



Patricia Chase – Principal, i-SUSTAIN

A sustainable development strategist, Patricia has worked with real estate developers, utilities, architects, local and state politicians, and senior city staff to introduce them to global best practices. She has led over 45 study tours to cities in North and South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia. Through both study tours and a variety of communication projects, she has facilitated the public and private sector coming together in a shared vision. She co-authored a book entitled, “Envisioning Better Cities: A Global Tour of Good Ideas.” As a recognition of her work with i-SUSTAIN, Patricia was made an honorary member of the American Institute of Architects in 2007 “for creating a uniquely effective program to educate and inspire political and business leaders through international models of sustainable design and development.”



Jayson Antonoff – Principal, i-SUSTAIN

Jayson is a co-founder of i-SUSTAIN and has consulted with clients on a wide range of issues related to sustainability in the built environment. While with IMT, a Washington, DC NGO, he worked with more than 30 state and local jurisdictions to help them develop strategies for reducing their energy use and carbon footprint. Jayson has led numerous national stakeholder processes to inform the development of new tools and standards in this area. He previously served as the Energy/Climate Change Policy Advisor for the City of Seattle’s Office of Sustainability and the Environment, where he developed and implemented programs to meet the City's goals for energy efficiency and greenhouse gas reduction. Jayson holds a BS in Electrical Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin and an MS in Sustainable Energy Planning from Aalborg University in Aalborg, Denmark.



Martine Reinhold Kildeby – Head of Strategic Partnerships, BLOXHUB

Martine works across nations and sectors with the aim of creating and implementing urban sustainable solutions for our planet. With technical insight, a commercial mindset and flair for motivating people, Martine facilitates partnerships in which ambitious goals and innovation are turned into scalable urban solutions with crucial value for our environmental impact and future lives.

Participant Bios

Workshop to Share Danish Collaboration Models with Northwest Cities May 10, 2023



Diane Carlson – Deputy City Manager, City of Bellevue

In addition to having considerable experience in public administration and government relations, both with King County and in an earlier stint with the City of Bellevue, Diane is a long-time Bellevue resident. Her extensive experience includes Deputy City Manager (2022-Present); Capital Division Director, King County Metro (2018-2022); Director of Regional Initiatives, King County (2011-2018); and Director of Intergovernmental Relations, City of Bellevue (2000-2011).



Arthur Chang – Senior Managing Director, Architecture, Steinhauer Properties

Arthur recently joined Steinhauer Properties, as the Senior Managing Director of Architecture where he has oversight on the design and entitlements for all new developments. Typically, the firm's properties focus on dynamically shifting metropolitan areas with most strategically located near sports and entertainment centers. Currently in a public/private partnership with the City of Peoria to transform their sports complex into a new multi-modal urban walkable "downtown" that distinctly breaks stride with the surrounding suburban development pattern.

Previously, Arthur was the Vice President at Freiheit Architecture. He also played a second role as Director of Design, guiding almost thirty years of projects in a very diverse portfolio of projects situated in the greater Seattle and Pacific Northwest. Arthur received an undergraduate degree in Aeronautical Engineering from the University of Michigan, followed by a Master of Architecture from Columbia University. Outside of work, Arthur and his wife May love to enjoy the outdoors, biking, climbing, and volunteering with the Mountaineers.



Andrew Coates – Vice-President Investment and Development, KGIP

A KGIP team member since 2008, Andrew Coates is responsible for the financial underwriting and analysis of the company’s developments, investments and real estate advisory assignments. In addition, he assists with acquisitions and dispositions, investment and development strategies, tenant negotiations, permits and entitlements, and pre-construction and market research. While at KGIP, Andrew has completed over 1.5 million square feet of commercial development, currently has over 2 million square feet of projects under construction and is working on entitlements and or permits for close to 5 million square feet.

