




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Christina Wong</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Sugar Sweetened Beverage Tax Advisory Commission</i>		Position Title: <i>Member</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" 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: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Date Appointed: <i>9/1/2019</i>	Term of Position: * <i>9/1/2019</i> to <i>8/31/2023</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Beacon Hill</i>	Zip Code: <i>98144</i>	Contact Phone No.: <i>Business phone # - NOT personal phone #</i>
Background: <i>Christina Wong studied social work and policy at the University of Chicago and is a graduate of the University of Washington School of Law. She has over 20 years of experience as an advocate for social justice issues, including her work with survivors of interpersonal violence, disability rights, comprehensive immigration reform, and child welfare. Christina provides information and updates on food and nutrition issues and educates state and federal law makers about the needs of our clients in order to strengthen and restore our public safety net.</i>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 	Appointing Signatory: <i>Mike O'Brien</i> <i>Councilmember, City of Seattle</i>	

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

Christina J. Wong

EDUCATION

University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, Washington
Juris Doctor, Public Interest Law Concentration Track, June 2009

University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration, Chicago, Illinois
Master of Arts, Social Service Administration with focus in Social Policy, June 2000

University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
Bachelor of Arts, English Language and Literature, Academic and Department Honors, June 1998

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Northwest Harvest

Seattle, Washington

Public Policy Manager

Northwest Harvest provides nutritious food to 375 food banks, meal programs and high need schools. Advocate with state and federal law makers on issues related to nutrition assistance, housing, and access to affordable health care. Responsible for determining and implementing mobilization and communications strategies for a statewide network of advocates. Supervise regular and contract staff. Research and manage the gathering of quantitative and qualitative data for production of an annual "Focus on Food Security" report as well as position papers, advocacy alerts, and fact sheets. Work with external partners and coalitions, representing the voice of hungry families on issues related to welfare, housing, and child nutrition. Chair the Washington State Anti-Hunger & Nutrition Coalition (since 2012). Recently featured in Seattle Times "Cool Jobs" series.

Northwest Federation of Community Organizations

Seattle, Washington

Senior Program Associate

NWFCO is a regional network that provides policy research, publication development, and organizing capacity building assistance to grassroots organizations in several states. Responsible for managing NWFCO's campaign for comprehensive immigration reform, including coordination with national and local campaigns; participation in committees that helped shape federal legislation for comprehensive immigration reform sponsored by Rep. Luis Guterrez (D. IL); developing electronic communications to mobilize 200 community organizers; and developing media alerts, fact sheets, curricula, and activity tool kits. As a 2007 summer intern, collected personal stories for annual Job Gap Report and drafted report on immigrant access to health care.

Disability Law Center

Salt Lake City, Utah

Legal Advocate

The Disability Law Center is the federally mandated protection and advocacy system for Utah. Investigated issues of abuse and neglect in private long-term care, correctional and juvenile detention settings. Researched applicable regulations and resolved systemic problems through negotiation of private institutional and public policies. Developed and facilitated the Utah Multidisciplinary Task Force which was recognized nationwide as a "Best Practice" in 2005 by the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Developmental Disabilities. Led investigation and drafted report in response to allegations of parental custody relinquishment in order to obtain mental health treatment for children. Drafted fact sheets, bill analysis and legislative testimony. Participated in internal and external strategic planning committees. Wrote successful grant proposals to fund statewide trainings for family advocates in nursing facilities and to develop curriculum to train domestic violence shelters and rape crisis centers in serving survivors with disabilities.

Cleveland Rape Crisis Center

Cleveland, Ohio

Advocate

Managed and facilitated meetings for the Coordinated Community Response Program in seven municipal jurisdictions in Northeastern Ohio to ensure seamless assistance between police, prosecutors, and victim service agencies to victims of sexual assault. Provided emotional support to survivors through all states of criminal prosecution of their perpetrators. Provided trainings for volunteers, police officers, hospital workers, and criminal grand jury members in victim sensitivity. Wrote successful grant proposals, acquiring funds for counseling and art therapy services provided by the Center.

YWCA of Summit County

Akron, Ohio

Volunteer Coordinator

Developed and implemented volunteer training curriculum, including section in cultural competency. Recruited, trained, and supervised over 100 volunteer hospital and crisis hotline advocates. Provided emotional support to rape survivors at Akron hospitals during forensic evidence collection process.

Westside Healthy Start Evaluation Project**Chicago, Illinois****Research Assistant**

Interviewed low-income pregnant women seeking prenatal care at community health clinics on the Westside of Chicago regarding the quality of care and gathering medical and social data. Reviewed patient records for data related to pregnancy histories, current care, and outcomes after birth. Provided some patient education on benefits of accessing prenatal care. Assisted with data entry and analysis for final report.

