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Under Construction – A Special Episode on the 2019 Seattle City Council Elections

Marilyn Strickland Welcome to a special episode of Under Construction. I'm your host Marilyn Strickland, CEO of the Seattle Metro Chamber. Today we're going to talk Seattle politics and specifically the 2019 City Council elections. Joining me for this episode are Richard de Sam Lazaro, who is manager of government and corporate relations at Expedia Group. Erin Goodman, who serves as executive director for the SoDo BIA, which is Business Improvement Area. And Rachel Marshall, who's the founder of Seattle's beloved Rachel's Ginger Beer.

Marilyn Strickland So this particular election is going to be a big one. Ballots are due on August 6. So remember to vote on August 6th. And we're going to talk about the fact that the Seattle Chamber does have a political arm. And we want to talk about Seattle leadership, the city itself, the direction it's taking, and where we think we need to improve. Now for our listeners who don't know, CASE is the Seattle Metro Chamber's political action committee or PAC. And a PAC is a committee that raises and spends money to help elect candidates. And the reality is this: The political action committees that exist in any election have been around for a very long time. There is a wide breadth of PACs from organizations with different interests. Labor unions have PACs, Washington realtors have PACs, Planned Parenthood, the Washington Conservation Voters, Alliance for Gun Responsibility and even Sierra Club, as a few examples. Now CASE has released their endorsements for the primary elections, including dual endorsements in both District 6 and District 7.

Marilyn Strickland So we'll do a dive into these endorsements a little later in the episode. But I first want to talk with one of our guests, Richard. So Richard welcome to the show -- and tell us a bit about who you are what you do and how you engage politically.

Richard de Sam Lazaro Well hi Marilyn. And thanks for having me on. I am as you said government and corporate affairs manager at Expedia Group. So my job and how I spend my day is advocating for Expedia Group at City Hall in Olympia and city halls and state legislatures around the country. It's a pretty exciting time to do that as we are moving our headquarters into the city of Seattle on the waterfront so that keeps me moving in the day and occasionally awake at night. I'm also, I do some work with non-profits in the area: YouthCare, Global Health Alliance and Child Care Resources. So that sort of bleeds into advocacy work as well. And I think I'm here in part because Expedia Group is a proud Chamber member. And as a result of that I get to engage with groups like the Policy Leadership Group. Co-chair that and, and I'm also on the executive team of CASE.

Marilyn Strickland Great. Well we're very happy to have you as a member of the Chamber and also your work in the Policy Leadership Group. So Richard, why don't you share with us: what do you find really important about this particular election -- the 2019 Seattle City Council elections?

Richard de Sam Lazaro Sure. Well I mean I think we've seen a lot of framing in the press about you know there are forces trying to move us backwards. We're trying to make Seattle great again or something -- and that's just not what's going on. I think we have sort of an imperative to move Seattle forward. I think we have this immense amount of growth, immense amount of change in the city. And while I think there's some sort of broad values brushes with which you can paint the whole city, we haven't actually taken action that's required to make sure that that growth works for everybody. And I think that's evident. So I'm excited to have some leadership at City Hall that's sort of ready to roll up the sleeves and without ego take it on.

Marilyn Strickland Absolutely. And can you talk a bit about Expedia's advocacy and some of your priorities? And also too, maybe for some of our listeners who don't know which probably is a small faction, tell us about Expedia and what business you're in.

Richard de Sam Lazaro We book travel. No Expedia is the world's travel platform. We actually are a family brand. So like Travelocity, Hotwire, Orbitz -- that's all Expedia group. So we are moving our headquarters into Seattle. Into what was formerly the Amgen headquarters and they moved out several years ago. We are sort of taking the Willy Wonka approach. Amgen really built a wall around that campus. You know you sort of peek in and wonder what goes on in there and the operating philosophy of our design is you know we're don't really open it up. So we're creating a ton of public space -- really welcoming the community in and building for our neighbors as well. So that's sort of the big project that's going on and as such are our priorities are what everybody else's priorities are. Transportation. Mobility. Equity. Housing. Homelessness. We are. We are betting big on the city of Seattle and are staking our future here. So we sort of run the gamut in terms of our advocacy.

