

03/11/2025 Executive Committee Meeting  
Written Public Comment Submissions

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## Janice Richardson

I'm 68. With multiple sclerosis and king county both closed the park and ride in Kirkland for lack of use after taking our bus routes. Total manipulation

Took a lot of Eastside metro service to give more to Seattle metro for race equity leaving us with no way to get to Seattle except 2 bus changes 90 minutes which made me change Ms doctors.

KC executive Dow has not been available to public taxpaying citizens.

He's done many things secret without our knowledge including buying a la Quinta hotel next to 3 schools to house felons, drug addicted and chronic homeless people!

Wrong location and wrong charity to run. They have not been responsible with other locations. Much drug use and deaths and crimes. Little oversight.

KC had an ombudsman complaint in which KC executive Dow was said to have forced parks dept head to gift a lucrative contract to his friend and not put it up for bid. The parks dept man wrote signed under duress per a media report. KC then pressured this man. Put him on leave and fired or he quit.

Marymoor contract was lucrative for the contract person NOT beneficially for the KC taxpayer landlord. KC executive for decade ignored our asks for audits of SHARE WHEEL where women were abused and forced into activism.

Metro human services reduced bus tickets \$900,000.00 given for 400 clients who ride for \$1.00. KC metro police caught the money laundering. Thousands of tickets sold on street not given to homeless. Investigation was stopped. State did audit at our request.

KC also secretly met with 5 cities to have us fund a mental health clinic for our 5 cities.

And after runs a KC mental health levy for 5 other cities. So we pay costs twice !

KC wanted Kirkland as part of regional approach to homelessness to pay for a shelter. Kirkland taxpayers paid 6 million plus and then KC took over with 211 sending refugees and instead of the local dv mother and kids staying temporarily 3 months, the shelter is full of refugees for 2 plus years and undocumented people.

Sound transit has been over budget and late on projects. We feel there needs to be a accountable, responsible, knowledgeable person with experience to get back on track.

We also question a vote made for this position as Dow has chosen so many board members, this contract salary is lucrative thank you.

Lastly during Covid Kirkland was the epicenter for Covid. The most impacted people were disabled and elderly who when buses shut needed meals on wheels, senior center. Neither were rushed more funding.

Multi millions went to BIPOC, equity, Seattle and Tukwila, Kent and undocumented people charities and communities by Seattle city, king county, United way and Seattle foundation all met and over gave to them and sound generations in Kirkland could not take new clients. My black husband spent \$15,000.00 and drove groceries, supplies and bought masks for disabled, elderly and veterans on Eastside as KC didn't step up

KC also later bought ridiculous cotton very small didn't fit adults China made masks that were thrown in dumpsters by KC employees as a 25 million dollar worthless purchase.

They weren't n 95 or polypropylene Masjs that would prevent germs they weren't flimsy cotton jersey knit.

I also am aware of funds diverted to pay private attorneys for undocumented people for dual citizenship FROM KC levy for human services seniors and veterans saying it's welcoming immigrants! Bonnie 86 a veterans widow is living in her car with no housing and kc refused to help her.

I think sound transit needs someone with experience, transparent, communicate with public and Dow C doesn't show those as the KC executive.

Sincerely

Janice Richardson

> On Mar 10, 2025, at 10:30 AM, Email The Board wrote:

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Janice Richardson

> Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 11:51 AM

> To: Email The Board

> Cc: Bogardus, Lisa ; moe@msn.com

> Subject: Like to see someone with experience run sound transit

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> Safety is important.

> We are seniors and I am legally physically disabled by multiple sclerosis We have paid tens of thousands in taxes and never benefited.

> It doesn't go anywhere by our home.

> It's not compatible as KC metro playing equirty. We have no bus service on eastside of Seattle. Due to KC executive and council and metro feel we are all rich and white.

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> Then we used Houghton park and ride to attend jury duty, visit family cemeteries, shop, go to sports and attend medical appointments.

> King county cut back service.

> Then said Houghton was under used

> Closed and sold for the kracken to redevelop.

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> We think Dow is a terrible choice.

> No experience.

> Terrible at KC budget.

> Not efficient or effective leader.

> Doesn't make himself available to public. Keeps schedule secret.

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> King county voted to help through human services veterans and senior levy KC justifies calling it welcoming to divert 5 million to pay private attorneys for recent asylum seekers, most who do not qualify. It's been a free vacation for them.

> King county has several veterans, several veteran widows, 80 year old vent name refugees here since 1970s, disabled and elderly in need of housing.

