




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Maya Garfinkel		
Board/Commission Name: Seattle Renters' Commission		Position Title: Member
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment	City Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Appointing Authority: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Term of Position: * 3/1/2021 to 2/28/2023 <input type="checkbox"/> Serving remaining term of a vacant position	
Residential Neighborhood: Council District 4	Zip Code: 98115	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: As an organizer with Be:Seattle, Maya Garfinkel has advocated for tenants and organized for greater renter protections. Maya has worked with tenants across Seattle to connect them with resources, assert their rights with landlords, and brainstorm how to better connect with their neighbors. As a part of the Cancel Rent and Mortgages Washington campaign, Maya has collaborated with the Tenants Union of Washington and other community groups to push for renters' issues to be a legislative priority. Maya states that she would like to be part of the Renters Commission to ensure that Seattle fights for renters to live and stay in the city by increasing enforcement potential and strengthening tenant protections.		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date Signed (appointed): 1/25/21	Appointing Signatory: Kshama Sawant Seattle City Councilmember, District 3	

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

MAYA GARFINKEL

EDUCATION

Barnard College, Columbia University

May 2019

B.A. in History (Concentration in Gender, Sexuality, and the Family and the Study of Race and Ethnicity)

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude, thesis awarded distinction

PROFESSIONAL AND ORGANIZING EXPERIENCE

Be:Seattle

April 2020- Present

Tenant Organizer

- Create and facilitate online tenant know your rights workshops regarding emergency and pre-existing tenant laws, as well as introductory organizing strategy
- Testify and organize others to voice their support for Seattle pro-tenant legislation
- Engage with state-wide organizations for the Washington Cancel Rent campaign with allied tenant groups and assist in strategy for direct action, legislative approach, and social media plan

UNITE HERE Local 8

October- November 2019

Political Canvasser

- Engaged with 100+ Seattle voters daily in District 7 regarding housing affordability, the head tax, and homelessness
- Trained new canvassers on how to relate personal stories with the city council election and voter engagement

Lopez Community Land Trust

August- October 2019

Sustainable Agriculture Intern

- Contributed to the Lopez Island Farm Education program by assisting in managing 30+ volunteers, executing twice daily meal plans which utilize locally-produced ingredients for staff and students, and maintaining a sustainable garden which produces 9,000 pounds of food each year
- Created lesson plans for students aged 5-18 to learn about land stewardship, nutrition, and sustainable agriculture at the garden as well as neighboring farms

Make the Road New York

June-December 2018

Campaign and Research Intern

- Reviewed academic and community-based approaches to measuring nonprofit effectiveness in order to strengthen the organization's systems of internal evaluation
- Researched the 2020 Census and New York Regional Economic Development Councils for immigrants and low-income people of color used in reports for media outlets
- Collected over 900 signatures for progressive local candidates across New York City
- Canvassed and directly communicated with 100+ volunteers for campaign and community events

American Civil Liberties Union

January-August 2017

Intern at Trone Center for Criminal Justice Reform

- Created a literature review on the history and impacts of electronic monitoring in probation and parole for internal research and policy
- Completed background research on the common themes of criminality, working class division, and conservative backlash throughout history for presentations across the country by Director of Trone Center Jeff Robinson

Student Worker Solidarity

September 2015- Fall 2018

Student Organizer

- Communicated with and advocated for workers across Columbia on working conditions and waged campaigns including for \$15/hour minimum wage for student workers

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	3/1/20	2/28/22	1	Council
6	F	4	2.	Member	Maya Garfinkel	3/1/21	2/28/23	1	Council
6	F	6	3.	Member	Sharon E. Crowley	3/1/20	2/28/22	1	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	3/1/20	2/28/22	1	Council
9	F	3	6.	Member	Gina Owens	3/1/19	2/28/21	1	Council
			7.	Member		3/1/20	2/28/22		Mayor
2	F	3	8.	Member	Laurie Goff	3/1/19	2/28/21	2	Mayor
			9.	Member		3/1/20	2/28/20		Mayor
			10.	Member		3/1/19	2/28/21		Mayor
			11.	Member		3/1/20	2/28/22		Mayor
9	NB	5	12.	Member	ChrisTiana ObeySumner	3/1/19	2/28/21	2	Mayor
9	F	3	13.	Member	Mercedes T. Taitt-Lamar	3/1/20	2/28/22	2	Commission
			14.	Member		3/1/19	2/28/21		Commission
6	F	2	15.	Get Engaged Member	Chloe Caswell	9/1/20	8/31/21	1	Mayor

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

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	(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	0	2		1		1				1			1
Council	2	4								5			1
Other	0	1											1
Total	2	7		1		1				6			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.