



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Christine Lew		
Board/Commission Name: Seattle Disability Commission		Position Title: Commissioner
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	Date Appointed: <i>mm/dd/yy.</i>	Term of Position: 5/1/21 to 4/30/23 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood:	Zip Code: 98103	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: I identify as a queer, neurodivergent/disabled, Asian American woman. I am also a CODA (Child of Deaf Adults), meaning both of my parents are Deaf and my first language is ASL. My personal experiences have been a mis-mash of the beautiful sides of disability and Deaf culture, entangled with explicit ableism and oppressive structures. When I entered the University of Washington, I wanted to channel those experiences into my studies, and I am now a Psychology and Disability Studies double major. I've done academic research on racial microaggressions, and I am now conducting my own qualitative research on the idea of Disability Gain (advantages of having a different body/mind). In my volunteer capacity, I have worked in Tent Cities, taught Deaf/disabled children ASL, served as a mentor and teacher for freshman and sophomore college students, worked with Special Olympics Washington to plan events, and more. In my professional career, I've worked in the ASUW Student Disability Commission for 3 years, both as Assistant Director, and Director, leading advocacy efforts alongside disabled students at UW. All of these experiences have led me to this present moment, with a heightened awareness of the barriers that disabled people face within the city of Seattle. I sincerely believe I have the leadership, collaboration, and advocacy skills to contribute meaningfully to the Seattle Disability Commission, alongside a deep history and passion for disability justice.		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 	Appointing Signatory: <i>Tammy J. Morales</i> <i>City Councilmember</i>	

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CHRISTINE LEW



EDUCATION

AUGUST 2017-PRESENT • UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

- Intended Majors- Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Disability Studies
- Intended Minor- American Sign Language
- Interdisciplinary Honors Program

WORK EXPERIENCE

JUNE 2017 – PRESENT • WASHINGTON STATE SUMMER CON • LOGISTICS/STAFF
MANAGER

JUNE 2020 – PRESENT • NURSING EVOLUTIONS • HR ASSISTANT AND ASL TEACHER

SEPTEMBER 2019 – PRESENT • STUDENT DISABILITY COMMISSION (ASUW) • DIRECTOR

- Advocating for changes in policy to better serve disabled students
- Planning events and creating programs to reflect the diverse identities under the 'disability' umbrella
- Improving sustainability by creating an Alumni Association and continuing to work on transition documents

SEPTEMBER 2018 – JUNE 2019 • STUDENT DISABILITY COMMISSION (ASUW) •
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

- Managed a team of 11 interns, provided support and guidance
- Oversaw internal operations of the commission (organization of transition documents, created remote work access tracking tools)

JANUARY 2018-SEPTEMBER 2018 • COMPASS INTERPRETING

- American Sign Language Interpreting training program (specifically for Children of Deaf Adults)

LEADERSHIP

September 2017-Present: ASL Club at UW (current President)

September 2017-Present: UW Special Olympics partner

September 2017-Present: Special Olympics Washington volunteer management team

September 2017-Present: Laboratory Research Assistant for Psychology School of Social
Connection

January 2018-Present: UW Leaders mentor

September 2019-Present: UW Interdisciplinary Honors program Peer Mentor/Peer
Educator

VOLUNTEERING

2016-Present: The Daffodil

Festival- 700+ hours

2017-Present: Special Olympics Washington- 30+ hours

2018-Present: Seattle Hearing, Speech, and Deaf Center (Rosen Family Preschool)

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Seattle Disability Commission

May 2021

21 Members: Pursuant to *SMC 3.14.920*, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 2-year terms:

- 8 City Council-appointed
- 9 Mayor-appointed (includes 1 Get-engaged Mayor position)
- 4 Other Appointing Authority-appointed (specify): Commission-appointed

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
9	F	3	1.	Member	Hannah Wilson	5/01/21	4/30/23	1	Mayor
			2.	Member	VACANT	5/01/19	4/30/21		City Council
6	M	3	3.	Member	VACANT	5/01/19	4/30/21		Mayor
			4.	Member	Christine Lew	5/01/21	4/30/23	1	City Council
			5.	Member	VACANT	11/1/19	10/31/21		Mayor
			6.	Member	VACANT	11/1/19	10/31/21		City Council
2	NB	5	7.	Member	ChrisTiana ObeySumner	11/1/19	10/31/21	3	Mayor
			8.	Member	April Snow	11/1/19	10/31/21	1	Commission
4	F		9.	Member	Kristina Sawyckyj	5/01/20	4/30/22	2	City Council
2	F	3	10.	Member	Anquida Adams	5/01/20	4/30/22	2	Mayor
6	F	7	11.	Member	Jessica Williams-Hall	5/01/20	4/30/22	2	City Council
			12.	Member	VACANT	5/01/20	4/30/22		Mayor
			13.	Member	VACANT	11/1/20	10/31/22		City Council
			14.	Member	VACANT	11/1/20	10/31/22		Mayor
			15.	Member	Taylor Woods	11/1/20	10/31/22	1	City Council
			16.	Get Engaged	Paula Orrego	9/1/20	8/31/21	1	Mayor
			17.	Member	Heyiwot Amare	5/01/20	4/30/22	1	City Council
			18.	Member	VACANT	11/1/20	10/31/22		Mayor
1	M	2	19.	Member	Daniel Kogita	5/01/20	4/30/22	2	Commission
			20.	Member	Dawn Dailey	11/1/20	10/31/22	1	Commission
		1	21.	Member	Kaitlin Skilton	11/1/20	10/31/22	1	Commission

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

					(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
	Male	Female	Transgender	NB/ O/ U	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other	Caucasian/ Non-Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	1	2		1		2				1			1
Council	1	2						1		2			
Other	1				1								
Total	3	4		1	1	2		1		3			1

Key:

*D List the corresponding *Diversity Chart* number (1 through 9)

**G List *gender*, M= Male, F= Female, T= Transgender, NB= Non-Binary O= Other U= Unknown

RD Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A

Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.