> Due to politics and a lot of dishonesty king county diverts millions through non profits that discriminate against many to only help bipoc, undocumented from Africa and Latin countries. As volunteer outreach helpers, we a mixed race couple help any person in need. We don't discriminate by race, nationality, age, disability. But they non profits break federal law by discriminating when they are 501 c 3.

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> King county has a horrible human trafficking problem which king county won't properly address, buses and light rail used to send women to men for paid sex.

> Ubers, limos, planes for high class during large events.

> No one can correct what they don't hear about. Dow only listens to the people that tell him what he wants to hear.

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> Due to Dows years of mismanagement of king county, out of control budget, high taxes.

> Audits that show departments not doing well, not accountable and no corrective actions taken.

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> Human services through metro reduced bus ticket program gives out bus tickets 90% discount to non profits.

> We heard from SHARE WHEEL homeless clients after given \$360,000.00 in 2012 and \$900,000.00 for 400 clients 2023 or 2024 and out by March which is impossible.

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> KC sheriff caught managers selling thousands half price. The investigation was stopped. Hidden.

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> Also king county has several settlements that are resolved and hidden from the taxpaying citizens.

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> Kirkland citizens and businesses kept in dark as KC bought next to several schools a hotel to place chronically homeless with an agency running and known for allowing laws and rules broken again no corrective measures are taken.

> The new mental health unit was kept secret from us. We 5 cities pay and then

> KC asked for a levy for more in other areas which costs us twice.

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> KC instead of using general budget constantly wants new levies Best start kids, seniors and veterans, mental health and they are not good stewards of the tax dollars.

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> Lastly we don't feel that it's fair due to a lot of political and friendship influence that this board could be impartial voting for Dow with multiple KC council members on board.

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> Thank you for reading this.

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> Janice Richardson. And family.

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### *Donna Popich*

Dear ST Board Members,

The public is keenly aware of the fact that Dow has appointed half of you, and we are expected to trust that your decisions will not be biased?

And, why is Constantine's name the only one out there from the pool of four or five nominees? Why haven't the other potential candidates' names been made public?

The people have lost complete trust in Sound Transit, in you Board members, and in all your ill-fated projects. It is unfathomable that you literally keep plowing ahead, while trying to squelch information, and without paying heed to public feedback. Such actions continue to add to the opposition for light rail among our communities.

If you won't listen to the people of Western Washington, then the Feds will very likely force you to do so when they fail to fund your projects.

If Dow Constantine is elected as Chief Executive Officer, this will be the worst, among many, faux pas's that the Sound Transit Board has made to date.

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### *Candace Shattuck*

Huge conflict of interest. He is a politician, not qualified to run Sound Transit. Please find someone who has experience OPERATING a light rail system. We can do better, far better, than Mr Constantine.

**CANDACE SHATTUCK**

### *Gale Sketchley*

Dow Constantine did nothing to promote transparency in the sound transit extension link discussions , nor did he support West Seattle residents who see the folly of this continuing endeavor.. The residents who do not support the outlay.of billions for the short ride to Sodo, with no connections to the airport, Ballard and beyond have had enough of Dow's supposed leadership. He should be taken out of consideration. This looks like his bid to enhance his retirement! He is not credible. Gale Sketchley

*Corliss F. Gooch*

Dear Sound Transit Board members,

I was dismayed to recently learn that Dow Constantine is being considered as a candidate for the Chief Executive Officer position for Sound Transit. I think there is a clear conflict of interest and it is unfair to other candidates for the position, given that he appointed some members of the current Board. Even if his candidacy is considered by the Board to be legal and ethical, if he is appointed the public will know that it was not an appropriate or ethical appointment. Please reconsider. There are plenty of other opportunities out there for Dow to continue his public service career; this is not the right one.

Thank you,

Corliss F. Gooch  
West Seattle

*Ryan C.*

Hello,

I am deeply concerned with the lack of transparency and possible conflicts of interest with Sound Transits new CEO selection process. Sounds Transit has been plagued by poor project, operational, and budget performance for years and there is a clear need to change approaches and set a higher bar. I can't think of anything worse to do than make a back room decision without public input and with what seems like a high likelihood of selecting Dow Constantine. While I appreciate many of his contributions it is not time to stick with the same approach while simultaneously creating a situation where the public will second guess every decision (fair or not). I will say that personally I think decisions Mr Constantine has made have led to some of the significant cost over runs, safety issues, and delays that have Sound Transit has experienced. I also know that as a resident of West Seattle there is no way he can objectively make hard decisions about West Seattle Link Extension and it's extreme cost overruns and it's very low new transit rider numbers.

Please consider taking a different approach to this process, to who you select, and to solving some of the huge challenges facing Sound Transit in the coming years.

Sincerely,

Ryan C