



2016 – 2019 Slate of Candidates for Board of Directors

Anna Strahan is a Homeless Housing Project Program Manager at the King County Department of Human and Community Services. She spent eight years working with low-income and homeless people across different populations (youth, singles and families) which gave her perspective about the realities and barriers low-income and homeless individuals face. For the past 7+ years, she's worked behind the scenes as a project manager. As an employee of Solid Ground, she worked with several co-workers and Board Members to start the Client Advisory Board which created space for clients, staff, and board members to work together on issues that the agency was addressing. Anna applied to serve on the board because "[The Coalition] promotes housing as a human right, which I unequivocally believe is a fundamental right."

Isis Lara Fernandez is a Rapid Re-Housing Case Manager at Friends of Youth. She recently completed the Community Leadership Institute Fellowship through Puget Sound Sage, a fellowship that deepens and integrates knowledge about affordable housing, transportation justice, economic and workforce development, labor, health equity and climate justice, and land use planning. It is her third year with the board of directors at Bellevue LifeSpring, a nonprofit group focused on meeting the needs of low-income Bellevue families with a mission to feed, clothe, educate, and provide emergency assistance. She's applying to serve on the board because "serving on a board would supplement my learning and let me gain direct access to the wider community on issues that correlate with my personal background and current professional position."

Lauren McLane, JD is an attorney at Padula & Associates; she has served as both a public defender and private practitioner here in King County. Lauren is originally from Virginia Beach, VA, moving all the way over to Seattle in 2005 where she attended Seattle University for law school and decided to stay in our area indefinitely. She has a strong background in search and seizure law that she hopes will assist in ending the improper sweeps of homeless camps. Lauren first began her career in social justice at Fremont Public Association (Solid Ground) in the summer of 2006 as a Rule 9 Legal Intern, advocating on behalf of individuals struggling to obtain or maintain benefits, then moved into public defense starting as an intern in the summer of 2007 before working as a staff attorney for The Defender Association in Seattle in 2009. She is applying to serve on the board because "the Board would allow me to serve our homeless population in the wrap-around manner that I am unable to do within the confines of the courtroom."

Rev. Pat Simpson is Senior Pastor at University Temple United Methodist Church. She currently serves on the board of ROOTS Young Adult Shelter, University Temple Children's School, Wesley Foundation at University of Washington, and Faith Trust Institute. She has previously served on the board of Atlantic Street Center and Mary's Place. She worked directly in homeless ministry in Seattle from 1998 to 2006 at Mary's Place, and previously served as the Seattle District Superintendent for the Pacific Northwest Conference of The United Methodist Church. She is "a long-time admirer of the Coalition's work."

Simha Reddy, MD serves as the medical director of VA Puget Sound's Homeless PACT program, focused on providing primary care and outreach to the most vulnerable homeless Veterans in the Seattle area. He holds a BS in Biology from Stanford University and earned an MD from Washington University in St Louis. He completed his residency in internal medicine at the University of Washington in 2012 and has been at the Seattle VA since. *Simha has completed one three-year term of service on the Coalition's Board and is stepping forward to serve for a second term.*

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