




# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>ChrisTiana ObeySumner</i>		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> <i>Seattle Renters' Commission</i>		<b>Position Title:</b> <i>Member</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		<b>Council Confirmation required?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Appointing Authority:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	<b>Date Appointed:</b> 3/1/2019	<b>Term of Position: *</b> 3/1/2019 to 2/28/2021
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>Haller Lake</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> 98133	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> <i>Business phone # - NOT personal phone #</i>
<b>Background:</b> <i>ChrisTiana ObeySumner is an Alaskan-Born, Philly-Raised, East-Coast transplant who moved to the area in 2010 to attend Seattle University as a Transfer Scholar. They have a BS in Psychology, a Masters in Nonprofit Leadership, and is currently pursuing their M.Ed. in Clinical Mental Health &amp; Addictions Counseling. Their area of expertise and research is the relationship between marginalized and oppressed intersectionalities and access to basic human needs and rights in American society. ChrisTiana is the chair of the Housing Committee within the Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities and is also the founding Executive Director of the Eleanor Elizabeth Institute for Black Empowerment.</i>		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b> 		<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <i>Jenny Durkan</i> Mayor, City of Seattle

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



# Epiphanies of Equity: Education & Consulting

ChrisTiana ObeySumner, MNPL

## Framework and Approach:

As a Social Equity Educator, Consultant, and Advocate, I combine “social psychology for social justice” and first-hand experience as a queer, disabled Black womxn to empower change initiatives that expand horizons of understanding across identity and intersections in the spirit of community and cultural humility.

## Summary of Skills:

- Ignition of actionable partnerships and allyship building, with congenial coalition management
- Facilitation of difficult conversations with patience, empathy, and a sense of humor
- Agile anticipation to changing priorities of obstacles to implementation
- Critical analysis and conflict management in complex situations
- Dynamic business storytelling and masterful public speaking
- Tact and diplomacy identifying causes for social problems
- Change leadership and emotional intelligence
- Cognitive flexibility and abstract thinking

## Education

- Masters of Public Administration, (*In Process*), Seattle University, 2018-2019
- M. Ed., Clinical Mental Health Counselling (*On Hold*), Seattle University, 2016-2017; 2019-2021
- Master of Non-Profit Leadership, Seattle University, 2014-2016
- B. Sc., Psychology, Dept. Honors. Magna Cum Laude, Seattle University, 2010-2013
- A.A., Journalism, Jefferson County Community and Technical College, Louisville, KY 2008-2010

## Highlighted Clients and Contracts:

- Seattle Opera, Social Impact Consultant
- Solid Ground, Diversity 101 Trainer
- EnvironmentalWorks, DEI Consultant and Trainer
- Arc of King County, Autism Interdialogues Collaborator
- Seattle Office of Civil Rights, Racial Equity Toolkit Consultant Taskforce
- Washington State Misdemeanor Probation Officers Conference, Race and Criminal Justice Presentation
- Casa Latina, Volunteer Appreciation Training – Intersectionality 101 and Narrative Identity
- University Prep Seattle, Intersectionality 101 Training & Ethnic Hair Care Lab
- Harborview Medical Center: Madison Clinic, Homeless Navigation and CEA workshop
- Bailey Boushay House, Housing Navigation and Strategy presentation
- Womxn’s Act on Seattle, Narrative Identity Development for White Allyship training
- Unloop, Intersectionality 101 Training
- GeekGirlCon, Youth Empowerment Arts Workshop
- Seattle University: Office of Multicultural Affairs, Diversity and Equity Education Project
- Seattle University: African American Alumni Society, Black and Brown Career Panel
- Seattle University Graduate Student Council: Social Justice Week, Disabilities Power Speech
- Rooted in Rights WA, Mental Health and Gun Violence Advocacy Panel
- NAMI WA, Storyteller and Conference Presenter
- College Access Now, Chief Sealth High School Career Panelist





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## Community and Social Engagement