Andrew started his commercial real estate career with Colliers International, where he served as part of a highly successful Investment Sales team specializing in the disposition of retail properties. While with Colliers, he participated in the underwriting, marketing, negotiating and closing of more than \$270 million worth of completed transactions. Andrew is a graduate of The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in finance and real estate.



Linda De Boldt – Assistant Director, Engineering Division, City of Bellevue Utilities Department

Linda oversees the delivery of the Utility's \$318M Capital Improvement Program for drinking water, stormwater, and wastewater infrastructure. This includes system planning, design, project management, and construction of Utility projects. Her division also performs development review and permitting for Bellevue Utilities. Previous leadership positions include Public Works Director for the City of Redmond, and Deputy Director/Chief Engineer for Seattle Public Utilities. Linda graduated from the University of Washington in 1983 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and is a licensed professional engineer in Washington State.



Bill DeJarlais – Executive Vice President, GLY Construction

Bill is Executive Vice President at GLY Construction. In addition to direct project oversight, he leads GLY’s Estimating + Preconstruction, Digital + Transformative Delivery, and Design-Build initiatives. He is a past board trustee and President of the Bellevue Schools Foundation. Bill is happily married to Dr. Stephanie Brunner, and together they enjoy spending time with their 23-year old son, 19-year old daughter, and their dog Dempsey. Bill competed on the rowing team at the University of Washington, and today is a competitive cyclist and finds quiet time in his garden.



Jennifer Ewing – Environmental Stewardship Program Manager, City of Bellevue

Jennifer manages the City of Bellevue’s climate and sustainability efforts and is leading the implementation of Bellevue’s Environmental Stewardship Plan. She manages a portfolio of projects and programs aimed at improving the environmental sustainability of Bellevue, through outreach and education, policy development, and program management and support. Prior to joining the City of Bellevue, she was a consultant for local government sustainability programs, the Director of Tools and Technical Innovation for ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability, and a management consultant. Jennifer has a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Washington University in St. Louis and a M.S. in Urban Planning from Columbia University.



Jeff Foster – Principal at GGLO Architecture

As an architect Jeff oversees GGLO’s Urban Design group. He has led some of the firm’s most innovative neighborhood redevelopment, mall conversion, and affordable housing projects. He is committed to architecture that responds to place and culture, respects the environment, and embraces an honest modern approach to design. Jeff serves on ULI’s Affordable/Workforce Housing Product Councils, both nationally and in the Pacific Northwest and is AIA, NCARB, LEED AP BD+C certified.



Sarah Frankum – Founder and Owner, All Ours Sustainability Solutions

Sarah Frankum is Owner and Founder of All Ours Sustainability Solutions, LLC., a sustainability consulting firm. After years at Microsoft and a degree in Computer Science from the University of Texas, Sarah did a career pivot into sustainability. She gained a masters in Sustainability Leadership from Arizona State University. Her passion is finding ways to make waste-to-energy solutions viable and profitable. She has become increasingly interested in pyrolysis solutions that convert hard to recycle materials (plastics, tires, etc.) and turn them into valuable resources such as fuel as well as other waste conversion technologies. She is now focused on bringing waste-to-energy solutions to the United States.



Matthew Friedman – Managing Director, Rockwell Capital

Matt Friedman is based in San Francisco and has 17 years of experience in the real estate industry. Matt focuses on West Coast acquisitions and asset management across property sectors. Prior to joining Rockwood in 2009, Matt was an Associate at Eastdil Secured, a real estate investment bank, focusing on institutional investment sales with a primary focus on office, residential and retail properties. Prior to Eastdil Secured, Mr. Friedman was a Consultant at Bates White, an economic/litigation consulting firm.

Matt received a Bachelor of Science in Economics, summa cum laude, from Duke University. Mr. Friedman is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.