Marilyn Strickland Great. And I've had a chance to tour what will be the new facility and all the public amenities and it's going to be outstanding. So next I want to switch over to

Erin. And I would like you to introduce yourself. Erin you're the executive director for the SoDo BIA. And those are a lot of acronyms I just threw out there so can you tell our audience exactly what is a BIA -- and talk about some of the businesses you represent and also you know what is it you're looking for from city leaders.

Erin Goodman Yes. SoDo and Business Improvement Area is a funding mechanism by which property owners within a defined geographic area can collectively come together to assess themselves for services over and above what the city provides. And our organization administers those funds. And so what this looks like on a daily basis is providing services like sidewalk cleaning and you know, street sweeping additional patrol hours, we do business community development. And a large portion of my work is in the advocacy realm of providing a voice for SoDo.

Erin Goodman SoDo is a large area. We represent over 1,200 businesses and those businesses stretch from your traditional manufacturing and industrial supply to automotive sales and services. Construction supply, distribution centers and then of course we have you know the large global Starbucks headquarters -- to tech and creative companies. And we also have a significant artist presence which is still very thriving in SoDo. And I would say that across the board folks in SoDo want a clean and safe environment for their employees and their customers to come. And they also want a city government that understands the role that business is playing in our booming economy and in providing jobs. And that decisions that are made about business should have a business voice so that we have the impact. What impacts businesses impacts employees as well.

Marilyn Strickland Great. Thank you for that summary. And Rachel you are the founder of Rachel's Ginger Beer and I would like you to share with us exactly what you were doing before you decided to found the company and then talk to us about what it is that listeners may not know about your company. And what has changed you as far as being a business owner and how you prioritize what you want from elected leaders.

Rachel Marshall That's a big question. I have got a big answer. After college I moved to Europe and worked for the government as a civilian for five years. Came back to Seattle. Was waiting tables. Lifelong waitress here since 1998. And saw a gap in the market for the ginger beer that I loved in Europe. I couldn't find it here and I very naively at the time thought well I'll just make ginger beer and fast forward eight years. Here we are. Two years ago right now I was pregnant with my little boy Huck and got a phone call from someone I forget who now saying there's a piece of legislation that's popping up in the City Council. They want to introduce a sugary beverage tax. It would affect Pepsi, it would affect Coke, it would affect Rachel's Ginger Beer. And the panic that came to me in that moment, that just all out panic that I could lose every cent of my business was very real and I thought -- if you don't have a seat at the table, you are the person on the plate or however that metaphor goes. And I spent weeks and weeks at City Hall begging and pleading for some sort of a carve out. Some sort of understanding. From our City Councilmembers that what is good for Pepsi or Coke isn't good for a little tiny family-owned business in the city of Seattle. So what came out of that eventually was a carve out. It was a bit of a carve out that

isn't going to benefit us long term. But it was something to keep us afloat in the short term. It made my dedication to knowing exactly what's happening exactly what things are coming through City Hall very fervent.

Marilyn Strickland Well you know and also too, I think what your what your story illustrates is that you need to have a variety of people in elected office with different experiences who understand some of the issues and how policy can affect you. And you know as your example you know, you're an entrepreneur and you know people often say well you know so-and-so is a business candidate. Like it's a bad thing. But I remind people that business is not a monolith. And business is an interdependent ecosystem. So our large companies often provide the customers that help support our smaller businesses and they all work together. And so you know thank you Rachel, for sharing your story about that and basically what you're saying is you need to pay more attention now. And you're definitely paying attention in this election.

Rachel Marshall Hundred percent.

