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## New Commissioners Sought for Seattle Design Commission

SEATTLE – Mayor Edward Murray is looking for two new Seattle Design Commission (SDC) members to fill two upcoming vacancies. One position is for a person with a professional background in urban planning, urban design, or landscape architecture. The second position is the at-large, or lay, position. This position has been held by a person in the real estate or development community. We are also interested in people working in the community development field.

Both positions begin their terms in March 2017 and are eligible for up to two – two year terms. SDC members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. The 10-member commission is comprised of members of the architecture, engineering and urban design professions, including one member from the YMCA's Get Engaged program.

Established in 1968, the SDC advises the Mayor, City Council, and city departments on the design of capital improvement projects like parks, police and fire stations and community centers. The commission also advises the Mayor and City Council on street and alley vacations, skybridges, and transportation projects that have a substantial impact on the City's right of way. The SDC meets during the day on the first and third Thursdays of each month; the total commitment is around 15 to 20 hours a month. During their term, commissioners cannot contract with the city on any capital improvement project that may be reviewed by the commission. Commission members receive a small hourly rate compensation for their service.

To be considered, please send a letter of interest and resume **by December 1, 2016,** to: Mayor Edward Murray c/o:

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