

CHAMPION STEERING COMMITTEE ROSTER MAY 2016

Rachael Brister - Rachael has been working in the LGBT community for over 20 years. She moved to Seattle to become the Executive Director of Three Dollar Bill Cinema. After eight years in that role, Rachael accepted the position of VP of Marketing & Tourism for GSBA, the largest LGBT Chamber of Commerce in the US. At the end of 2015, Rachael moved on to GreenRubino, an integrated marketing agency, to become their LGBT Strategist.

Rachael spends much of her volunteer time focused on the Capitol Hill. She has served on the Cal Anderson Park Alliance for the past 3 years (now it's current President). Rachael recently joined the Board of Directors of PrideFest, the nonprofit organization that produces Seattle PrideFest, the largest free Pride festival in the US.

Chris Curtis – Executive Director, Neighborhood Farmers Market Alliance/ Capitol Hill/Broadway Farmers Market. 40 plus years Seattle resident and entrepreneur; 22 years strong advocate for local farmers, land use issues related to farming.

Tim Farrell, Steering Committee Co-Chair. Director of Development, Tarragon. Tim is a longtime resident of Capitol Hill and is currently working on a development project in the Pike/Pine overlay. As a trained architect, he is highly involved with design implementation on a number of projects including multifamily/mixed use, retail, and master planning.

Whitney Fraser - Environmental consultant at Environment International Ltd with a focus on sustainable building practices; Capitol Hill Eco-District Steering Committee; President of the Seattle Dyke March.

Brie Gyncild, Steering Committee Co-Chair. Brie has lived on Capitol Hill for more than twenty years. She's a writer and editor with a long history of activism for social justice and environmental issues. She currently co-leads Central Seattle Greenways, which works to make our neighborhood streets safer for people walking and biking.

Sierra Hansen, Capitol Hill Chamber of Commerce – Executive Director. Broadway Business Improvement Association.

Lisa Kothari – Capitol Hill property owner and former resident; Capitol Hill Community Council liaison to EastPAC (East Precinct Advisory Council). Lisa is a writer with extensive experience in grant-making and grant-writing.

Zachary Pullin, Capitol Hill Community Council – Vice President. Vice Chair of the 43rd District Democrats, PR Director for Gender Justice League; a member of the Northwest Two Spirit Society, the Native American Advisory Council with the SPD, the Office of Professional Accountability Review Board, a Pomegranate Center for Community Development fellow, and sometimes facilitator at Gay City Health Project.

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Chip Ragen - Ragen Associates; founding member of P/PUNC (Pike/Pine Urban Neighborhood Council); former Trustee of the Northwest School; former Chamber Board member.

Bruce Riveland, Seattle Central College - vice president of administrative services. In this role, he manages the college's business operations, including finance, information technology, facilities, capital projects, and campus safety.

Riveland most recently worked at Olympic College, where he served under the same title for the past four and a half years. Prior to his tenure at Olympic College, he worked in leadership positions at Bellevue College as the North Campus Dean of Continuing Education, and at Green River Community College as the Executive Director of the Kent Campus.

Michael Wells- a longtime Capitol Hill resident and neighborhood advocate. He is the former owner of Bailey/Coy Books, the former Executive Director of the Capitol Hill Chamber of Commerce and former chair of the Broadway Business Improvement Association. Michael currently works for the City of Seattle's Office of Economic Development as the City's Small Business Advocate. Neighborhood business districts are at the heart of his community advocacy and his professional life.

STAFF

Mel Burchett, Grants + Outreach Manager – Grant-funded outreach manager/part-time staff since 2013. Director of External Relations, Capitol Hill Chamber of Commerce. Mel is an experienced project manager trained in community building and architectural, ecological, and urban design. She has lived and worked in Capitol Hill for 10+ years and volunteers with the Melrose Promenade Committee and Sustainable Capitol Hill.

Matt Wildey, Community Outreach Coordinator - Grant-funded outreach coordinator/part-time staff. Recent Graduate of the University of Washington Community, Environment & Planning (CEP) program of the College of Built Environments. Social media whiz.

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Tricia Tillmann, Community Outreach at Sound Transit

Jill Sherman, Developer at Gerding Edlen

Greg Elkerton, Contract project Manager at Capitol Hill Housing