Marilyn Strickland Great. Well now let's talk districts. In 2015 the City Council had district elections which means that there are people with geographic boundaries who represent specific geographic districts and also a few at-large candidates. And so I'd like to ask all of you. Tell me which districts you live in and talk about which district your business is in. And then maybe talk about some of the things that you're really paying attention to you. So I'll start with you Richard.

Richard de Sam Lazaro All right. Well I live in the third. I have lived in the third since the districts were drawn though I've lived in different neighborhoods within it. And then Expedia group is moving into the seventh. So you know our employees are sort of everywhere around the region. I don't think there's anybody not to pay attention to. I think it's gonna be a long summer and there are a lot of really talented people in the race. And I think what's exciting to me is to see upwards of 50 candidates in these districts. I think that sends a message about how the incumbents are doing though incumbents are few. And so I'm excited. I'm excited about our third district candidates. Egan Orion's really, really accomplished and I think he's done a lot for the district. I've been doorbelled by damn near everybody now at this point. So props to Logan for rolling around on his solar wheel. Yeah I mean there's no one not to watch.

Marilyn Strickland Yeah absolutely. Erin?

Erin Goodman So I have the unique opportunity to both live and work in District 2. And in District 2 as I'm sure you're aware is a very large, diverse district. But not just diverse in terms of race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status. But also it's this large district divided by Beacon Hill with the Rainier Valley and historical businesses and lots of residential on one side and then the industrial heart of Seattle and SoDo and Georgetown on the other. And one of the things that we're really watching is SoDo is one area that actually suffers under the district elections.

Marilyn Strickland And why do you think that is?

Erin Goodman We don't have residents. Which means we don't have voters. And so one of the things that I've been really pushing is we have employees and our employees actually live in all of your districts. And so we might be in District 2 but it's important for especially District 1 and District 6 to pay attention because that's where the majority of our employees live. So that's what we're paying attention to.

Marilyn Strickland Thank you. Rachel tell us where you live and where your business is located.

Rachel Marshall Sure. I live in District 2 and I think my perspective is a little bit unique because I have businesses in many neighborhoods in Seattle. On Capitol Hill in SoDo in the University District and downtown. So I have a big eye on everything right now.

Marilyn Strickland And you know when you talk about the fact that you have businesses in every district and even Erin when you talk about you know and Richard you have employees in every district. What are some of the things that you hear the people you interact with say that they're looking for in City Council. I'll start with you Rachel.

Rachel Marshall I think homelessness is number one. It's such an issue it's such a complicated and many-faceted issue. So much empathy from people but so much confusion over why we can't get a handle on this.

Marilyn Strickland Richard?

Richard de Sam Lazaro I mean I think what I hear most often is you know what are we actually doing? I think there's a lot of bombast that comes out of City Hall and it's great that we are so values-led but at the same time no matter what the issue whether it is transportation and transit, density, you see homelessness which is obviously critical to everybody whether you're sheltered or not -- just a lack of action. And so that's what I hear the most is, when are we gonna do something?

Marilyn Strickland Erin why don't you tell us what you've seen? And you and I were in Charleston together during a trip that the Chamber recently took and I remember you were actually e-mailing and having communication with folks back here at home about some of the challenges. Can you tell us what your issues are?

Erin Goodman Yeah I would say that the number one thing I hear from folks about City Council is they don't feel anyone cares or listens. And the number one issue that we're dealing with is public safety. It's -- I have businesses that are dealing with crime on a daily basis. Their trucks are being broken into, their batteries are being stolen. They can't leave anything even in a gated area. They have to move everything inside. Businesses that move their trucks out of the city over the weekend to keep them safe. And, and they feel like

they, they don't get heard, that no one's listening. And so we're really looking for that responsiveness. We know that these are big issues and they're not going to be solved overnight but our representatives need to take the time to hear and to understand as they're going forward to make the policies to address these issues. That they are listening to the people they represent.

