



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Sustainability and Renters' Rights Committee

Agenda

Thursday, March 4, 2021

9:30 AM

Special Meeting

Remote Meeting. Call 253-215-8782; Meeting ID: 586 416 9164; or
Seattle Channel online.

Kshama Sawant, Chair
Tammy J. Morales, Vice-Chair
Debora Juarez, Member
Andrew J. Lewis, Member
Alex Pedersen, Member
Teresa Mosqueda, Alternate

Chair Info: 206-684-8803; Kshama.Sawant@seattle.gov

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Committee Website:

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This meeting also constitutes a meeting of the City Council, provided that the meeting shall be conducted as a committee meeting under the Council Rules and Procedures, and Council action shall be limited to committee business.

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Submit written comments to Councilmember Sawant at Kshama.Sawant@seattle.gov

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Please Note: Times listed are estimated

A. Call To Order

B. Approval of the Agenda

C. Public Comment

D. Items of Business

1. **Community panel discussion on preventing evictions: The right to counsel for renters facing eviction, preventing default evictions, and extending the eviction moratorium**

Briefing and Discussion (50 minutes)

Presenters: Elin Miller, New York Tenants Union; Edmund Witter, Housing Justice Project; Kate Rubin, Be:Seattle; Paige Owens, Real Change; Bia Lacombe, Seattle renter

2. [CB 120007](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to residential evictions; guaranteeing the right to legal counsel regardless of ability to pay for any residential renter in Seattle responding to an unlawful detainer suit; and adding a new Section 22.206.195 to the Seattle Municipal Code.**

Supporting Documents: [Summary and Fiscal Note](#)
[Central Staff Memo](#)

Briefing, Discussion, and Possible Vote (20 minutes)

Presenter: Asha Venkataraman, Council Central Staff

3. [Appt 01814](#) **Reappointment of Dinah Braccio as member, Seattle Renters' Commission, for a term to February 28, 2023.**

Attachments: [Appointment Packet](#)

Briefing, Discussion, and Possible Vote (10 minutes for items 3-6)

4. [Appt 01815](#) **Reappointment of Calvin R. Jones as member, Seattle Renters' Commission, for a term to February 28, 2022.**

Attachments: [Appointment Packet](#)

Briefing, Discussion, and Possible Vote

5. [Appt 01816](#) Reappointment of Mac Scotty Ray McGregor as member, Seattle Renters' Commission, for a term to February 28, 2022.

Attachments: [Appointment Packet](#)

Briefing, Discussion, and Possible Vote

6. [Appt 01817](#) Reappointment of Regina Owens as member, Seattle Renters' Commission, for a term to February 28, 2023.

Attachments: [Appointment Packet](#)

Briefing, Discussion, and Possible Vote

E. Adjournment



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Community panel discussion on preventing evictions: The right to counsel for renters facing eviction, preventing default evictions, and extending the eviction moratorium



Legislation Text

File #: CB 120007, Version: 1

CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE _____

COUNCIL BILL _____

AN ORDINANCE relating to residential evictions; guaranteeing the right to legal counsel regardless of ability to pay for any residential renter in Seattle responding to an unlawful detainer suit; and adding a new Section 22.206.195 to the Seattle Municipal Code.

WHEREAS, in September 2018, the Seattle Women’s Commission and the King County Bar Association jointly published *Losing Home: The Human Cost of Eviction in Seattle*, finding that households who are evicted face material hardships that make it more difficult to secure safe and affordable housing and that the most disadvantaged groups face the highest likelihood of eviction; and

WHEREAS, the Losing Home report found that most evicted respondents became homeless, with 37.5 percent completely unsheltered, 25.0 percent living in a shelter or transitional housing, and 25.0 percent staying with family or friends. Only 12.5 percent of evicted respondents found another apartment or home to move into; and

WHEREAS, the report also found that tenants commonly reported both mental health issues, such as stress and depression, and physical health issues, such as heart conditions, associated with their eviction; and