Brian Frost – General Manager, K-Startup Center Seattle

Brian works with businesses in the local community to help them control costs, reduce liability risks, attract and retain top talent, and as a result, grow faster. His experience, training and the world-class team that supports him, allows him to analyze a business and understand the unique challenges the owner faces on a daily basis. A local, Brian graduated from Washington State University and attended the Eastside Catholic School.



Bonnie Frye Hemphill – Director Policy and Partnerships, UMC

Bonnie provides strategic policy leadership on the next generation of the built environment, as well as expertise in partnership development and external communications. She also applies her clean-economy expertise for UMC. Previous to UMC, Bonnie was opening new markets for solar in the northwest. Her career started at the northwest nonprofit Climate Solutions and has also included the Yale Project on Climate Change Communication, the White House Council on Environmental Quality, and the Environmental & Energy Technology Council of Maine.

Bonnie holds a BA from Middlebury College and a masters from the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies. When she isn't accelerating the business of commercial energy efficiency, she's outside pursuing trails with friends, dogs, and her adventurous toddler



Kamuron Gurol – Division Director, King County Wastewater Treatment Division

Kamuron Gurol has served as the Director of the Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) in the Department of Natural Resources and Parks since April 2021. He manages WTD's nearly 700 employees in five sections, an operating budget of approximately \$170 million, and the largest capital program in King County with an annual budget of \$200 million.

Prior to WTD, he served as the North Corridor Director for Sound Transit, and oversaw a portfolio of light rail transit expansion, new bus rapid transit service and enhanced commuter rail projects. Kamuron also served as city manager for Burien, director of community development at Sammamish, corridor planning manager at WSDOT, and director of Community Development at Kitsap County. Kamuron has an MPA from the Harvard Kennedy School and a BS in Geological Sciences from the University of Washington.



Jodi Guthrie – Global Director of Sales, Sharc Energy

Washington, Alaska and British Columbia have been home to Jodi for her entire life. A true Northwesterner. When the opportunity to join SHARC Energy presented itself, it was a venture into a new industry, but not a new role. Launching new technology was established early when she worked in her family’s OEM during her college years in Bellingham, WA. SHARC Energy is unique as an OEM, the only technology of its kind in the world. SHARC isn’t just building a system, they are creating an industry.

WET or Wastewater Energy Transfer is a key component for municipal clean energy infrastructure and is available immediately for implementation. Jodi’s focus for 2023 and beyond is bringing to Municipal authorities the template to expediate Private/Public partnerships of WET solutions.



Scott Holbrook – Director of Development, KG Investment Properties

Scott joined KGIP in 2017 and is responsible for the management of the shell and tenant improvement construction for KGIP’s developments. Scott has worked in the construction industry in both operational and leadership positions since 1981 and has been involved in building a broad spectrum of office, medical, warehouse, education, and retail developments. Prior to joining KGIP, Scott served as Vice President, Operations Manager at Turner Construction’s Northwest office as it established its local presence and reputation. Scott earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Construction Engineering Management from Oregon State University.



AP Hurd – President, Skipstone

AP is President of SkipStone a Pacific Northwest Consultancy that helps private, public, and non-profit entities use capital efficiently and profitably to build better cities. AP started SkipStone following a 20-year career in finance, operations, and real estate, where she was involved in developing more than 3M SF of office, hotel, residential and retail space in the Seattle area. She led Touchstone during the period where it received the National Developer of the Year Award for its successful projects and its commitment to community. AP is recognized as a thought leader in land use, transportation and housing policy and is a published author and Runstad Fellow in the Real Estate Department at the University of Washington.

David Hwang – Managing Director, K-Startup Center Seattle



Emil King – Planning Director, City of Bellevue

Emil King leads the City of Bellevue’s Planning Division in the Community Development Department. He oversees a team of professional planners focused on securing Bellevue’s future as a livable, inspiring, vibrant, and equitable community. Functions within the Planning Division include comprehensive planning, strategic planning, environmental stewardship, and affordable housing. Emil has been with Bellevue since 2000. Prior to Bellevue, he was a consultant for Washington cities and counties developing growth management plans and implementation codes. Emil is a certified planner and holds a master’s in urban planning and undergraduate degree in economics. In his free time, Emil enjoys cycling and trail running.



