

BRIAN SURRATT



Brian Surratt is a multi-sector executive with 25 years of experience driving economic development and cultivating partnerships across private and public sectors and diverse communities. Brian's career reflects a commitment to engaging community, private, and public sector leaders to advance economic prosperity so individuals and communities can flourish in our competitive, global economy.

Currently, Brian is the President and CEO of Greater Seattle Partners (GSP), a public/private partnership that advances inclusive economic growth and competitiveness for the Puget Sound region. The GSP team focuses on attracting new investment and talent, promoting international trade and growing existing industry clusters to create and sustain opportunity and prosperity for everyone in Greater Seattle.

Brian served as the first Puget Sound Executive Director of one of the country's largest community development finance organizations, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), where he launched a multi-million dollar "Housing Equity Accelerator" program with Amazon to capitalize and scale emerging Black affordable housing developers the region.

He was a Vice President at Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc., the leading publicly traded urban real estate investment trust focused on building collaborative life science and technology campuses in the nation's most dynamic innovation centers. He was a key member of Seattle's executive team and supported Alexandria's dramatic expansion of life science space in the market.

Brian also was the mayor-appointed Director of Economic Development for the city of Seattle, and he oversaw efforts that spanned workforce development, manufacturing growth, foreign-direct investment, and anti-displacement strategies. He negotiated the city's \$1.6 billion development agreement to build Climate Pledge Arena and served as the policy lead in Seattle's historic efforts as the first major city in the United States to raise the minimum wage to \$15 per hour.

Brian serves in a range of community and public governance roles as well. He serves as Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Seattle Colleges District, the state's largest community college system, as a Commissioner for the Washington State Housing Finance Commission, and on the Public Facilities District. Brian also on the boards of several community-based organizations, including the Swedish Health Services and Downtown Emergency Service Center.

Brian received his bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University of Tulsa and a master's degree in public policy from the University of Washington. He is a German Marshall Memorial Fellow and Woodrow Wilson Public Policy and International Affairs Fellow.