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Norman Rice to lead The Seattle Foundation as new president/CEO

SEATTLE – The Seattle Foundation today announced it has selected former Seattle Mayor Norman Rice as its new president/CEO.

Rice served two terms as the Mayor of the City of Seattle, from 1990–1997, after serving 11 years on the Seattle City Council. He is currently a distinguished visiting practitioner at the Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs at the University of Washington.

“Needless to say, Norman is exceptionally qualified to lead The Seattle Foundation,” said the Foundation’s Board of Trustees Chair Bill Lewis, who chaired the search committee. “His continued involvement in our community clearly demonstrates his commitment to our mission and building the health of this region.”

The Foundation selected Rice following a nationwide search to replace former President/CEO Phyllis Campbell, who after six years left the Foundation in March to lead JP Morgan–Chase as senior executive in Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

Following his tenure as mayor, Rice served as CEO of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle where he created innovative home-ownership programs to help low- and moderate-income homebuyers, especially Native American and first-time homebuyers.

He also led the United Way of King County’s 2006 campaign and played an integral role in the University of Washington’s \$2 billion capital campaign beginning in 2003.

“I have had the privilege to devote my career to making my community a better place,” said Rice. “That’s what The Seattle Foundation does everyday. I’m so energized by the Foundation’s work and the opportunity to contribute to the incredible legacy it has built throughout our community.”

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"This is a time when we face profound challenges. There is nothing more important than the continued dedication of the Foundation to create a stronger and healthier community for everyone," said Rice.

Rice has distinguished himself in a number of public/private ventures in the region over the past three decades. These ventures include:

Professional experience

- Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs, Distinguished Visiting Practitioner, University of Washington, 2006
- Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle, CEO and Executive Vice President, 1997–2005
- City of Seattle, Mayor, 1990–1997
- City of Seattle, Councilmember, 1978–1989
- Rainier Bank, Manager, corporate contributions and social policy, 1976–1978
- Puget Sound Regional Council, Director of Governmental Services, 1973–1976

Community & corporate leadership

- Enterprise Community Partners, Chairman, Board of Trustees, 1997–Present
- Brookings Institution, Member of Advisory Committee for Sustainable Communities, 1992–Present
- Safeco Corporation, Director, 1999–2005
- U.S. Conference of Mayors, President, 1995–1996
- United Way of King County, Campaign co-chair (with Constance Rice), 2006
- University of Washington, Co-chair, \$2 Billion Campaign for Excellence, 2003–Present

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