- Seattle City Council Candidate, *Seattle Seat 8, (2017)*: Voted 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 13 candidates in straw poll
- Co-Chair, Seattle Disabilities Commission, *1<sup>st</sup> term, 2018 – present*: 1<sup>st</sup> POC elected co-chair
- Housing Cmte. Chair, Seattle Disabilities Commission, *1st term, 2015- Present*
- City Comm'r, Seattle Disabilities Commission, *2<sup>nd</sup> term, 2013-Present*
- City Comm'r, Seattle Renters Comm. *1st term, 2017-Present*
- Co-Chair, Seattle Renters Comm. *2018-Present*
- Commissioner, King County Transit Advisory Council. *2018-Present*
- City Appointed Think Tank Member, Seattle Housing and Livability Agenda, *2016-2017*
- Racial, Social, & Economic Justice Rep., Seattle U. Grad. Student Council, *2016-Present*
- Co-President , Seattle University Arts and Sciences Graduate Council, *2015-2016*:
- Ridesharing Organizer and Disability Advocate, Lyft & Peers.org, *2013-2015*
- Co-Organizer, Amplify Voices Rally: Seattle University, *2012*
- Founder/President, Tau Sigma Gamma Mu Honor Society, Seattle University, *2010-2013*

## Professional Experience

- Exec. Dir./Founder, Eleanor Elizabeth Institute for Black Empowerment, *2017-Present*: Built agile organization providing gap services for empowerment of Black Americans in the PNW. Pioneered State's first Ethnic Hair Care Bank. Promotion of unification for social and racial equity.
- Housing Navigator, Harborview Medical Center: Madison Clinic, *May 2016-Dec. 2017*: Designed, managed, and implemented successful Housing Navigator grant initiative. Generated resource network of over 50 community partners, and stabilized over 100 low-to-no income, high-barrier homeless individuals with chronic disabilities in an 18-month period through coaching and specialized formulaic strategy.
- Clinical Support Specialist, Downtown Emergency Services Center: Canaday House, *2014-2016*: Headed and won two successful employee/community in-kind donation drives culminating as number one team in the organization. Championed Ethnic Hair Care Salon for Permanent Supportive Housing Residents.
- Resident Counselor, Compass Housing Alliance: Nyer Urness House, *2013-2015*: Facilitated peer strategic planning and program development conversations among peers as part of inaugural staff.
- Community Health Coordinator, Full Life Care: Solstice Behavioral Health—WSC Americorps, *2013-2014*: Managed Wellness Studio. Directed resource development of in-kind and corporate donations, generating sustainable primary funding and materials for cooking class geared towards low-income, disabled adults; Coordination and training of day volunteers.

# Seattle Renters' Commission

15 Members: Pursuant to *Ordinance 125280*, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 2-year terms:

- 6 City Council-appointed
- 7 Mayor-appointed
- 2 Other Appointing Authority-appointed (specify):

## Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	M	3	1.	Member	Calvin Jones	3/1/18	2/28/20	2	Council
			2.	Member		3/1/19	2/28/21	2	Council
6	F	4	3.	Member	Jessica Westgren	3/1/18	2/28/20	2	Council
6	F	2	4.	Member	Dinah Braccio	3/1/19	2/28/21	1	Council
6	M	2	5.	Member	Mac S. R. McGregor	3/1/18	2/28/20	2	Council
9	F	3	6.	Member	Gina Owens	3/1/19	2/28/21	1	Council
2	F	7	7.	Member	Beverly Aarons	3/1/18	2/28/20	2	Mayor
2	F	3	8.	Member	Laurie Goff	3/1/19	2/28/21	1	Mayor
			9.	Member		3/1/18	2/28/20	2	Mayor
3	F	4	10.	Member	Daniela Lopez	3/1/19	2/28/21	2	Mayor
2	M	3	11.	Member	David W. Mooney	3/1/18	2/28/20	2	Mayor
9	NB	5	12.	Member	Christiana ObeySumner	3/1/19	2/28/21	2	Mayor
6	M	3	13.	Member	Devin Silvernail	3/1/19	2/28/21	1	Commission
9	F	3	14.	Member	Mercedes Taitt-Lamar	3/1/18	2/28/20	1	Commission
2	O	3	15.	Get Engaged Member	Felicia Turner-Murphy	9/1/19	8/31/20	1	Mayor

## SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

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

## 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.*