




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Byram Simpson</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle LGBTQ Commission</i>		Position Title: <i>Member</i>
<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:	Term of Position: * 5/1/2019 to 4/30/2021
Residential Neighborhood: Ravenna	Zip Code: 98105	Contact Phone No.:
Background: Over the course of my 7 months as a confirmed LGBTQ Commissioner, I have only become more passionate about building bridges between my LGBTQ community and city government and ensuring that the voices of the most marginalized are not only being heard but elevated in a city with increasing national stature. I am excited for the changes we have been discussing as a Commission to ensure that our meetings are accessible and accountable to the community we are tasked with representing. The City of Seattle is experiencing an ongoing emergency of housing and affordability primarily impacting queer and transgender people/people of color, and I intend to use my knowledge, skills, expertise, and relationships to center these groups as we adapt our homelessness response.		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 		Appointing Signatory: <i>Councilmember Lisa Herbold</i> <i>Seattle City Council</i>

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

BYRAM SIMPSON, BSW



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OBJECTIVE

To dismantle oppressive structures in professional life and social services. To create space for voices which have historically been ignored and silenced.

SKILLS

I am a training specialist, able to communicate complex and uncomfortable topics with compassion, humor, and understanding.

EXPERIENCE

PROGRAM MANAGER, PATHWAYS AND TRAINING - YOUTHCARE

June 2017 – Present

As a Program Manager in two departments, I have experience providing supervision and on call support to direct service youth workers supporting oppressed young people. My accomplishments include development and facilitation of trainings, oversight of reporting for 6 private and government contracts, budget management, and implementation of new contract projects.

LEAD BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COUNSELOR - EATING RECOVERY CENTER OF WASHINGTON

February 2013 – May 2017

Over 4 years at ERC, I developed mastery in areas of individual counseling, crisis management and de-escalation, group facilitation, public speaking, training development and delivery, supervision and scheduling of multiple teams.

EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK - GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduated April 2011

Completion of Generalist Practice course work with a focus on social justice and anti-oppressive practice. In this program I completed a one year internship serving homeless young people. Here I gained passion for centering social justice in my work.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

In June of 2018, I was appointed to serve on Seattle's LGBTQ Commission advising the Mayor and City Council on policy and social issues impacting the LGBTQ community. Prior to beginning my social work career, I also participated in the Disney College Program as an Attractions Host in Epcot from September 2011 to June 2012.

Seattle Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Commission

May 2019

16 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	VACANT	5/1/19	4/30/21	1	City Council
			2.	Member	Katrina Sanford	5/1/19	4/30/21	2	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	Ely Hernandez	5/1/19	4/30/21	2	City Council
			6.	Member	Manuel Venegas	11/1/17	10/31/19	3	Mayor
			7.	Member	Kari Lerum	11/1/17	10/31/19	1	Commission
			8.	Member	Lindsay Church	11/1/17	10/31/19	1	Mayor
			9.	Member	Wayne Rocque	5/1/18	4/30/20	1	City Council
			10.	Member	VACANT	5/1/18	4/30/20	1	Mayor
			11.	Member	Joseph Suttner	5/1/18	4/30/20	1	City Council
			12.	Member	VACANT	5/1/18	4/30/20	1	Mayor
			13.	Member	Michael B. Garrett	11/1/18	10/31/20	1	City Council
			14.	Member	VACANT	11/1/16	10/31/18	1	Mayor
			15.	Member	Deepa Sivarajan	11/1/17	10/31/19	1	City Council
			16.	Get Engaged	Alejandro Castillo	9/1/18	8/31/19	1	Mayor
			17.	Member	VACANT	5/1/18	4/30/20	1	City Council
			18.	Member	Christopher Brown	11/1/17	10/31/19	1	Mayor
			19.	Member	Lauren Boling	11/1/17	10/31/19	1	Commission
			20.	Member	Sabel Roizen	5/1/18	4/30/20	1	Commission
			21.	Member	Jessi Murray	5/1/18	4/30/20	1	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	2	5				1	3		1	3			2
Council	2	1			2			1		1			1
Comm		2								3			
Total	4	8			2	1	3	1	1	7			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.