




# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Annabelle Backman</i>		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> <i>Seattle LGBTQ Commission</i>		<b>Position Title:</b> <i>Commission Member</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Appointment</b> OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Reappointment</b>		<b>Council Confirmation required?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Appointing Authority:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	<b>Date Appointed:</b>	<b>Term of Position: *</b> <i>5/1/2020</i> <b>to</b> <i>4/30/2022</i>  <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>Phinney Ridge</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> <i>98103</i>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b>
<b>Background:</b> <i>Annabelle Backman is a queer transgender woman who lives with her wife in Phinney Ridge. A software engineer specializing in digital identity and security, she is a professional problem solver with extensive experience finding flaws and unintended effects within complex systems and educating those with relative privilege on the impact that design decisions or policies can have on those without. Beyond the workplace, she brings these skills to the various industry standards organizations she participates in, and to the 43<sup>rd</sup> District Democrats, where she is the Chair of the Technology Committee. Annabelle endeavors to leverage her privilege to advocate for equitable solutions to hard problems that include and support LGBTQ people, people of color, indigenous people, people with disabilities, and all others. She has been serving as a Commissioner for the Seattle LGBTQ Commission since 2019 and looks forward to her continued work.</i>		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b>  		<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <i>Councilmember Tammy Morales</i> <i>Seattle City Council</i>

*\*Term begin and end date is fixed and tied to the position and not the appointment date.*

# Annabelle Backman

## Engagement

Technology Committee Chair, 43<sup>rd</sup> District Democrats, September 2017 – Present

1. Maintain website, email, and other technical infrastructure.
2. Manage live streaming of organization events.

Rules and Bylaws Committee Chair, 43<sup>rd</sup> District Democrats, February 2018 – Present

3. Organized and lead committee through authoring and adoption of cleanup and overhaul of organization bylaws.

Precinct Committee Officer, Precinct SEA 43-1341, September 2018 – Present

4. Walk precinct to discuss issues concerning residents, inform residents of upcoming elections, and “get out the vote.”

## Employment

Senior Software Development Engineer, Amazon, August 2012 – Present

5. Technical lead within the AWS Identity organization; design and build secure, reliable, scalable identity, authentication, and authorization solutions for a broad range of customers. Set technical direction for the organization and help teams understand and execute on vision.
6. Work with teams across company to understand platform requirements and use cases.
7. Lead development of API authorization platform in use by products and services built by teams across the company.
8. Drive security and operational excellence initiatives.
9. Work across companies through standards bodies to improve account security globally.

Senior Website Developer, Blue Nile, May 2012 – August 2012

10. Lead requirements gathering, planning, and design of refactoring and technical debt reduction efforts on a multi-million dollar-a-year e-commerce site.

Senior Software Developer, Vertafore, May 2007 – May 2012

11. Lead design and development of enterprise web applications and web service APIs from proof-of-concept to production.
12. Evangelized for best practices and high standards for quality.
13. Mentored team members via code reviews and collaborative design discussions.

Software Developer, Byte Software, August 2005 – April 2007

14. Developed desktop loan origination software for enterprises and small businesses.
15. Developed SQL database and data access layer web service.

## Education

16. MS in Computer Science, 2017, University of Washington
17. BA in History and Linguistics, 2005, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

# Seattle Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Commission

## October 2020

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

- 8 City Council-appointed
- 9 Mayor-appointed
- 4 Other Appointing Authority-appointed: Commission-appointed

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
			1.	Member	Juan C. Rodriguez	5/1/19	4/30/21	1	City Council
			2.	Member	VACANT	5/1/19	4/30/21	1	Mayor
			3.	Member	Byram Simpson	5/1/19	4/30/21	2	City Council
			4.	Member	Latosha Correll	5/1/19	4/30/21	2	Mayor
			5.	Member	DeAunte Damper	5/1/19	4/30/21	1	City Council
			6.	Member	Manuel Venegas	11/1/19	10/31/21	3	Mayor
			7.	Member	Kari Lerum	11/1/19	10/31/21	2	Commission
			8.	Member	Steven Pray	11/1/19	10/31/21	1	Mayor
			9.	Member	VACANT	5/1/20	4/30/22	1	City Council
			10.	Member	Nathaniel Higby	5/1/20	4/30/22	1	Mayor
			11.	Member	Joseph Suttner	5/1/20	4/30/22	2	City Council
			12.	Member	Brett Pepowski	5/1/20	4/30/22	1	Mayor
			13.	Member	Michael B. Garrett	11/1/18	10/31/20	1	City Council
			14.	Member	Ryan Bush	11/1/18	10/31/20	1	Mayor
			15.	Member	Deepa Sivarajan	11/1/19	10/31/21	2	City Council
			16.	Get Engaged	Yasmine Aceves	9/1/20	8/31/21	1	Mayor
			17.	Member	Annabelle Backman	5/1/20	4/30/22	1	City Council
			18.	Member	Christopher M. Brown	11/1/19	10/31/21	2	Mayor
			19.	Member	Victor Loo	11/1/19	10/31/21	1	Commission
			20.	Member	VACANT	5/1/20	4/30/22	1	Commission
			21.	Member	Jessi Murray	5/1/20	4/30/22	2	Commission

### SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)				
	Men	Women	Transgender	Unknown	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other	Caucasian/ Non-Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	4	5				2	2		1	5			2
Council	3	1	1		2		1	1	1	1			1
Comm	1	2			1					3			
Total	8	8	1		3	2	3	1	2	9			3

Key:

- \*D List the corresponding *Diversity Chart* number (1 through 9)
  - \*\*G List *gender*, M = Male, F= Female, T= Transgender, U= Unknown
  - RD Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A
- Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.*