

Kelly A. Rider

EDUCATION	<p>University of Washington Master of Public Administration</p> <p>Iowa State University Bachelor of Arts Major: Political Science Second Major: Child and Family Services, Option in Policy and Advocacy</p>	<p>Seattle, WA June, 2012</p> <p>Ames, IA December, 2005</p>
EXPERIENCE	<p>Chief of Staff King County Department of Community & Human Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide overall strategic leadership for DCHS employees, operations, and impacts in the community, with a specific focus on advising DCHS leaders on policy and program perspectives from the Department Director, the Executive's Office, County Council, and community partners to create alignment, advance department legislative proposals, and inform implementation efforts; ▪ Serve as the Director's senior advisor and the Department's senior strategist to establish, maintain, and strengthen relationships with leaders and coalitions in communities, governments, and policy areas, with a specific focus on building and maintain coalitions to inform and advance robust policies and programs for housing, behavioral health, community development, and human services; ▪ Advance Department and Executive budget needs related to the biennial budget and dedicated funding sources for major initiatives; ▪ Promote and maintain robust information sharing and alignment with the County Executive's Office and County Council; and ▪ Lead, direct, and supervise DCHS external relations strategy and team members. <p><i>Key accomplishments include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Creating and enacting the Crisis Care Centers initiative; ▪ Renewing and enacting the Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Levy and related Implementation Plan; and ▪ Securing 15% increases for Medicaid and non-Medicaid behavioral health funding. 	<p>Jan 2023—Present Seattle, WA</p> <p>May 2021—Jan 2023 Nov 2018—May 2021 Seattle, WA</p>
	<p>Director of External Affairs & Government Relations Manager King County Department of Community & Human Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Led the department's external affairs portfolio including all government relations, policy, and communications efforts; ▪ Developed and implemented federal, state, county, and city legislative strategy to achieve the interests of DCHS and the County Executive, including coordinating with lobbyists, the Executive's Office, County Council, and other partners as needed to advance DCHS interests; ▪ Represented DCHS and the County Executive through formal presentations, individual meetings and regular engagement of elected officials and other leaders from the city, county, state, and federal governments; ▪ Built and maintained intergovernmental alignment on homelessness, affordable housing, behavioral health, COVID-19 emergency response, and other human services for veterans, seniors, survivors of gender-based violence, people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and other King County residents; 	

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EXPERIENCE (cont.)

- **Managed Department efforts to deliver a Council-requested report on coordinating oversight of housing stability investment; and**
- Served as the Project Manager for convenings to address the root causes of homelessness (“One Table”), including coordinating the staff representing the three co-chairs (Executive Constantine, Auburn Mayor Backus, and Seattle Mayor Durkan) and related agencies to finalize a communications strategy and policy actions to begin implementing policy recommendations.

Government Relations & Policy Director **May 2011—Present**
Housing Development Consortium **Seattle, WA**
Seattle-King County (HDC)

- **Engaged and mobilized HDC’s 110 members, 60+ campaign endorsers, and other supporters to advocate for affordable housing legislation at the local and state level;**
- **Developed and implemented political strategy to create and achieve HDC’s annual advocacy priorities, and related campaigns, at the local and state legislative levels;**
- **Perform research and policy analysis on relevant King County housing issues to develop policy proposals and campaign positions;**
- **Create reports, fact sheets, and other communication tools to promote HDC’s advocacy priorities;**
- **Facilitate sub-regional meetings of diverse stakeholders working to collaborate toward solutions for local housing problems; and**
- **Created and fostered strategic relationships with faith, environmental, labor, smart growth, housing and homeless service groups to promote issues of mutual concern.**

Key HDC Advocacy Accomplishments Included:

- Clarifying King County's ability to bond against lodging taxes to fund affordable homes (HB 1223 in 2015)
- Renewing, and doubling, the Seattle Housing Levy in 2016
- Increasing funding for the state Housing Trust Fund and local ARCH Housing Trust Fund,
- Expanding effective inclusionary housing policies in East King County cities and through the Seattle Mandatory Housing Affordability program
- Enabling a local affordable housing impact fee exemption (HB 1398 in 2013)
- **Renewing the King County Veterans & Human Services Levy, 2011**

Legislative Assistant to Rep. Larry Springer **Aug 2007—May 2011**
Washington State House of Representatives **Kirkland, WA**

- **Researched priority issues, tracked legislation and prepared briefings;**
- **Acted as an intermediary between constituents and government agencies;**
- **Met with constituents and various stakeholders on behalf of Rep. Springer;**
- **Managed constituent communication (electronic newsletters, email, phone, letters); and**
- **Partnered with communications specialists to prepare newsletters, video updates, and press releases and organize annual town hall meetings.**

Caucus Staff Assistant **Jan 2007—May 2007**
Washington State House of Representatives **Olympia, WA**

- **Tracked priority legislation to ensure passage**

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- Performed research on legislative and state (district) issues
- **Wrote letters in response to constituent questions**
- **Managed the internal caucus website**
- **Wrote press releases**

Clerk for Rep. Lisa Heddens **Jan 2006—May 2006**
Iowa State House of Representatives **Des Moines, IA**

- **Wrote press articles for publication in local newspapers**
- **Edited, formatted and distributed a weekly newsletter to 2500 constituents**
- **Tracked legislation**
- **Managed daily office operations**

**COMMUNITY
SERVICE**

Commissioner **2018—2020**
Seattle Planning Commission

Member **2017—2020**
Seattle Housing Levy Oversight Committee

Board Member **2015—2017**
South King Council of Human Services

Board Member **2011—2013**
North Urban Human Services Alliance