



## All-Volunteer Executive Director and Board

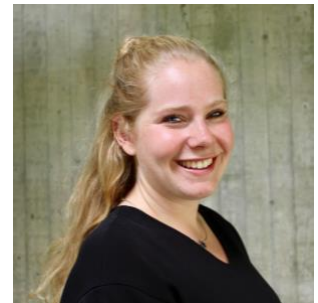


### **Efrain Hudnell**

**Executive Director.** Originally from “the other Washington,” Efrain first came to the Puget Sound region in 2015 when he was stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord. Almost immediately he fell in love with the Pacific Northwest and decided to leave the military in order to plant roots here. After moving to Seattle to attend law school, Efrain developed a profound appreciation for the intersection of law, housing and transportation policy, and equity. He hopes to continue to develop innovative transit proposals like Seattle Subway’s work on House Bill 1304, a bill introduced to the State Legislature in early 2021 that would have expanded Seattle’s funding authority for grade-separated rail. He also looks forward to continued promotion of transit investment in the communities that need it most.

### **Rachel Brown**

**C4 Board President & Campaigns Director.** Rachel grew up in the Seattle area and after graduating from the University of Washington, she moved to New York City to work in immigration law at a non-profit. Three years of riding the subways and living car-free converted her into a transit enthusiast. Now back in her hometown, she is excited about the opportunities to create an equitable, sustainable transit network as the region continues expanding. She is currently pursuing her Master’s of Urban Planning at the University of Washington and works as a Research Assistant at the Washington State Transportation Center.



### **Jonathan Hopkins**



**Board Member.** Jonathan, a native of the Pacific Northwest, has lived around the world and cared about transit since he was five, when he wanted to be a Pierce Transit bus driver and have ten kids (both as yet unrealized dreams). Jonathan previously served as political director from 2014-2016. He, complemented by Seattle Subway’s outreach and public education efforts, played a key role encouraging ST board members to “[go big](#)” with a \$54 billion ST3 transit package when the minimalist conventional wisdom was a smaller \$20 billion package. This effort was successful, resulting in a comprehensive transit expansion passed by voters worthy of our world class city and region.

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### **Keith Kyle**

**Board Member.** Keith grew up in the DC suburbs as the DC Metro system was built and it clearly had a big impact on him. Ever since he moved here in 1994, he has been dreaming of a Seattle connected by high quality transit. He is motivated by his environmentalism and his belief that our successes in Seattle can be used as a template for positive change everywhere. He's mostly spent his time in Seattle between Capitol Hill and Ballard and is increasingly becoming a fan of Tacoma. His passion for transit started when he was young but didn't get started on advocacy work until later in life as a second, unpaid, career. He believes high quality transit is a critical ingredient to a city that is wealthy, equitable, and sustainable. He is a founding member of Seattle Subway.



### **Ben Broesamle**

**Treasurer and Operations Director.** Born in Santa Monica, CA, Ben received his Bachelor of Arts in Geography-Urban and Regional Development Studies from UCLA and moved to Seattle permanently in 2010 to join his immediate family. His transit interest began after travelling to Europe and seeing just how much better life could be with better travel options than the typical Lo Angeles-area gridlocked traffic. He received his master's degree from the College of Built Environments at the University of Washington in 2016 where he studied real estate and transportation.

### **Charles Cooper**

**Board Secretary.** Born in Hawaii and grew up as a military brat in California and Washington State. A graduate of Western Washington University with a degree in Business Administration, Charles has had a long career in the Software Industry and IT Management including co-launching a software startup, large scale systems deployments in Legal and financial verticals and IT operations management. Charles's interest in urban transit was tweaked by his experience with the CTA while living in Chicago for a number of years including 2 years living car free. On returning to Seattle, he got involved with the Seattle Subway Foundation as a volunteer and then later as a board member to help foster the vision for a robust transit system and an urban environment that fosters walkability and neighborhood amenities.



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**Joe Reilly**

**Development Director.** Joe grew up in Seattle's Ravenna/Wedgwood neighborhood and graduated from Fordham University with a B.A. in Urban Studies and an Environmental Studies Minor. He views expanding high capacity, grade-separated mass transit as an important investment in Seattle's future and a vital means to improve the quality of people's lives. He traded his car for an ORCA pass and a rideshare account and he hasn't looked back.

**Ron Davis**

**Board Member.** Ron Davis is an entrepreneur who has spent much of his professional life using technology to try to improve the lives of workers and seniors. For his current day job, he helps startups launch their sales efforts. The rest of the time, he advocates for a more just, inclusive, green, walkable, community. In addition to Seattle Subway, he also volunteers as a board member for Futurewise, the University YMCA and the Roosevelt Neighborhood Association. He's also a former member of the Citizen Oversight Panel for Sound Transit. He has a JD from Harvard Law School and lives in NE Seattle with his wife, a family physician, and their two young boys.