RELATED INTERNSHIP/VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES**The Cross Cultural Health Care Program****Seattle, Washington****Publications & Research Support Volunteer**

The CCHCP develops and implements training curricula and publications to reduce barriers to accessing health care for immigrant and refugee communities. Researching and identifying training needs in ethnogerontology, including concerns about disparate or insufficient treatment of limited English speaking elderly patients in nursing facilities, and elderly immigrants understanding of their rights to public health and SSI/SSDI benefits. Identifying potential partner agencies for training in environmental justice and cultural competency, including designing brochure discussing CCHCP training program, and researching local and federal responses to the BP Oil Spill for an upcoming speaker series event. Revising and fact checking manual explaining immigration law timeline into more reader-friendly format.

UW Children and Youth Advocacy Clinic**Seattle, Washington****Student Advocate**

The Children and Youth Advocacy Clinic provides direct representation and legislative advocacy on child welfare issues. As a participant in the first year of the policy clinic, responsible for tracking all legislation related to education, child welfare, and juvenile offender issues, wrote and presented position papers to the Juvenile Law Section of the state Bar Association; drafted fact sheets and legislative testimony to assist with legislative advocacy efforts. As a member of the direct representation clinic, represented foster children in their court hearings and in multi-disciplinary meetings to advocate for their safety, therapeutic, and educational needs.

Disability Rights Washington**Seattle, Washington****Summer Intern**

Conducted investigation into the policies, procedures, and practices of Child Protective Services to identify issues of discrimination against parents with disabilities. Drafted a report of investigation's findings to be disseminated to advocacy groups in Spokane, Washington. Compared and analyzed provisions in state and federal statutes and regulations to increase protections for residents in residential habilitation centers. Assisted with joint project with TeamChild on children's access to community mental health services. Provided information and referral to inmates with disabilities.

Illinois Attorney General, Violence Against Women Unit**Chicago, Illinois****Policy and Program Development Intern**

Developed guidelines and programs to implement requests from the State Legislature on issues related to violence against women, including a confidential mailing address service for survivors of domestic violence, roundtable discussions between colleges and local service agencies on the issue of date rape drugs, and a protocol for universal screening for domestic violence in hospital emergency rooms. Responded to constituent concerns through letters and phone calls.

The Women's Treatment Center**Chicago, Illinois****Parenting Program Intern**

Developed and implemented curriculum for parenting classes with an emphasis on learning empathy for women transitioning out of inpatient treatment for substance abuse. Provided support to evaluation and research coordinator. Assisted inpatient women who wished to participate in writing program, developing journals to share with their children.

LICENSE AND PROFESSIONAL HONORS

- Licensed and active member of the Washington State Bar (Bar # 42143)
- Appointed Chair of Pro Bono Service Committee for the Young Lawyers Division, Washington State Bar
- Ally in Advocacy Award 2016, Washington Low Income Housing Alliance

Sweetened Beverage Tax Community Advisory Board

11 Members: Pursuant to **Ordinance 125324**, all members subject to City Council confirmation, two and four-year terms for initial appointments, four-year terms thereafter:

- 5 City Council-appointed
- 6 Mayor-appointed

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
			1.	Food Access Representative	Lisa Chen	9/1/2017	8/31/2021	1	Council
			2.	Food Access Representative		9/1/2019	8/31/2023	1	Mayor
			3.	Food Access Representative		9/1/2019	8/31/2023	1	Mayor
			4.	Community Representative		9/1/2019	8/31/2023	1	Mayor
2	F	2	5.	Community Representative	Tanika Thompson	9/1/2019	8/31/2023	1	Council
1	F	2	2.	Food Access Representative	Christina Wong	9/1/2019	8/31/2023	1	Council
3	F	4	7.	Public Health Representative	Laura Flores Cantrell	9/1/2017	8/31/2021	1	Council
6	F	1	8.	Public Health Representative	Jennifer Hey	9/1/2017	8/31/2021	1	Mayor
	M		9.	Public Health Representative	Paul E. Sherman	9/1/2017	8/31/2021	1	Mayor
			10.	Early Learning Representative		9/1/2017	8/31/2021	1	Council
1	F	4	11.	Early Learning Representative	Dila Perera	9/1/2017	8/31/2021	1	Mayor

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	0	0			1			
Council		3			1	1	1			0			
Other	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A			
Total	1	5			2	1	1			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.