Marilyn Strickland No, and you know having been a former elected official myself, you know one of the challenges you have is that you know you're often talking to people with whom you don't agree. But as an elected official you have a responsibility to at least listen to them and hear them out. And I say to folks that it's OK to disagree with someone. You can do so and still find a way to have a constructive dialogue that helps you work together to try to address some of these tough issues. And I think that's what I hear people saying that they want. So now let's talk about the candidates that CASE has endorsed. So in District 1 we have endorsed Phil Tavel. In District 2 we've endorsed Mark Solomon. In District 3, we've endorsed Egan Orion. In District 4 we're endorsing Alex Pedersen. In District 5, we're endorsing Debora Juarez. The only incumbent that we're endorsing. In District 6 we've endorsed Jay Fathi and Heidi Wills. And then in District 7 Michael George and Jim Pugel. And so I would like to just maybe get your take on what you think of these candidates. But I want to also talk a bit about why we chose these folks. And I think what you see among these candidates we've endorsed -- is you see people with a variety of different life and personal experiences. So we have someone who's been an educator, an entrepreneur. I mean District 2 Mark Solomon has actually served in the Air Force for a long time and he's very active with police and safety issues. Egan is an entrepreneur and you know we just have different people from different sectors. Jay is a physician. Heidi is an entrepreneur. Jim as a police, former police officer. Michael George I call probably the most wonky person I've met on the campaign trail who can go into great detail about policy. And so again it's just people with a variety of experiences and perspectives which I think is crucial if you're talking about having elected body representing a city as diverse as Seattle. So I want to hear what you all think about some of these candidates. I'll start with you Richard.

Richard de Sam Lazaro OK. Well I will speak to the ones that I've been privileged enough to work with in the past. So Mark Solomon and I overlapped briefly on the board of YouthCare. He's been on that board for like decades. And so here's someone who not only has been literally on you know beaten the streets on in South Seattle but has also you know engaged at a very high level with service providers who are you know on the frontlines of the homelessness crisis. Up in the third Egan Orion who you know I'm hoping will represent me shortly -- has done so much for that district through PrideFest. He is just knocking every door. It's really exciting to see him. I think Councilmember Juarez in the 5th is the embodiment of the goals of the district system. There is there is nothing that she says and nothing that she does that isn't tied to the fifth district. And they're really lucky to have that. And then Jay. I, I worked with him in my previous roles with Senator Murray and Governor Inslee and you know I think he's responsible in large part for a lot of people in the state having health care access. And is able to sort of run a big machine like that. So excited about those three especially. But this whole slate is just very exciting to me.

Marilyn Strickland All right. Thank you. Rachel?

Rachel Marshall I think Richard just gave us a really good synopsis of what each of these candidates brings to the table. I think when we think about what's important in a City Councilmember there's a lot of things but one thing I think of is -- being able to understand the technical parts of the job. The actual job description. What you come to, to work to do everyday. And I love that these candidates bring such a broad, wide background. So many different lines of work and advocacy. I think that that kind of perspective will be really important to be able to understand the technical job of the City Council.

Marilyn Strickland Absolutely Rachel. Thank you. Erin?

Erin Goodman Well what I like is that I see here a slate of pragmatic, back to basics, focused on you know working together to try and find the solutions for our city. And District 2 we currently have two supposed front runners who are polar opposites of each other. And both have engaged a base so they're speaking to someone. And what we need is that middle of the road that can address the issues on both sides and represent the whole district.

Marilyn Strickland Absolutely. So you know we've done polling for a long time and a few things aren't changing. The things that Seattle residents care most about: housing affordability, transportation, public safety and homelessness. And Rachel you touched on something earlier when you talked about the basic functions. The job description of local government. Keep your community safe. Keep it clean and do what you can to make it attractive. Understanding that there are a lot of these larger global issues that are complicated and require people's attention. One thing that appeals to me about Jay Fathi in District 6 is that he's a doctor. And when you look at the homeless crisis that we're having, a lot of what we're talking about is a public health crisis. And so as we look at opportunities to bring new voices to the Council, having these different perspectives will be of great value. So let's talk about the traits you look for in effective leaders. All of you are leaders in your own right. Entrepreneur, someone who helps run BIA, someone who's running government relations for a place like Expedia. Talk about what you look for or what traits make up good leaders and Richard, I'm going to go back to you.

