

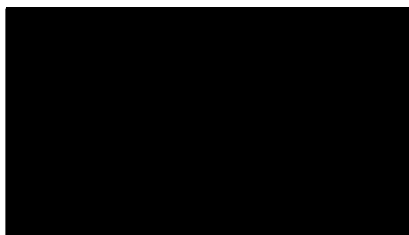


City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Clifford C. Cawthon</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle Renters' 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: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Date Appointed: <i>8/7/2017</i>	Term of Position: * <i>3/1/2017</i> to <i>2/28/2019</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>South Seattle</i>	Zip Code: <i>98118</i>	Contact Phone No.:
Background: Cliff Cawthon is a local organizer and writer from Buffalo, NY, who currently lives in Hillman City in South Seattle, with his partner another prolific organizer. Cliff has been working in politics, and part of social justice struggles for the last fifteen years while having the privilege of travelling and working alongside organizers, leaders and revolutionaries alike. Since he arrived in Seattle four years ago, he has worked alongside workers, community members and underrepresented communities on workers' rights campaigns, anti-displacement campaigns and during intense election years. Cliff, is passionate about housing justice because as a renter in Seattle he has had to face slumlords, homelessness and racial discrimination while trying to find housing. Currently he works as the Organizing Director for S.A.F.E. a Housing Justice organization and he's the Vice Chair of the Tenants Union Board of Directors. He earned an M.A. from the University of Manchester in Manchester, England with in Human Rights and Political Science in order to be able to effectively work on policies and in organizations that can fight for equity, the rights of the marginalized and most vulnerable in our society		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 		Appointing Signatory: <i>Councilmember Tim Burgess</i>

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

Clifford C Cawthon



Purpose

I am a seasoned former political organizer and writer who is looking to apply my skills toward a career in policy and/ or journalism focused on transportation, equity programs and public policy.

Awards

2016 Social Justice Fund
Displacement Grant awardee

2011-2012 Distinction-level for
Graduate school Lectures

2011 Phi Sigma Alpha Political
Science Honors Society Inductee

2010 Peace Action Fund of New
York Peacemaker of the Year
Award

2010 U.S. State Department
FIPSE-Atlantis Study Abroad
Research Scholarship Recipient

Skills

Advanced Policy Research

Managing and creating social
media content.

Proficiency with Salesforce and
office applications

Education



MA in Human Rights (Political Science)

University of Manchester, December 2012



BA in Political Science. Minor: Philosophy

State University of New York College at Buffalo, May 2011

Experience

Organizing Director

Sept 2016 – Present

Standing Against Foreclosure & Eviction

- Doubled the membership through attention-grabbing campaigns.
- Secured support for a city-wide income tax.
- Awarded funding from donors for our displacement work.

Political Columnist/ Reporter

Aug 2016 – Jun 2016

South Seattle Emerald

- Covered city hall, local and statewide politics, neighborhood and regional affairs.
- Coverage led to the Emerald receiving the 2017 Muni League Award

Contributor

Feb. 2016- Present

International Examiner

- Covered neighborhood economic development and local politics.

Regional Field Coordinator

Sept. - Nov 2016

Mass Transit Now Campaign

- Led campaign activities in South King County that directly led to the victory of Sound Transit 3/ Regional Proposition One.
- Coordinated a social-justice focused coalition.

Regional Field Director

Feb 2016- Jul 2016

Washington State Democrats Coordinated Campaign

- Managed state-party staff and offices during the 2016 election cycle
- Organized campaign activities across the state.
- Created the first Racial Justice training for the party

Low Wage Worker Campaign Organizer

Jun 2014- Feb 2016

Working Washington

- Led the victorious campaign in Tacoma, WA for a \$12/hr minimum wage bill.
 - Organized across the state focusing on wages & safety issues.
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Board Memberships

Vice Chair/ Policy and Advocacy Director- *Tenants Union of WA-* Sept. 2016- Present

Board-member- *Hillman City Collaboratory-* May 2017- Present

Program Committee- *Rainier Beach Action Coalition-* Feb. 2017- Present

Seattle Renters' Commission

15 Members: Pursuant to *Ordinance 125280*, all members subject to City Council confirmation, one-and-two year terms for initial round of appointments, two-year terms thereafter:

- 6 City Council-appointed
- 7 Mayor-appointed (one Get-Engaged Member)
- 2 Commission-appointed

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	NB	1	1.	Member	Jessie Jacobs	3/1/17	2/28/18	1	Council
3	M	6	2.	Member	Michael Padilla Ocampo	3/1/17	2/28/19	1	Council
6	F	4	3.	Member	Jessica Westgren	3/1/17	2/28/18	1	Council
2	M	2	4.	Member	Clifford C. Cawthon	3/1/17	2/28/19	1	Council
1	NB	3	5.	Member	Laurie Rocello Torres	3/1/17	2/28/18	1	Council
9	M	7	6.	Member	L. Curtis Blankinship	3/1/17	2/28/19	1	Council
			7.	Member		3/1/17	2/28/18	1	Mayor
			8.	Member		3/1/17	2/28/19	1	Mayor
			9.	Member		3/1/17	2/28/18	1	Mayor
			10.	Member		3/1/17	2/28/19	1	Mayor
			11.	Member		3/1/17	2/28/18	1	Mayor
			12.	Member		3/1/17	2/28/19	1	Mayor
			13.	Member		3/1/17	2/28/18	1	Commission
			14.	Member		3/1/17	2/28/19	1	Commission
			15.	Get Engaged Member		9/1/17	8/31/18	1	Mayor

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

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