2026 CASC Nominees



Cynthia Hobbs

The 2026 Board Election will be on Wednesday, November 18 at 1:15 PM. Active members are invited to vote for 5 of the 8 candidates. Absentee Ballots can be secured at the Front Desk.

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Central Area Senior Center (CASC, The Central) welcomes expressions of interest for its Board of Directors. CASC serves as a neighborhood gathering place for non-profit, civic, and social organizations. A rich diversity of neighborhood groups and individuals access the center daily. The Central engages, serves, and bridges the gaps between the historical founders of the center and that of new and emerging communities in a changing landscape.

The CASC Board of Directors strives to represent the racial, ethnic, geographic, social, and economic diversity of the residents of King County, as well as a broad base of community interests.

The Board consists of up to nine (9) volunteers, including retirees, who have the knowledge, expertise, and specific skills to benefit CASC. Board members must be 50 years or older and reside within King County.

Prospective board members should hold a broad vision for the potential and development of CASC. Our legacy of community service began in 1968 when African American civic activists observed that the Central District needed a place for our elders to meet and socialize. From the beginning, The Central has been a place of support, community, fellowship, and celebration. The role of board membership is competency, to provide policy and fiduciary oversight in the interest of The Central.

THE GREAT DIVERSITY OF MEMBERS, PROGRAMS, ARTS, CULTURE, MUSIC, FOOD, EDUCATION, ACTIVITIES AND THOUGHT CREATES A THIRST FOR LEARNING NEW THINGS WHILE ENGAGING IN BOOK CLUB, CURRENT EVENTS, AND HAVING FUN AT THE CASC. THE BOARD IS WORKING TO ASSURE A STABLE, LONG-TERM, STRONG FINANCIAL BASE TO ENABLE CASC TO THRIVE AND REACH SENIORS.

Terms of Office: Appointed members serve at least one three-year term, with a maximum of two consecutive terms but must rotate from the Board for at least one year following two consecutive terms. Board members are not compensated for their work on behalf of CASC. They serve on a volunteer basis.

Time Commitment: This is an active, working board; and members are expected to contribute to both Board and committee work. Board members will be expected to attend activities during the year, established by the Board of Directors and CASC staff, including Board Orientation and planning retreats. Board members are expected to make an annual monetary pledge, to participate in board and committee meetings, regular events and periodically shoulder other workloads as an active board member, committee chair, or member.

Upon acceptance as a board member, members are required to sign a commitment agreement and agree to a Washington State Patrol background check.

If you are interested in getting involved, but don't have the time to serve as a member of the Board, you are invited to express interest in serving on a Board Committee, which will provide valuable input to CASC from a variety of backgrounds.

Please send this form with an updated resume and a cover letter describing why you qualify as a board member and what contributions you can make.

Check all boxes representing your skills and prior experience:

- ☑ Community development/outreach
- ☑ Fiscal management
- ☐ Free-speech issues and activism
- ☑ Fundraising and fund development
- ☑ Personnel and Human resources
- ☑ Legal issues
- ☐ Media literacy
- ☐ Facility management/capital needs/planning
- ☑ Nonprofit management
- ☐ Public relations and marketing
- ☑ Strategic planning
- ☐ Volunteer program development
- ☐ Social media experience
- ☐ Community education & training
- ☐ IT and Technology knowledge
- ☐ Senior programs, special needs
- ☐ Health and Wellness

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Renton, WA 98057

Work phone:

Home phone: [redacted]

E-mail: [redacted]

Education & Training: Seattle Community College
Green River College
UofW Bus. Admin

How are you familiar with CASC? [redacted]

Memberships and volunteer involvement in CASC, charitable/professional/community/civic organizations:

Worked Admin Asst
Custodian Costanera Senior

Membership of any City, County, or State boards or commissions and dates of terms:

N/A

Demographic Information (please check all that apply)

☐ Seattle ☑ King County/City _____

☐ North ☑ South ☐ East ☐ West ☐ Central

Race: ☐ White ☑ Black/African American

☐ Asian/ Pacific Islander ☐ Hispanic/Latino

☐ American Indian/Alaskan Native ☐ Other_____

Cultural Affiliation: ☐ LGBT ☐ Biracial

☐ Multicultural

(see other side)

References: (list of three people, not related to you, whom you have known for at least one year :)

1) Name: Earl Richardson

Phone/Email: [redacted]

2) Name: Roxie Buchanan

Phone/Email: [redacted]

3) Name: Patricia Edmond Gwen

Phone/Email: [redacted]