Erika Kinno - Research and Policy Project Manager, King County DNRP/WTD - Resource Recovery (RR)

Erika is the Research & Policy Manager for King County Wastewater Treatment Division’s (WTD) Resource Recovery, working closely with the Sustainability, Technology Assessment, Energy, Biosolids, and Recycled Water programs to coordinate research projects and policy development. Erika is a member of the Resource Recovery Section’s strategy team and manages WTD’s new Sewer Heat Recovery initiative. Erika confirms that policy is informed by sound scientific study, and that research projects are developed to answer real-world questions. She ensures results are distilled into straightforward business language that decision-makers and community members find actionable.

Before coming to WTD, Erika was a Policy Liaison for the Hazardous Waste Management Program with Public Health – Seattle & King County, and a longtime Aide to former King County Councilmember Larry Phillips.



Conrad Lee – Council Member, City of Bellevue

Conrad Lee is Bellevue's first minority member of the City Council, the longest continuous serving member of the council and the first mayor (2012-2013) of Asian (Chinese) ancestry. He represents Bellevue on the Greater Seattle Partners Executive Council and Puget Sound Regional Council Economic Development Board. He is council liaison to the Environmental Services Commission and Special Events Committee. He was the former president and chair of the Society of Chinese Engineers of Seattle, as well as the Chinese American Association for Professionals. He chaired the Ethnic Chinese New Year Festival and was president of the Chinese Garden Society.

Conrad holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of Washington and a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Michigan. Conrad is retired, after working as the regional administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration and an engineer for the Boeing Co. and Seattle Solid Waste Utility. Born in China, Conrad grew up in Hong Kong and has lived in Bellevue since 1967. He and his wife Winnie live in the Somerset neighborhood, where they raised their two children, Christopher and Jennifer. They have three granddaughters.



Pearl Leung – Head of Community Engagement, Amazon

Pearl Leung is the Senior Manager of Public Policy at Amazon where she leads public policy on the Eastside. Leung has dedicated over 17 years of her career building deep partnerships with over 300 community organizations across Washington State and building bridges at the intersections of urban growth, equitable development, and community building. Leung is a proud double Husky with a Masters in Urban Planning and a B.A. in American Ethnic Studies from the University of Washington. She currently serves on the boards of Hopelink, Housing Connector, and the University of Washington Board of Regents DEI Advisory Committee.



Jenny Lybeck – Sustainability Program Manager, City of Redmond

Jenny is the Sustainability Program Manager in the Mayor's Office at the City of Redmond. She manages implementation of Redmond's Environmental Sustainability Action Plan, which includes a community-wide commitment to carbon neutrality by 2050 and an emphasis on strategies that reduce emissions from buildings and the transportation system. Jenny joined the City in 2020 and has since led the development and implementation of Redmond's climate vulnerability strategy, City operations climate action plan, and clean energy programming. Prior to joining Redmond, Jenny managed local government climate efforts in Southern California and also worked as a grantmaker for a Bay Area foundation focused on climate solutions. Jenny earned her bachelor's in biology from the University of Washington.



Fidelma McGinn – Board President of Scan Design Foundation

Fidelma was selected as President of the Scan Design Foundation in May 2020. As an executive leader and Board member, she has focused on creating impactful civic-corporate partnerships. She also served as Chief Philanthropy Officer for Seattle Foundation, one of the largest community foundations in the United States. Throughout her tenure in the non-profit arena, many national and international organizations have sought her guidance, leadership, and financial acumen. Fidelma's Board experience includes being chair of the National Alliance for Media Arts & Culture, Grantmakers in Film & Electronic Media, and was appointed by Seattle's Mayor to serve on the influential Seattle Arts Commission.