Richard de Sam Lazaro I will refer to what Rachel said earlier. Which is the need to bring people together. I think we have over the past couple of years slid into a pattern of starting with a very aggressive premise. We are taking this action because business or whomever is doing the wrong thing and we're going to fight back. And I think that you know previously we've seen that a more inclusive process, a more deliberate process really brings great results. \$15 minimum wage. As much as you might ascribe it to a sort of movement victory was actually the result of a giant work group co-chaired by business. Paid family medical leave at the statewide level. It's something that the Chamber worked really hard on. And so you know if you start with the premise of, you are going to be affected by this. Be a

partner to us. I think more often than not you'll see that we all agree on things. And so as a leader I think it's probably the most important quality, is to have that openness and bring people in before you push them away.

Marilyn Strickland Absolutely. Erin?

Erin Goodman One of the things that I sort of watch when I look at all of the Council candidates is sometimes the characteristics and traits that are going to make a really good Councilmember don't make a really good candidate. And vice versa. And how we move through some of the ideology and the you know loudness of and excitement around issues to really focus on who can do this job and do this job well.

Marilyn Strickland No, that's a good point. There is a difference between campaigning and governing. And you are elected to govern and to take care of all the people you represent. Including those who may not have even supported you in an election. That's a really good point. So I want to hear from you now, Rachel. Tell us what you think makes a good leader.

Rachel Marshall Empathy. 100 percent empathy. For me to be able to look at you and understand why it is that you think the way that you think. Because I can come in with my ethics and my ideals and beat everybody over the head with them. But if I can't give a little based on hearing what's important to you and why you think the way you think, you won't, you won't get anything done. You won't be able to reach across the aisle. And I think that we would all agree that City Council is a really hard job. It's a thankless job. People are mad at you all the time. But if we can see everyone else's perspective I really think that we can get a lot more done. I hope that's not too heady and nebulous. Maybe it's not all about me and what I think. It's, it's me understanding what you're thinking and how that affects your decision making.

Marilyn Strickland No, you know and I will say that one of the things that is hard to do in this particular way we consume media is that effective governance often comes as a result of nuances. And the ability to have nuanced conversations. Because sometimes when you're not in agreement, that distance isn't as great as headlines put them out to be. And so are we going to have a City Council that is sophisticated enough, willing to sit down with people and understand that so much of what we're talking about is really nuanced conversation about how you govern a city effectively. So I want to talk about hopes and dreams. So I would like you all to describe what you want Seattle to look like in 10 years. And this is an open-ended question. So you just tell me what your Seattle looks like in 10 years. I'm going to start with you, Erin.

Erin Goodman Sure. I want a Seattle that my kids can afford to live in. I want a Seattle that my kids feel safe to live in. And I want Seattle that my kids can still call the Emerald City with a network of green space and public parks. And that we grow in such a way that we don't lose our essential character.

Marilyn Strickland Rachel?

Rachel Marshall When I think about Seattle in 10 years for some reason my brain goes to the downtown core. And I want to see it vibrant and green and bustling all the time. You know the 18-hour city full of really interesting exciting small businesses. And tourists that feel safe and that contribute to our economy. That's what I picture when I see Seattle in 10 years.

Marilyn Strickland Richard.

Richard de Sam Lazaro This may be a little ambitious for 10 years. But let's go with incredibly dense, transit-connected and equitable. I think as we build out, as companies move to the city like ourselves and we catalyze that growth. How can we make sure that that growth benefits everybody? How do we make sure that it's a no-brainer to take transit or walk or bicycle to work. Rather than taking a single occupancy vehicle. And how can we make sure that we have enough housing for everybody. And at levels that everybody can afford.

