

Economic Opportunity and **ATTACHMENT A**
Empowerment Program Advisory Board Application

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Q1: Applicant Name:

First Name: Amir
Middle Initial: IBN
Last Name: Islam

Q2: Applicant Contact:

Personal Email Address: thefreshcoastsociety@gmail.com
Preferred Phone Number: 206-488-3504

Q3: Preferred Phone Type: Cell

Q4: Preferred Mailing Address:

Street Address: 1805 E Spruce St
City: Seattle
State: Wa
Zip Code: 98122

Q5: Physical Home Address: (if different from above)

Street Address: Same as above

Q6: King County Council District: District 2

Q7: Current Employer:

Job Title: Self Employed
Company Name: The Fresh Coast Society
City: Seattle
State: Wa
Zip Code: 98122

Q8: Education: (High School, College/University)

School name / year graduated or degree: Garfield High School/ 1999
School name / year graduated or degree: S.C.C.C. / Business / NA

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Q9: Computer Program & Skill Level:All King County board and commission members are issued King County email accounts upon appointment for conducting board business only. In addition, meeting materials are only transmitted to board members via the board member's assigned King County email account (If a board member does not own a computer we will make every effort to determine the best method for transmitting board material to them). In an effort to know which computer programs you are most familiar with, below are the computer programs used most frequently by King County staff. Next to each computer program listed below please click on the choice that best describes your skill level with each program. (This information is for staff use only and is not a factor in the appointment process.)

Microsoft Outlook (Email):	intermediate
Microsoft Word:	intermediate
Microsoft Excel:	intermediate
Microsoft PowerPoint:	intermediate
Adobe (PDF's, Adobe Reader, etc.)	intermediate

Q10: Additional Applicant Information:

Memberships on any city and/or county boards, (enter name and dates served):	Squire Park Community Council Board Member
How did you learn of this opportunity?	Referred By Rod Dembowski

Q11: Select your area of Subject Matter Expertise for this Board	Coalition / Community Representative
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PAGE 2: Construction Contractor Category

Q12: Is your company signatory with a Labor Union?

Respondent skipped this question

Q13: Select Contractor Category:

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 3: Statement

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Q14: Applicant Nomination Statement: Please explain why you feel you are the most qualified candidate for this appointment.

To whom it may concern,

My name is Amir Islam.

I currently serve as board member on the Squire Park Community Council, and long-term Seattle native. I have lived in the Central District of Seattle all 34 years of my life, and have witnessed the dramatic impact/change in my/our communities development. This community has been largely gentrified, and most of the people who have once lived here have been pushed out to other areas largely due to rising demands in housing, and unsustainable employment that horrifically plague this demographic.

I previously worked for the Urban League Of Metropolitan Seattle as a Gang Intervention, and Prevention Specialist - As well as a Outreach Coordinator. Part of my Job responsibility while there was to get low income families of color and young people jobs, training and housing. I'm familiar with this demographic of people that E.O.E.P initiative would serve - so much so, most people in these community's know me by first name.

They remember the help that I was able to provide by working with CDC's like ULMS, and other government agency's such as the "City of Seattle's Summer Youth Employment Program" where we personally recruited hundreds of youth of color (mostly at-risk youth). At that time I also worked with the world renowned "World Vision" where I was a trainer for the Youth Empowerment Program. Here youth from our inner-city's in Seattle, and across the nation - who are largely impacted by economic, and systematic crisis like low income housing, youth violence, gang and drug infested communities - gathered, and went on to our nations capitol to present their recommendations to our states representation there on Capitol Hill.

I know how to listen to the needs of the communities, build trust, advocate for them, and work with Government with diplomacy. I feel this is one of the most needed skills that will help make the transitions of change that we all want - effectively. Right now that is what the community out cry has been regarding this very sensitive project that the community, and the county is engaged in. We need to find ways to empower our communities - this is one of them.

We have a chance to give local people jobs, training, and services for this project, and hopefully some of these people will go to buy homes in this neighborhood, and become more self reliant, and empowered. I have been asked by Council member Rod Dembowski to serve on this board, and I now am asking you to honor that request. Let's continue to work together building, and bridging the pipe line to sustainable, healthy and empowered community's here in our beloved county.

Thank you,

Amir Islam

PAGE 4: PERSONAL INFORMATION (OPTIONAL):

Q15: Race/Ethnicity:

African American/Black

Q16: Gender:

Male

Q17: Do you have a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)?

No

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Q18: Orientation:

*Respondent skipped this
question*

Q19: Generation:

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