A native of Ireland, her early career started in the technology field at Microsoft's European Headquarters in Dublin. From there, she emigrated from the Emerald Isle to the Emerald City to join Microsoft's Redmond campus where she worked on the early releases of the Office suite of products. Fidelma is a graduate of Dublin's College of Commerce where she studied Marketing & Communications and was an inaugural fellow in the Executive Leadership in the Nonprofit Arts from Stanford University's Graduate Business School.



Jens Molbak – Founder and CEO, New Impact

Jens is the founder of NewImpact, a humanity benefit nonprofit based in Seattle, WA. NewImpact is seeking to change the way the world finds opportunities and solves problems by pioneering the field of Tri-Sector Innovation. NewImpact inspires and enables innovators and organizations to design solutions and business models that repurpose and realign the best resources available within the private, social and public sectors.

Jens first realized the potential for tri-sector innovation when he founded Coinstar in 1990. His goal was to create a company that could simultaneously benefit the private, public, and non-profit sectors. Today, Coinstar has processed trillions of coins and billions of dollars for millions of people, raising over \$150M in donations to nonprofits and saving the government billions of dollars, all while providing a valued consumer service and increasing spendable cash power. After the success of Coinstar, Jens realized tri-sector business models could be applied to many types of organizations, with the potential to help transform society.



Desiree Ohrbeck – Communications

Desiree is a Danish linguist living in Seattle who is obsessed with political news, current events and cultural aspects of life. Born and raised in Denmark, she is not your average white, well-educated, middle class suburban welfare state raised woman. The oldest of five children, she shares only her mom’s DNA with her siblings. Desiree moved from the rough side of Copenhagen to the very outskirts of the countryside as a kid, made it out of a religious sect and started her journey toward being an independent thinker.

Desiree received an MA in Nordic Philology from Copenhagen University. She has worked in Denmark, Estonia, Belgium, and the United States with refugees, well-educated immigrants, high school kids and college students. Within the last year, she has found a new passion: writing op-eds about things she sees and experiences around her and relating them to the political atmosphere and culturally rooted behaviors.

Joanie Parsons – President, Parsons + Co



Joanie is President of Parsons + Co, a Seattle-based, full service strategic communications firm. Joanie founded Parsons in 1992. Community service is important to Joanie. Parsons supports many organizations through financial donations and volunteering. Some of the organizations they support include Boys and Girls Club of Bellevue and the PCC Farmland Trust. She has served on the Board of Directors of the 180 Foundation for over 20 years. In her spare time, she loves hiking, walking the dog, and hanging out with good friends.



Jennifer Robertson – Council Member, City of Bellevue

Jennifer Robertson is serving her fourth term on the City Council. First elected in 2009, she served as deputy mayor in 2012 and 2013. She was re-elected to the council in 2011, 2015 and again in 2019. Jennifer was part of the council’s Light Rail Leadership Group, which negotiated the \$160 million East Link tunnel funding agreement, cost-sharing and final route alignment. Due to her advocacy, at-grade crossings were largely eliminated from the plans for the route in Bellevue. Jennifer also co-authored the council’s 20-year vision for Bellevue, which has helped drive the city’s agenda since it was adopted in 2014.

Jennifer is an attorney specializing in land use and municipal law and practices with Inslee, Best, Doezie & Ryder, PS in Bellevue. Prior to joining the City Council, she served on the Bellevue Planning Commission for six years, including a term as chair, and co-chaired Bellevue’s Light Rail Best Practices Committee. Jennifer holds a law degree from Willamette University, cum laude, and a bachelor's degree in economics from University of Puget Sound. She and her husband Scott reside in the Somerset neighborhood and have three daughters.