Marilyn Strickland Yeah. You know when I think about the Seattle I would like to see in 10 years, I agree with all the things that you all share. But I would say one thing I would like to see us do is to challenge ourselves to think of what it means to be securely housed in a metropolitan region in the 21st century. And I look around the world and in many places you have three generations living under one roof because when you have that many incomes contributing to a household that helps ease the pressure of some issues. And so as we think about housing and how we build it and who we build it for, I hope we're a little more creative than our default position typically is when we think about how we build multi-family housing and what it means to be securely housed in this region. So you know those of us who are here on this podcast right now I would call us people inside the bubble. You're leaders, you're entrepreneurs. These elections are very important. But then there are people outside of our world who probably aren't even paying attention to an election until a ballot drops. So what do you suggest we can do better to try to engage more people politically? Because some people say there's a generational rift. They say there's a difference in social media but any ideas that you all have about how we could actually engage more people in politics because this topic is so important to us.

Erin Goodman As you mentioned, we are living in a social media world. And all information -- vetted or not -- is available at the touch of a button and there's a lot of nastiness involved with that as well. That has to some extent has turned off a lot of people. But as you spoke earlier, it's that nuanced conversation. So I'm actually leaning more and more towards the more old-fashioned doorbelling. Community events. Festivals. Getting out -- having candidates meet people face to face. Before district elections, the city was too big. But with the smaller focus the more that candidates can have that face to face, person to person conversation. I think that is when you bring somebody involved. Because a lot of people tune out a lot of what's on social media. And we need to get back to the old personal, personal relationship.

Marilyn Strickland Rachel?

Rachel Marshall I think everyone says the most effective way to influence a political campaign is word of mouth. It's what I tell to my hairdresser who tells to their children who tells to their classmates at school. When I think about my co-workers -- I work with about 100 people and most of them are bartenders and working kitchens and they're in the \$30 to \$50,000 salary range. So definitely not in the low income but they need affordable housing. And that means that they have skin in the game. And if I can, if I can communicate that to my co-workers that we are working on housing affordability and every single one of your votes count -- I think that that's sexy enough. Maybe to stick in their brain and get them to the poll.

Marilyn Strickland Thank you. Richard?

Richard de Sam Lazaro Well I will, I will come to the defense of social media. I might be a little extremely online these days. But you know I think you're right. It is. It is really -- it can be very toxic and I think what I would encourage people to do is to click the link and read the story. I mean I think we have to give credit where it's due to some of our incumbent Councilmembers who are really good at communicating about their priorities. But too often you know you sort of see the headlines, see the tweet. And like that's the narrative that you take with you. And you know I think journalists are very frustrated by this as well. You've got to be able to digest the entirety of the situation before forming an opinion. Or you know knowing where to seek out new information. So I would encourage people to spend the time to get off the timeline.

Marilyn Strickland Thank you.

Rachel Marshall Really good feedback.

Marilyn Strickland It is.

Richard de Sam Lazaro I don't do it myself. I'm working on that.

Marilyn Strickland Read the entire article.

Richard de Sam Lazaro Right. Read the whole thing.

Marilyn Strickland Right. OK, so I'm going to do a lightning round and then I'll do a wrap-up and here's a question for you all. What is your favorite city outside of Seattle? It could be in Washington state. It could be anywhere in the world.

Erin Goodman Easy one, Marilyn. Charleston, South Carolina. You've got beautiful historic buildings, sunny weather, beaches and amazing food.

Marilyn Strickland No and when we were in Charleston together, the thing that was interesting is that you know culturally it's in the deep South. It's a little different than Seattle. Very different. But they're facing the same challenges that we're facing. Housing affordability, workforce development, transportation. And so it's interesting that even when you travel around the country in places that you think are a lot different, most metro areas are facing the same issues.

