



SHE RAN: PATHWAYS TO PUBLIC LEADERSHIP

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SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2020 12-1:30PM

Join us for an panel discussion featuring Council member Cynthia Delostrinos Johnson, Justice Helen Whitener, and Council member Varisha Khan as they discuss their journeys to public office, challenges they faced along the way, and helpful tips on paving your way to public leadership.

AGENDA

12pm: Opening remarks and speaker introductions

12:10pm: Panel Discussion

1pm: Q/A Session

1:25pm: Closing remarks

SPEAKER BIOS CONTINUED

JUSTICE HELEN WHITENER

Washington Supreme Court Justice

Justice Whitener is well recognized by the legal community for her commitment to justice and equity. In 2019 alone, Justice Whitener was awarded the Washington State Bar Association's C.Z. Smith Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion Award, the King County Washington Women Lawyers President Award, the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association Diversity Award, and the Seattle University School of Law Woman of the Year Award. Justice Whitener serves as co-chair of the Washington State Minority and Justice Commission and serves on the Board of Directors of the International Association of LGBT Judges as well as on the Washington State Office of Civil Legal Aid Oversight Committee. Justice Whitener is a member of the International Association of Women Judges, the National Association of Women Judges, and the American Judges Association.

SPEAKER BIOS

COUNCIL MEMBER CYNTHIA DELOSTRINOS JOHNSON

Tukwila City Council

Cynthia is currently the Manager of the Supreme Court Commissions with the Administrative Office of the Courts. Her work focuses on statewide projects and policies related to addressing racial equity, gender equity, and language access in the courts. She received her law degree from Seattle University School of Law and her undergraduate degree from the University of Washington. Cynthia serves on the board of the Tukwila Children's Foundation. She is also a board member of the Filipino Lawyers of Washington. She is passionate about mentoring students of color who are interested in pursuing careers in law, policy, and public service.

COUNCIL MEMBER VARISHA KHAN

Redmond City Council

Varisha received her BA degree from the University of Washington in Communication—Journalism and Political Science. During the 2016 presidential cycle, Varisha was elected to serve as one of the youngest Presidential Electors in the historic Electoral College to represent voters from WA State's 1st Congressional District. Most recently, Varisha worked as a Political Action Committee (PAC) Director of OneAmerica Votes. As a journalist with the Seattle Globalist and other local publications, she developed a journalistic beat on issues pertaining to race, immigrants and communities of color in the greater-Seattle area.