WHEREAS, housing instability during childhood has been attributed to an increased likelihood of negative health and educational effects; and

WHEREAS, evictions can lead to long-term economic impact to individuals, families, and the City; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the King County Medical Examiner’s Office (KCMEO) investigated the deaths of 194 individuals presumed to be homeless. This represents 25 more deaths than investigated in 2017; and

WHEREAS, people experiencing homelessness have a much higher risk than the general population of

developing exposure-related conditions. The KCMEO 2018 investigation found that over half of presumed homeless deaths investigated occurred outside and that approximately 62 percent of presumed homeless deaths investigate were attributed to non-natural causes (drug overdose, accidents (including hypothermia), suicide, homicide, and undetermined); and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature has declared a state policy to help residents who are experiencing a temporary crisis in retaining stable housing to avoid eviction from their homes, as expressed in Laws of 2019 c 356 section 1; and

WHEREAS, tenants with counsel have improved housing stability, both by staying in their residences but also by gaining additional time to relocate and access to emergency rental assistance; and

WHEREAS, starting in 2018, the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections has contracted with the Housing Justice Project, a program of the King County Bar Association, to provide free legal support to renters facing evictions; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Justice Project has reported that 56 percent of renters facing unlawful detainers in 2019 prevented eviction with the support of City funded legal support, up from less than 24 percent prior to that funding; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle City Council intends that the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections will continue, and as needed, expand its contract with the Housing Justice Project to fulfil the commitments in this ordinance unless another attorney organization becomes better suited to accomplish this work at some future date; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Justice Project has estimated there are 1,200 eviction court filings against individuals and families in Seattle each year; and

WHEREAS, New York City, Newark, Boulder, Baltimore, Cleveland, Philadelphia, and San Francisco have all enacted some form of “right to counsel” legislation for renters facing eviction; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new Section 22.206.195 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

22.206.195 Right to legal counsel in eviction proceedings

A. Any tenant residing in Seattle who is named in an unlawful detainer suit under chapter 59.18 RCW has the right to legal counsel free of charge as set forth in this Section 22.206.195, regardless of the person's ability to pay.

B. Legal representation through a non-City entity shall be made available to a person described in subsection 22.206.195.A upon that person's request as soon as practicable after service of a summons for an unlawful detainer suit and at least until the complaint is withdrawn, the case is dismissed, or a judgment is entered.

C. To the extent allowed by law, the Director is authorized to negotiate and execute a contract for unlawful detainer defense services provided under this Section 22.206.195 with an appropriate attorney organization that:

1. Has experience supporting renters advocating for their legal rights;
2. Has at least one location near the courtroom where eviction proceedings are heard, in the King County courthouse; and
3. Has the ability to provide legal service in languages commonly spoken in Seattle or has access to all necessary language translation services.

D. The Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections shall educate renters of their right to counsel free of charge, including materials made available in languages commonly spoken by Seattle residents. Owners must provide notice to the tenant of their right to counsel in any notice required by subsection 22.206.160.C, subject to the Department's rulemaking. The Department shall adopt a rule or rules to enforce this subsection 22.206.195.D. Failure to include the required language on any notice issued pursuant to subsection 22.206.160.C shall be a defense to eviction.

E. Nothing in this Section 22.206.195 shall be construed to require persons served with an unlawful

detainer suit to accept counsel provided by the City. The City is not responsible for paying any legal fees associated with representation other than that authorized by the contracts described in subsection 22.206.195.C.

F. Nothing in this Section 22.206.195 is intended to require representation by an attorney that would violate the Washington State Court Rules of Professional Conduct.

Section 2. The City shall contract for attorneys for the purposes of the legal representation provided under Seattle Municipal Code Section 22.206.195 and shall allocate sufficient funding to provide such representation for any eligible person.