Lynne Robinson – Mayor, City of Bellevue

Mayor Lynne Robinson has a long history of civic involvement and joined the Bellevue City Council in 2014. Her colleagues voted her deputy mayor in January 2018 and mayor in January 2020 and again in January 2022. Lynne advocates for the environment, parks and open spaces, human services and affordable housing in Bellevue. She proposed a property tax exemption adopted by the council for multifamily complexes that include affordable housing. Before her election to the council, Lynne served on and chaired the Bellevue Network on Aging and the Parks & Community Services Board.

A physical therapist with her own business, Lynne holds a doctorate in physical therapy from Regis University and a bachelor's degree in physical therapy from Northwestern University Medical School. She also earned a bachelor's degree in community services from California State University Chico.



Janet Shull – Strategic Planning Manager, City of Bellevue

Janet is the Strategic Planning Manager in Bellevue’s Community Development Department. She has over 25 years’ experience in both public and private sectors leading a variety of projects including urban design plans and guidelines, neighborhood plans, bicycle/pedestrian plans, site master plans, and economic development studies. She is currently leading the Wilburton Vision Implementation initiative with a multidisciplinary team that is developing policy and land use code amendments that will support the transformation of this 300-acre area, located in the heart of Bellevue’s Growth Corridor, into a transit-oriented, livable, and sustainable mixed-use neighborhood.



May So – Partner, Mithun

May So is a Partner and architect at Mithun, an integrated design practice founded in 1949 in Bellevue that has become a nationally recognized leader in sustainability. With more than 20 years of experience leading high-performance urban mixed-use residential and office tower projects, May is passionate about the transformative power of design to create sustainable, resilient, and socially equitable cities. Her approach holistically integrates emerging building technologies like mass timber and district energy systems with human-centered community wealth building tools. When not leading Seattle’s Southeast Design Review Board, ULI’s Center for Leadership, and the Capitol Hill EcoDistrict, she enjoys mountain climbing in the Cascades with her husband, Arthur Chang.



Laura Soma – Sustainability Manager, GLY

It’s no wonder that Laura’s passion is helping people find their potential. She’s worked hard to creatively forge her own career path and achieve her goals. She is active in a number of industry groups and peer networks focused on green building and leads GLY’s internal sustainability efforts. GLY is a leading regional general Pacific Northwest contractor with a focus on building resilient, future-ready communities. Her background as a Project Manager allows her to connect with clients and project teams to drive sustainability project goals while keeping budget and schedule at the forefront. Laura brings her love of responsible practices [and infectious good spirits] to every project. She is LEED, AP and BD+C certified.



Elizabeth Stead – Development Services Director, City of Bellevue

Liz Stead, LEED AP is the Interim Co-Director and Land Use Director for the City of Bellevue Development Services Department overseeing the Land Use and Code and Policy Divisions and Code Enforcement. Prior to joining the City of Bellevue 14 years ago, Liz worked in the fields of architecture and multi-family commercial development in the Seattle area. Liz has a Master of Architecture degree from the University of Illinois, Master of Public Administration from the University of Washington, and a Bachelor of Arts from Evergreen State College with an emphasis in History and Latin American Studies. Liz is a Northwest native, growing up in Federal Way, Washington and while spending much of her young adult life in other cities and countries, always considered this area home. Being involved in building Bellevue into the exciting, vibrant city it is today has been one of the great professional experiences in her life.



Allyn Stellmacher – Partner, ZGF

There was no major epiphany moment for Allyn Stellmacher when he realized he wanted to be an architect. Stemming from a long family history in wood fabrication, building, and carpentry, Allyn developed an appreciation for craftsmanship and making things by hand at a young age. Yet he was always conscious of the big picture; building community and anchoring oneself in the world was ingrained in him. Gradually he realized that his wide-ranging interests all intersected with architecture. Now, more than 30 years later, Allyn has designed award-winning projects of all sizes, scales, and complexities. His design leadership demonstrates a constant sense of curiosity and utmost sensitivity to context, communities, and the environment.