Birth date: _____

Sex: [] Male [] Female

Disability: _____

_____

Name of Spouse/Significant Other: _____

Donald Hobbs

Children's Names: Anthony

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Please return this form to:

Address: CASC Board Chair
c/o Central Area Senior Center
500 30th Avenue South
Seattle, WA 98144

This application is also available online:
www.casrcenter.org

For more information, contact CASC.
at (206) 206-726-4926

For more information about CASC, please visit our website: www.casrcenter.org

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Central Area Senior Center
500 30th Avenue South
Seattle, WA 98144

A Call for Board Members

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AREA SENIOR CENTER

Mission: CASC infuses warm friendships, healthy activities, and joyful experiences into the lives of mature adults.

CASC engages and enriches the diverse communities of Seattle and the Pacific Northwest

Cynthia Hobbs
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October 21, 2026

Central Area Senior Center
Board of Directors
Seattle, Washington

Re: Letter of Interest – Board of Directors

Dear Board Selection Committee,

I am writing to express my sincere interest in serving as a member of the Board of Directors for the Central Area Senior Center. As a former Administrative Assistant at the Center, a longtime community advocate, and an experienced nonprofit board leader, I believe my professional background, leadership experience, and commitment to community service would make me a valuable addition to the Board.

Throughout my career, I have dedicated myself to strengthening communities, supporting underserved populations, and helping organizations develop programs and services that improve people's quality of life.

One of my most significant leadership experiences was serving as **Board President of FAME Housing for 20 years**. This position provided extensive experience in nonprofit governance, community development, organizational leadership, financial oversight, strategic planning, and the responsibilities associated with serving on a board of directors.

Additionally, I spent **15 years working in human services with the Police Department under four different police chiefs**. This experience strengthened my ability to work collaboratively with diverse populations, address complex community concerns, navigate challenging situations, and develop meaningful partnerships between public agencies and the communities they serve.

My professional experience and areas of knowledge include:

- Community development and neighborhood engagement
- Financial management and organizational oversight
- Fundraising, funding strategies, and resource development
- Personnel administration and human resources
- Legal issues, policies, and organizational accountability
- Facility management and long-term planning
- Volunteer recruitment, coordination, and program development

- Health, wellness, and senior support services
- Nonprofit governance and strategic leadership

Having previously worked at the Central Area Senior Center, I understand the importance of its mission and the essential role it plays in supporting older adults, promoting independence, reducing isolation, and providing meaningful opportunities for community engagement.

I am particularly interested in helping the Center strengthen its financial sustainability, expand community partnerships, identify additional funding opportunities, improve programs and facilities, and continue responding to the changing needs of the seniors it serves.

I believe effective board leadership requires more than attending meetings. It requires accountability, active participation, thoughtful decision-making, a willingness to listen, and a genuine commitment to the people and communities an organization serves.

If selected, I would bring experience, institutional knowledge, a collaborative leadership approach, and a strong dedication to helping the Central Area Senior Center remain a respected and vital community resource for generations to come.

Thank you for considering my application. I would welcome the opportunity to contribute my experience, leadership, and passion for community service to the Board of Directors.

Sincerely,



Cynthia Hobbs
Board of Directors Candidate
Central Area Senior Center
[redacted]

Cynthia Hobbs - Resume January 2026

Core Competencies

- Friendly and positive team player and natural leader who enjoys working in a team-oriented setting.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills to easily establish trusting rapport with others.

Professional Experience

WINCO Foods. Bookkeeper ..... July 2026 - Current

- Central Area Senior Center - Administrative Assistant -Customer Service April 2021

- April 2024

- Therapeutic Health Services - Executive Assistant to CEO 2014 - 2021
  - Patricia Edmond Quinn, CEO
- Office Manager MLK Community Center 2017
  - Dr. Norward Brooks
- Seattle Police Department Assistant to 3 Majors. /City of Seattle 1982- 1997
  - Major Tolliver
  - Major Terry
  - Major Lamphere
- The Wellington Restaurant 2002 - 2010 Owner
- Seattle School District - Executive Assistant to Seattle Public Schools Superintendent
  - 1997 -2002 Joseph Olchefski, Superintendent

Community

- Seattle Branch NAACP - Treasurer 40 years. - Golden Life Member
- Lead the Seattle Branch 100 Year Anniversary (800 attended)

Continued Education

- Seattle Community College - 1968 - Business Administration
  - Green River Community College 1994
  - Fundraising Management /Development - University of Washington