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**THE UNIVERSITY DISTRICT ANNOUNCES 2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

SPOKANE, Wash., January 12, 2017—The University District is pleased to announce four new directors who will serve on the 2017 University District Development Association and University District Public Development Authority board of directors, and the 2017 University District board officers.

**New Directors**

**Director, at large (term January 2017-December 2019)**

**Elaine Couture, RN, BSN, MBA** - Executive VP/ Chief Executive, Eastern Washington/ Montana, Providence Health & Services; Providence Health Care Chief Executive



Elaine Couture oversees Providence Health & Services in Eastern Washington and Western Montana, including 10 hospitals, approximately 100 outpatient and specialty clinics, and Providence Medical Group with more than 1,100 employed physicians and advanced providers. She also serves as chief executive for Inland Northwest Health Services.

Elaine serves on numerous community and professional boards, including the American Hospital Association Metro Governing Council; Washington State Hospital Association Board of Directors; Greater Spokane Incorporated, and Spokane County United Way. She received her Master's in Business Administration from Liberty University and her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Montana State University.

**Director, at large (term January 2017-December 2019)**

**Lou Gust**, Vice President, Electricity Sales, Itron



Lou Gust is a 30-year employee with Liberty Lake-based Itron, Inc. He is currently the Vice President of Electricity Sales for the western half of North America. As a sales and marketing executive, Lou has extensive experience in bringing innovative solutions to gas, water and electric utilities. Lou is deeply involved in the emergence of the "smart city" movement and a core team member of Spokane's smart city initiative Urbanova. His contacts with leaders of utilities and municipalities across North America and his knowledge of global trends in smart urban planning, thoughtful development and effective infrastructure improvements are a great asset to the Inland Northwest region and beyond.

**Director, large business/property owner (term January 2017-December 2018)**

**Latisha Hill**, Senior Vice President, Avista Development



Latisha Hill is Senior Vice President of Avista Development, a subsidiary of Avista Corporation. Over the past decade, Latisha has served in various professional and civic roles, managing corporate and community issues, participating in public affairs and fostering economic development. Latisha has been an engaged leader, serving on a diverse collection of boards including Empire Health Foundation, Washington State University Health Sciences Spokane Advisory Board, University of Washington-Gonzaga Spokane Community Advisory Board, the Washington State Transportation Commission, the American Planning Association, the Spokane Regional Transportation Council, Greater Spokane Incorporated, City of Spokane Community Development, the West Plains Chamber and others.

**Director, real estate (term January 2017-December 2017)**

**Tom Quigley**, Chairman, Kiemle & Hagood Co.



Tom Quigley is Chairman and previous Corporate President/CEO and Director of the Brokerage Division for Kiemle & Hagood Company, the Inland Northwest's largest property management and commercial real estate company. Tom is a licensed REALTOR® and has worked in the real estate profession for 41 years. He joined Kiemle & Hagood Company's Brokerage Division in 1975, became Manager of the Brokerage Division in 1980 and a full partner in January, 1987. Tom served as President and CEO of Kiemle & Hagood Company from January 2001 to February 2013, and is the company's Designated Broker in Washington and Idaho.

**2017 Officers**

The following individuals will serve as board officers in 2017:

- **Chair:** Karl Otterstrom, Spokane Transit Authority (STA)
- **Vice Chair and Past Chair:** Kim Pearman-Gillman, McKinstry
- **Secretary and Treasurer:** Tom Johnson, Spokane Teachers Credit Union (STCU)

The University District is pleased to welcome back these returning board members who will serve in 2017:

- **Barry Baker:** Baker Construction & Development
- **Catherine Brazil:** University of Washington
- **Chancellor Lisa Brown:** Washington State University Health Sciences Spokane
- **Bruce Butterworth:** Contract Design Associates
- **Mayor David Condon:** City of Spokane
- **Dr. Mary Cullinan:** Eastern Washington University
- **Kent Hull:** Iron Bridge LLC
- **Taodd Hume:** Parsons/Burnett/ Bjordal/ Hume, LLP (legal counsel)
- **Dr. Christine Johnson:** Community Colleges of Spokane
- **Tom Johnson:** Spokane Teachers Credit Union (STCU)
- **Dr. Thayne McCulloh:** Gonzaga University
- **Mariah McKay:** community member
- **Todd Mielke:** Greater Spokane Incorporated
- **Karl Otterstrom:** Spokane Transit Authority

- **Kim Pearman-Gillman:** McKinstry
- **Mark Richard:** Downtown Spokane Partnership
- **Council President Ben Stuckart:** Spokane City Council
- **Dr. Beck Taylor:** Whitworth University
- **Kim Zentz:** Washington State University, Urbanova

*The University District offers opportunities to address economic development issues, smart urban growth, environmental restoration, transportation improvements and housing needs.*

*Connecting the core strengths of the educational institutions with regional economic drivers, The University District provides an urban laboratory for the creation of new knowledge and opportunities for community-engaged research that builds economic value and quality of life.*

*This premier location provides a unique opportunity to tightly weave Spokane's urban fabric with the higher education and health care industries into a diverse and powerful economic engine of the 21st century. Find out more at [www.spokaneudistrict.org](http://www.spokaneudistrict.org).*

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