Section 3. The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this ordinance, or the invalidity of its application to any person or circumstance, does not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2021, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this _____ day of _____, 2021.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved / returned unsigned / vetoed this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

(Seal)

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

Department:	Dept. Contact/Phone:	CBO Contact/Phone:
LEG	Venkataraman/4-5382	

** Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to residential evictions; guaranteeing the right to legal counsel regardless of ability to pay for any residential renter in Seattle responding to an unlawful detainer suit; and adding a new Section 22.206.195 to the Seattle Municipal Code.

Summary and background of the Legislation: The City currently funds non-profits to provide counsel to any tenant in Seattle facing eviction or who is subject to unlawful detainer. This legislation creates a right for any tenant facing eviction to have the opportunity to retain counsel. Representation by counsel can improve the outcomes in eviction court for tenants.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? ___ Yes __X__ No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? ___ Yes __X__ No

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?

If so, describe the nature of the impacts. This could include increased operating and maintenance costs, for example.

For 2020, the City has funded the organization currently doing this work (the Housing Justice Project) at \$218,000. Depending on the continuation of the eviction moratorium and how the courts decide to handle the evictions currently not being filed, it may be necessary to fund HJP by another \$100,000 in 2020. To make the right to counsel effective long-term, the City will need to commit ongoing funding to attorneys equipped to represent tenants. The current cost assumptions estimate that it will take \$750,000 in a typical year to provide legal counsel to any tenant facing eviction. Assuming HJP continues to receive \$318,000 in ongoing funding, they may require up to an additional \$432,000 in 2022, either by using more existing ongoing funding for right to counsel than for other tenant services or through additional appropriation for this purpose in the 2022 budget.

Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?

Tenants with counsel fare better in eviction court than when unrepresented. If the legislation does not pass, and tenants continue to show up to eviction court without representation, there is a greater likelihood of increased housing instability and the potential for homelessness.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

If so, please list the affected department(s) and the nature of the impact (financial, operational, etc.).

The Seattle Department of Constructions and Inspections is tasked with contracting with attorneys qualified to represent tenants and educating tenants about their right to counsel.

b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

If yes, what public hearing(s) have been held to date, and/or what public hearing(s) are planned/required in the future?

No

c. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

For example, legislation related to sale of surplus property, condemnation, or certain capital projects with private partners may require publication of notice. If you aren't sure, please check with your lawyer. If publication of notice is required, describe any steps taken to comply with that requirement.

No

d. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

If yes, and if a map or other visual representation of the property is not already included as an exhibit or attachment to the legislation itself, then you must include a map and/or other visual representation of the property and its location as an attachment to the fiscal note. Place a note on the map attached to the fiscal note that indicates the map is intended for illustrative or informational purposes only and is not intended to modify anything in the legislation.

No

e. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?

If yes, please explain how this legislation may impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities. Using the racial equity toolkit is one way to help determine the legislation's impact on certain communities. If any aspect of the legislation involves communication or outreach to the public, please describe the plan for communicating with non-English speakers.

Evictions fall disproportionately on women and people of color, especially on Black tenants in Seattle. Providing a right to counsel can help improve the outcomes for these tenants in eviction court.

f. Climate Change Implications

1. Emissions: Is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way?

Please provide a qualitative response, considering net impacts. Are there potential carbon emissions impacts of not implementing the proposed legislation. Discuss any potential intersections of carbon emissions impacts and race and social justice impacts, if not previously described in Section 4e.

No

2. Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle's resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way? If so, explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.

Describe the potential climate resiliency impacts of implementing or not implementing the proposed legislation. Discuss any potential intersections of climate resiliency and race and social justice impacts, if not previously described in Section 4e.

No

- g. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program's desired goal(s).**

This answer should highlight measurable outputs and outcomes.

This legislation will create a right to counsel, requiring that the City fund a sufficient number of attorneys to staff the need for counsel. The goal is to ensure that any tenant facing eviction has the opportunity to retain counsel, and in so doing, improve their outcomes in eviction court, which will contribute to increased housing stability and decrease the risk of more tenants becoming homeless.