Bodil Stevns – Board Director, Scan|Design Foundation

Bodil Stevns joined the Scan Design Foundation board in 2019. Born in Denmark, she has lived in the Seattle area since 1992. A graduate of University of Aarhus School of Law, Denmark, she holds a Master of Comparative Law degree from the University of San Diego. Her professional career in the US has focused on financial services and wealth management, and she is the founder of Sound Divorce Strategies, LLC, offering divorce financial planning. She is actively involved in the local Scandinavian community and currently serves as the President of the Danish Club of Seattle.



Johan Strand – CFA

Johan is the managing director for Discovery Park Ventures. Discovery Park Ventures manages venture capital funds. The firm makes primary and secondary investments in US-based Venture Capital funds and co-invests in select portfolio companies.

Discovery Park Ventures takes pride in **its** Nordic roots and culture, and **it works** proactively with Venture Capitalists and entrepreneurs to share **its** values



Drew Thompson – Resource Recovery Project Manager at King County Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD)

Drew leads capital projects for the utility and is a huge supporter of recycling valuable resources like water, energy, and organic matter. Drew studied mechanical engineering at the University of Idaho. He is a project manager for WTD’s Sewer Heat Recovery Program, the first program of its type in Washington state. Drew works with private commercial property owners and developers seeking to recover heat energy from sewer pipes for heating or cooling their buildings. Previous to his current role he held titles as both Project Control Engineer and Energy Engineer in WTD’s Resource Recovery section. His life motto is to leave something better than you found it, and he is happy to be making a difference in local government in the county where he grew up. He was recently a finalist for the 2022 Energy Leadership JEDI Award. The award, given by the Clean Tech Alliance, recognizes those who perform outstanding work to make the energy sector more equitable, support climate justice and diversity in the sector, and foster an inclusive ecosystem.



Kristi Tripple – Vice-president of Community Development, Rowley Properties

Kristi Tripple is VP for Community Development at Rowley Properties, Inc. She graduated from the UW with a Bachelor of Arts in Society, Ethics and Human Behavior, and serves on Issaquah’s Transportation Advisory Board, Issaquah Chamber Board and Bellevue Chamber’s Policy Group.

Kristi began her career working for the community and technical college system with an emphasis on workforce and economic development. She changed careers to property development/ governmental affairs with Rowley Properties, Inc. as she could see a similar connection of people and place. Throughout her life she has always helped others and gravitated toward positions where she could make a difference.



Stephen Uy – Head of Public Policy, META Platforms (Facebook)

Stephen Uy serves as the Head of Public Policy for Meta Inc. In this role he oversees government relations and lobbying activities in over 14 states and territories in addition to executing meaningful community engagement strategies in areas where Meta has a physical presence.

Prior to Meta, he served as Deputy Director of External affairs for Governor Jay Inslee where he oversaw diversity, equity, and inclusion outreach. In his 6 years with the Governor, he played a pivotal role in assisting in natural disaster response, cultivating climate equity coalitions, and helped spearhead the first LGBTQI employee resource group for the State.

Stephen is a son of Chinese Cambodian refugees who settled in Seattle right after the fall of the Khmer Rouge. He was the first in his family to pursue and obtain a college degree and is currently part of the Young American Leaders Program at Harvard Business School working on policy for collaborative innovation in cities across the US.



Janice Zahn – Council Member, City of Bellevue

Janice Zahn has served on Bellevue City Council since 2017. She participates on many local, state and national committees focused on multimodal transportation choices and vision zero, climate resilience, and livable communities. She is Acting Chief Engineer at the Port of Seattle, with a diverse 30+ professional career in planning, design and construction. She engages in advocacy, policy development and best practices with private, public and nonprofit sectors partners, including federal focus as a member of the National League of Cities Board of Directors.

Janice holds a master's degree in public administration from the University of Washington Evans School, as well as a Master of Science degree in structural engineering and mechanics and a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering, both from the University of Washington.