Erin Goodman Yeah. And we can learn from them too.

Marilyn Strickland Absolutely. Rachel?

Rachel Marshall Rome. I went there when I was 19. What was that 1999. There was no Google maps. There was, you just walk around the corner down some narrow street and turn and there's some architectural marvel. This idea that it's this fast bustling street with all these old relics and also intermingled this slow way of life. It's café sitting, you go to the bakery for your bread and the wine store for your wine and the cheese store. It's so appealing to me.

Marilyn Strickland That's amazing. Richard?

Richard de Sam Lazaro I don't know about favorite city I will sell you the last city I visited was Mombasa in Kenya. It's a Seattle sister city and sort of the same as both those things. Like a different pace, a lot of very cool small business and just amazing neighborhoods. I had a blast.

Marilyn Strickland Excellent. So when we have this podcast, one of the things we try to do is kind of get behind the brands and the people that you know your image as outer-facing. So tell us something that people may not know about you. And I'll start with you Rachel.

Rachel Marshall I'm really private. I will dip my toe into social media and share a photo of my boys and then I'll freak out not want anyone to know anything about me. I feel like I'm too exposed and shrink back in and take a social media diet for a month. I really, really love to garden. That's my peaceful happy place. In the garden growing tomatoes all by myself. Which happens about one minute a day -- being all by myself.

Marilyn Strickland Richard?

Richard de Sam Lazaro I guess I'll say that I, this whole career is sort of an accident. I grew up working tribal salmon runs in South Sound. And during the recession had to find government work in Olympia -- and then ended up doing this podcast.

Marilyn Strickland So what you're saying is like, your career was not linear.

Richard de Sam Lazaro No.

Marilyn Strickland And here you are. Excellent. Erin?

Erin Goodman I am a jigsaw puzzle addict. And I almost always have a puzzle on my dining room table and I like the chaos and the building of order and it's almost meditation and I'll just sit and do a little bit everyday and it's time to think I don't have my phone on so.

Marilyn Strickland Great. OK so one question I like to ask all of our guests is what's your walkup song. And so in baseball when you come up to bat there's always a theme song that plays. And I'd ask all of you to pick your walk up song. So Richard what's your walkup song?

Richard de Sam Lazaro Easy. [Shark Fin](#) is a new track by Perry Porter who's this awesome rapper out of Tacoma. And Romaro Franceswa, who I think is a generational talent from South Seattle.

Marilyn Strickland Excellent. Erin?

Erin Goodman I have one that my staff recommended for me and I strongly agree. It's [Life in SoDo](#) by the Boxcar Tourists. And they are a local SoDo band actually.

Marilyn Strickland Excellent. Rachel?

Rachel Marshall This is so pathetic. But it would be [Girl from the North Country](#) by Bob Dylan. It makes me cry every time. Why would that be your walkup song. But it makes me feel. I love it so much.

Marilyn Strickland That's amazing. Well thank you all very much for being on here today. We have Richard from Expedia. Erin from the SoDo BIA. And Rachel of Rachel's Ginger Beer.

Marilyn Strickland As a recap here -- these 2019 City Council elections in Seattle are very important. The Seattle Metro Chamber's political arm [CASE](#) has endorsed Phil Tavel in District 1, Mark Solomon in District 2, Egan Orion in District 3. Alex Pedersen in District 4. Debora Juarez in District 5. Jay Fathi and Heidi Wills in District 6 and Michael George and Jim Pugel in District 7.

Marilyn Strickland And here's the deal. Seattle needs elected leaders who are trustworthy and effective. And we need a Council that's going to get back to basics. We need people who are compassionate, results-driven and who want to make progress because they know that good policy is developed when you're willing to sit down and hear people with different perspectives. So thank you to my guests for being here today. If you're listening to this podcast, please remember to vote. And as always Under Construction, a production of the Seattle Metro Chamber. Thank you for listening today.