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Jackie Makdah

Describe your connection to Capitol Hill

I have been living in capitol hill since March 2019

Why are you running for the Capitol Hill Community Council?

I am running for capitol hill community council because I've recently found a new passion in community engagement and advocacy and see this as a great way to further connect and serve my community. I'm so grateful for my home and community in Capitol Hill – it's where I spend a vast majority of my days – sleeping, eating, playing, connecting with others, running errands... etc. As someone who cares deeply about the neighborhood and people that make it what it is, I

see this as an opportunity to learn more about my neighbors and what they need to not only get by, but also live a connected and fulfilling life.

What would you do for Capitol Hill if elected to the Capitol Hill Community Council?

I would advocate for better transit, affordable housing and justice for marginalized people and groups. I would help engage and connect the community to inspire positive change since together we have so much collective power.

What is your favorite thing about Capitol Hill?

My favorite thing about Capitol Hill is the community spirit and diversity of progressive people brought together by a common open-minded attitude. And I love being able to walk or take public transit to nearly everywhere I need to go – grocery stores, parks, healthcare offices, etc.

What would you bring to the council if elected to the CHCC?

I would bring a passion for liberatory and progressive changes and a creative problem-solving approach to tackle the most important issues in our community. I would also bring connections to a multitude of organizations and individuals in Capitol Hill and greater Seattle area to work together with.

Chris Paulus

Describe your connection to Capitol Hill

I volunteer for the CHCC

Why are you running for the Capitol Hill Community Council?

I think it is a good idea.

What would you do for Capitol Hill if elected to the Capitol Hill Community Council?

Better connect the community

What is your favorite thing about Capitol Hill?

The community

What would you bring to the council if elected to the CHCC?

Connect the community

Joseph Galagan

Describe your connection to Capitol Hill

I have lived on Capitol Hill for the past 38 years on 15th Ave East. My children were raised on the hill and attended school nearby. I love living here and have been a SPU Adopt a Street participant for the past three years (cleaning 15th

from Howe to Howell). I am a former High School Counselor/Educator and as now retired.

Why are you running for the Capitol Hill Community Council?

Public interest, community service, dedication to the betterment of Capitol Hill and the city of Seattle.

What would you do for Capitol Hill if elected to the Capitol Hill Community Council?

I am 70 years old with an array of leadership and volunteer experience. I will bring honest judgement and a spirit of positive energy to help make Capitol Hill an even better place to grow and prosper.

What is your favorite thing about Capitol Hill?

Walking – the street, parks, businesses and people of Capitol Hill.

What would you bring to the council if elected to the CHCC?

Teamwork, cooperation, insight, experience, positive energy, a belief in others, a faith in our community.

Paul Esteves

Describe your connection to Capitol Hill

I have lived here for almost a decade

Why are you running for the Capitol Hill Community Council?

I am looking to empower citizens through neighborhood organizations such as the CHCC.

What would you do for Capitol Hill if elected to the Capitol Hill Community Council?

My long term vision is to regrow the power of citizen assemblies such as this one. Federating neighborhood delegates into a municipal body will help defeat the rot that representative democracy has brought into our city and nation.

What is your favorite thing about Capitol Hill?

My P-Patch. I garden with the Howell Collective located in Seven Hills Park.

What would you bring to the council if elected to the CHCC?

Long standing ties to organizations that have been growing sociocracy within the bioregion.

Curtis Atkisson

Describe your connection to Capitol Hill

I live in central Capitol Hill, near Harvard and Thomas

Why are you running for the Capitol Hill Community Council?

I firmly believe that community and personal interactions drive health and well-being. Being in connection with our neighbors and other people around us helps us all live better lives. I have worked in my life to foster that connection

and community, and would like to continue doing so in Capitol Hill. We don't have to be identical to be in community — our diversity gives us strength. We don't have to be in agreement to be in community — listening to others gives us compassion. We don't have to be insular to be in community — being welcoming expands our opportunities. I want to work to make our wonderful neighborhood a place where all people can feel in community.

What would you do for Capitol Hill if elected to the Capitol Hill Community Council?

When elected, I will learn about the resources that currently exist to contribute to our neighborhood and work to bring more resources to the things the Community Council would like to achieve. While I have ideas and goals, my first priority would be to expand and then integrate the many voices of the Capitol Hill Community, identifying actions that people would like to take in the neighborhood and marshalling resources for those actions. My goal would be to empower members of the community to come forward with ideas and work with them to implement them.

What is your favorite thing about Capitol Hill?

Capitol Hill is famous for diversity, both of identities and amenities. I love walking through both Volunteer Park — stopping in at the Conservatory or Museum — and Cal Anderson Park — listening to people play music, playing volleyball, or watching a softball game. I love sitting down at a restaurant on 15th Ave or eating a taco from a paper plate on Olive Way. I love going out on Pike Street, joining the mosh pit at Chop Suey, and then waking up in the

morning and walking among the trees around Miller Park or smelling the flowers on Aloha. Capitol Hill is a place where a full life can be lived, and where anyone is invited to live their life. Most of all, I love talking to the diverse residents of the neighborhood, hearing their concerns, and figuring out solutions that will improve their lives.

What would you bring to the council if elected to the CHCC?

I am a very active person interested in listening to people, working with them to identify things we can do, and then going out and actually doing those things. When I wish for an organization in a place and can't find it, I create it. When I see people in conflict, I want to resolve it. I am committed to actively listening to a variety of perspectives, identifying solutions, and taking action to implement those ideas. As an academic and community organizer, I have experience applying for and distributing grants and would work to do that on behalf of the people of Capitol Hill.

Spencer Rawls

Describe your connection to Capitol Hill

I live, work, and recreate on Capitol Hill

Why are you running for the Capitol Hill Community Council?

I want the people of the city to be generally more engaged politically, and I want to help coordinate engagement efforts, prioritizing working-class people

who appreciate capitol hill for what it is: an affordable, mixed-use, walkable neighborhood that prioritized people over cars.

What would you do for Capitol Hill if elected to the Capitol Hill Community Council?

I would work to negotiate deals with the city where community members can voluntarily take on public space improvement efforts they are passionate about. I would like people to be able to build a fenced in dog park in Cal Anderson, start their own (new) community garden elsewhere in the park or in other parks, install traffic calming on their residential streets, or narrow down sections of residential streets to use for public seating or other public space.

What is your favorite thing about Capitol Hill?

The walkability. I love being a less than 10 minute walk from multiple grocery stores, Mud Bay, several restaurants, a light rail station, and a very busy and dynamic park like Cal Anderson.

What would you bring to the council if elected to the CHCC?

I would bring a “let’s do it ourselves” mindset, and hopefully engage more of the community in the process.

Candidate Top 3 Priorities

We asked the candidates to rank their top 3 priorities.

Candida tes	Parks	Youth Resources	Zoning/ Housing	Transpor tation	Commu nity Connect ivity	Govern ment/La ws
Jackie			1	2	3	
Chris				2	1	3
Joseph	3	2			1	
Paul			3		2	1
Curtis				2	1	3
Spencer			2	1	3	