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Seattle Center Changes Course, Announces It Will Disclose Names of Chihuly Museum Jury

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After stating earlier this week that the individuals judging the Chihuly museum bid would **remain anonymous** until the review process ended, the Seattle Center just sent out a press release naming the panel members.

From Seattle Center announcement:

Bill Block, chair of the Seattle Center Advisory Commission, will lead a proposal review panel consisting of members of the Century 21 Committee. The panel will meet during the months of June and July and will host a meeting to obtain public input prior to making its recommendation(s) to Seattle Center Director Robert Nellams. Nellams will take the panel's decision to Mayor Mike McGinn, who may pass it on to the Seattle City Council for consideration. Members of the panel confirmed to date include: **Maria Barrientos, Trish Dziko, Tom Gerlach, Jerry Quinn Lee, Donnie Moodie, Jeff Schoenfeld** and **Bryce Seidl**.

I haven't had a chance to figure out who all these people are, but Bryce Seidl—a former director of the Pilchuck Glass School, co-founded by Dale Chihuly—has an apparent conflict of interest. He and the panel will be judging the Chihuly bid and weighing it against competing bids for a Native Cultural Center, a large central park, a KEXP station, and several others. Obviously, it doesn't make sense to have people with ties to Chihuly holding sway over a process that stands to benefit him.

To Seattle Center's credit, it will be holding a public meeting (date and time TBA) and will post the **full proposals** online tomorrow.

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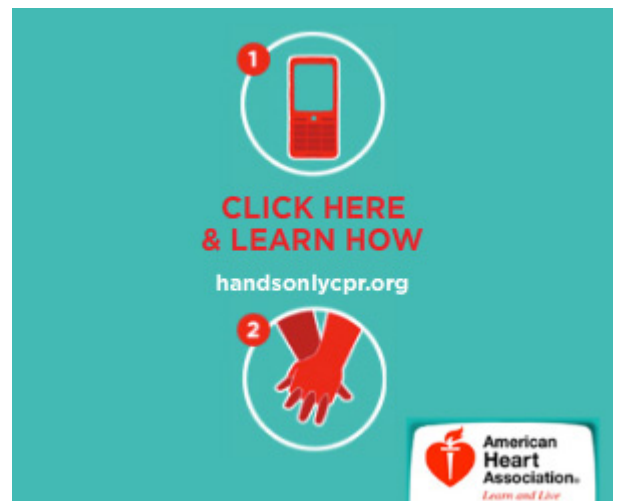
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