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# Seattle Resident Joins the Alzheimer's Association Board of Directors

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The Alzheimer's Association announces the election of Mikaela Louie, J.D., from Seattle to its Board of Directors.

Louie, 33, joins the 30-member, volunteer governing board in steering the strategic direction of the Association as it carries out its mission to lead the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia - by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support.

Louie currently serves as an associate at Foster Garvey P.C., one of the largest law firms based in the Pacific Northwest with offices in Seattle, Portland, Spokane, Washington, D.C., and New York. In her current role, Louie represents health care facilities and providers on a wide range of legal matters, allowing them to focus on offering quality care and access to their patients and communities.

Since 2014, Louie has served on the Board of Directors for the Alzheimer's Association Washington State Chapter, including in her most recent role as Board Chair. She also served as chair of the chapter's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee. Additionally, Louie is the Alzheimer's advocacy Ambassador to U.S. Representative Pramila Jayapal of Washington's 7th Congressional District.

Louie's long-time support and involvement with the Alzheimer's Association is personal. Over a decade ago, her mother was diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's disease. Since then, Louie has devoted her time and efforts with the Alzheimer's Association to drive a more inclusive narrative, advocate for equitable services and fight for a cure.

**"I am thrilled to join the Alzheimer's Association Board of Directors to be a steward of the organization and this cause," said Louie. "I am energized and excited about the direction of the organization, its emphasis on health equity, and the prospect of changing the course of this devastating disease for individuals, caregivers, families, and future generations."**

Louie will serve a two-year term on the Alzheimer's Association Board.

"We are pleased to welcome Mikaela to the Alzheimer's Association Board of Directors," said Sarah Lorance, chair, Alzheimer's Association Board of Directors. "Her expertise, background, and passion for our mission will be invaluable for all communities as we work together in pursuit of the Association's vision of a world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia."

More than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease, according to the Alzheimer's Association 2022 [Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures](#) report, including 120,000 in Washington. Alzheimer's is a leading cause of death in the United States and one in three seniors dies with Alzheimer's or another dementia.

The Alzheimer's Association is the largest Alzheimer's advocacy organization in the world. The Alzheimer's Association advocates for the needs and rights of people facing Alzheimer's disease and all other dementia. The Association is driving policymakers in Washington, D.C. and across the country to take historic steps to address the growing Alzheimer's public health crisis. The Association's efforts have secured robust increases for Alzheimer's and dementia research funding at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and critical legislation, such as the National Alzheimer's Project Act to make a positive and meaningful impact on people living with Alzheimer's and their caregivers.

### **About the Alzheimer's Association**

The Alzheimer's Association is a worldwide voluntary health organization dedicated to Alzheimer's care, support and research. Our mission is to lead the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia - by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia®. Visit [alz.org](http://alz.org) or call 800.272.3900.

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