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Eastside Heritage Center Welcomes New Executive Director, Four New Board Members

Bellevue, WASHINGTON, October 2022 – Eastside Heritage Center welcomes a new Executive Director, Andrew Walsh, and four new Board Members, Mukthi Khan, Stephanie Haque, Diana Murray, and Jackie Myung, to our organization. All four are local members of the Eastside community and come to the board with a range of diverse experience. Andrew has worked on the Eastside for six years, lived in the region for a decade and is active in the local arts & cultural sector.

Andrew moved to the West Coast in 2013 to attend the Museology graduate program at the University of Washington. He has a background in historical and arts organizations in New England including the Connecticut Historical Society, MIT Museum, and Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Since living in Washington, he has held positions at the Museum of Flight, Seattle Art Museum, and most recently at Bellevue Arts Museum where he was able to connect with the Eastside arts community. Andrew is also a current Board Member of The Vera Project in Seattle Center, where he has been volunteering since 2014. He brings a passion for connecting folks to their local communities through arts, heritage, and cultural means, and plans on furthering the mission and vision of EHC.

Mukthi Khan was an Oil and Gas engineer until 2014 with a background in the designing of floating production systems, project management, and working on large projects for Exxon Mobil, ConocoPhillips, and Hess all over the world, including in Texas, India, Singapore, and the Netherlands. In the last decade she has established herself within the business development and investment world and is currently working towards expanding her investment portfolio. She cares deeply about her community and has been living in Bellevue with her husband and 2 children for the last 7 years. Her appointment to the board will be as Treasurer.

Stephanie Haque is former registered nurse and current real estate investor and developer. As a longtime Medina resident whose three children attended Bellevue schools, Stephanie and her family have deep roots in the community. She has co-chaired Medina Days and volunteered for various PTA events, as well as city council campaigns. Stephanie lived three years overseas, maintains a strong commitment to community and has an interest in local history. Stephanie received a B.S. in Psychology from the University of Washington.

Diana Murray has a long career in technology including senior roles with Microsoft. She spent nearly 10 years at Microsoft in a variety of roles including product marketing, product management and as Senior Director of Product Improvement. Prior to Microsoft, she was part of the product marketing and program management teams at Sun Microsystems and Hewlett Packard. Since leaving Microsoft, Diana has been a consultant at local and national technology companies, helping them develop strategy and product implementation plans. Diana has also served on the board of Variety, A Children's Charity, as well as on numerous fund-raising committees for children with

special needs in education and children and family homelessness. Diana and her family reside in Medina and have been residents of the area for more than 30 years. She feels strongly that preserving the history of the Eastside is important to maintaining our roots and understanding the growing Eastside with an eye to the past.

Jackie Myung is a published author, accomplished businesswoman, and mother of three. She resides in Bellevue with her family and has lived on the Eastside for over a decade. She is currently the Chief Financial Officer at the Retina Institute of Washington. Educated in Seoul, South Korea and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, she has worked for the likes of J. P. Morgan and IBM. Jackie brings a passion for mentoring others, travel, and outdoor sports. Her business background will be well-suited for EHC and the local community.

Eastside Heritage Center maintains and preserves the largest collection of Eastside related artifacts, photos, and archival materials, and focuses on sharing this collection with the community through exhibits, books, presentations, research services, and educational programming. In just this last year, Eastside Heritage Center has reached thousands of people through community events such as our history walks and events at Bellevue Parks.

We want to recognize those folks in the community who have been involved with EHC this year, particularly Amazon in support of the Living History Project. Donors combined with our Board Members and staff make the Eastside Heritage Center's programming and preservation work possible. We are proud to add Andrew to the team, and Mukthi Khan, Stephanie Haque, Diana Murray, and Jackie Myung to our board.