COUNTY REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS AUTHORITY  
GOVERNING COMMITTEE  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Austin Christoffersen, Clerk of the Authority

**Attachments:** Zsa Zsa Floyd Letter of Interest, Zsa Zsa Floyd Resume

Zsa Zsa became a member of the Community Advisory Group (CAG) of the Health Care for the Homeless Network (HCHN) in Seattle/King County in 2018. She is now the Co-Chair of the CAG, which is a committee of the HCHN Governance Council (GC). The CAG is responsible for communicating the community's needs to the GC. In 2019, Zsa Zsa joined the GC and currently serves as its Chair (since 2024) after previously serving as vice chair in 2021. She is also Co-Lead of the GC Racial Equity Workgroup.

Apart from her work with HCHN, Zsa Zsa is the Co-Chair of the King County Regional Homeless Authority's (KCRHA) Continuum of Care (COC) board, which complies with HUD regulations. She also Co-Chairs the KCRHA Implementation Board, which provides direct oversight to the KCRHA. Zsa Zsa is the Director of Community Partnerships and Base Building with the Washington State Lived Experience Coalition (LEC). Her role involves connecting people experiencing homelessness with resources and advocating for dismantling systematic barriers. She also participates in the Ellen Dailey Advocacy Committee of the National Health Care for the Homeless Council (NHCHC).

Dear Catherine and COC board members,

I am sending this letter of interest to be on the implementation board. It has always been my desire to sit at the tables where changes can be made. As an implementation board member I will have the opportunity to be oversight to the RHA and to make sure that my communities of lived experience has a voice at the table and to bring a voice back to the people. It is also my desire to learn as much as I can and bring it back to the community to inform encourage and support the community I serve.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve.

In unity and community,

Zsa Zsa Floyd

Resolution 2024-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING COMMITTEE OF THE KING COUNTY  
REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS AUTHORITY CONFIRMING MIKE DEE TO THE  
IMPLEMENTATION BOARD

WHEREAS, On the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023 Implementation Board Member Juanita Spotted Elk notified the Clerk of the Authority resigning from her seat, as an appointee of the caucus of Lived Experience. The seat was set to expire December 31<sup>st</sup> ,2025; and

WHEREAS, The Interlocal Agreement that established the King County Regional Homelessness Authority Article VIII Sec. 2.c.(vi) outlines seats of Lived Experience are to be appointed by the Advisory Committee and confirmed by the Governing Committee pursuant to Section 1.b.(i); and

WHEREAS, On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 the Advisory Committee appointed Mike Dee of Washington State to fulfill a full four year term to the Implementation Board; and

WHEREAS, Mike Dee is a Community Organizer, Activist, Collective Member, and organized two tent communities.;

NOW THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING COMMITTEE OF THE KING COUNTY REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS AUTHORITY:

**Section 1:** The King County Regional Homelessness Authority Governing Committee hereby confirms the appointment of Mike Dee of Washington state to the Implementation Board to complete the vacated term, effective April 18, 2024 to December 31, 2025.

Resolution 2024-11 was introduced on and Passed by a majority vote of the Governing Committee pursuant to the terms of the Interlocal Agreement at a special meeting held this 18th day of April 2024.



Resolution 2024-11


Yea: **BALDUCCI, BARON, CONSTANTINE, WASHINGTON, MOORE, NELSON, BIRNEY, GREEN, MCQUARTER JR.**

Nay:

Present:

Excused:

KING COUNTY REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS AUTHORITY  
GOVERNING COMMITTEE  
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Austin Christoffersen, Clerk of the Authority

**Attachments:** Zsa Zsa Floyd Letter of Interest, Zsa Zsa Floyd Resume

**-Letter of Interest-**  
**-Lived Experience Bloc seat on Governing Committee-**

Howdy Mike Dee here,  
Hi King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) worker Todd,

I (Mike Dee) am interested in applying for the “Open”, “Lived Experience Bloc” seat of the Governing Board.

I am interested in sharing my organizing, lived, and governmental interaction experience.

My experience will help with the Mission of the KCRHA.  
I have a plan for King County to address homelessness and work towards and end, including Students, Children, Youth, and Families.

“Our mission is to significantly decrease homelessness throughout King County, using equity and social justice principles.”

My Plan includes (ABC-DEI) Acceptance, Belonging, Compassion, - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Please consider me for this position.

Thanks,  
Mike Dee out

P.S.

My Biography:

Portland, Oregon:

- Community Organizer
- Activist,
- Collective Member (multiple organizations working Human / Earth / Animal- Rights, Labor Issues & more.
- Organized 2 Tent Communities (Portland, Oregon, 2001, 2011)

Seattle / King County Area Stuff:

- Currently Volunteering with a Tent Community (2023-2024)
- Currently Volunteering with Day Center Shelter (2021-2024)
- Currently Volunteering with an Enhanced Shelter (2022-2024)
- Serving on the Board of two Non-Profits, 501(c)3 Organizations - Providing Service to People Experiencing Homelessness / Houselessness. (2022-2024)
- Currently Advising two Non-Profit Advocacy Organizations that are working on homelessness issues, including Pathways(TM) Housing First(EB), Housing First with Wrap-Around Support, and Supportive Outreach. (2022-2024)
- Currently Volunteering with the King County -District Court, Community Court Program (2020-2024)

-Currently Volunteering with King County -District Court, Community Court Resource Center(s) both In-Person & Virtual (Zoom) Hybrid. (2020-2024)