List attachments/exhibits below:

March 4, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: Sustainability and Renters Rights Committee
From: Asha Venkataraman, Analyst
Subject: Council Bill 120007: Right to counsel for tenants facing eviction in Seattle

On March 4, 2021, the Sustainability and Renters Rights Committee (“Committee”) will discuss and possibly vote on Council Bill (CB) 120007 that would establish the right to counsel for tenants in Seattle facing eviction. This memorandum describes the bill and related fiscal considerations.

Council Bill 120007

This legislation would add a new section to the Housing Code (SMC 22.206.195) to establish that a tenant residing in Seattle and facing eviction in court (also known as an unlawful detainer suit) has a right to a lawyer. This would create that right free of charge, regardless of the person’s level of income. Legal counsel would be available upon the tenant’s request and as soon as practicable once the person receives a summons for the eviction proceeding. Representation would continue until the complaint is withdrawn, the court dismisses the case, or the court makes a ruling.

The bill would also authorize the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) to contract with an organization of attorneys that:

- Has experience supporting renters advocating for their legal rights;
- Has at least one location near where eviction proceedings are occurring (currently in the King County Courthouse); and
- Can provide legal service in languages common to Seattle or has access to translation services.

SDCI would be required to educate tenants about their right to counsel in languages commonly spoken in Seattle. The bill would also require landlords to provide notice of this right to their tenants in any notice they are already required to provide in pursuing [just cause eviction](#). SDCI would adopt a Director’s rule to specify the language required to be include in the landlord’s notice. Failure to include notice language would be a defense to eviction.

CB 120007 does not require a tenant to accept counsel for eviction defense; it would only give tenants the option of such counsel. If a tenant does not accept the counsel offered, but hires a different attorney, the City is not obligated to cover such costs. Lastly, if representing a tenant would cause an attorney to violate the Washington State Court Rules of Professional Conduct, this bill would not such require representation.

The legislation also contains a non-codified section that directs the City to contract with attorneys for this purpose and allocate sufficient funding to cover representation for any eligible tenant.

Fiscal Considerations

SDCI currently contracts with a variety of organizations to provide tenant services, which include outreach as well as legal/eviction defense. Since 2019, SDCI has contracted with the Housing Justice Project (HJP) and the Tenant Law Center to provide legal/eviction defense services, among other tenant services. HJP is a law office of the King County Bar Association that provides free legal assistance to renters at risk of eviction. The Tenant Law Center similarly provides renters legal assistance in the case of eviction but is also funded to provide other services as well as staffing to support HJP.

Based on an average 1,200 eviction cases filed a year, HJP estimates that it would cost \$750,000 annually to provide legal counsel to any tenant facing eviction. For 2021, the City awarded \$218,000 to HJP and \$340,000 to the Tenant Law Center. Because both the Washington State and City of Seattle eviction moratoria are currently in place until March 31, 2021 and may be extended, this level of funding could be sufficient for 2021. However, given the unprecedented nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting uncertainty regarding when filing evictions will be permitted again, it is possible that additional funding will be necessary in 2021 if this bill is passed. An initial estimate from HJP suggests that this could require increasing their contract award by \$100,000 in 2021. The need for additional funding in 2021 will become clearer when decisions are made about extending these moratoria (as well as the federal eviction moratorium) beyond the end of March.

To make the right to counsel effective long-term, the City will need to identify an ongoing source of funds for eviction defense services. On average, SDCI receives about \$615,000 in ongoing funding for tenant outreach, education, and eviction defense services so this will require providing additional funding for eviction defense specifically to provide at least \$750,000 on an ongoing basis for that use.

Next Steps

If the Committee recommends the legislation be passed, Full Council will likely vote on CB 120007 on March 15, 2021.

cc: Dan Eder, Interim Director
Aly Pennucci, Policy and Budget Manager



Legislation Text


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Reappointment of Dinah Braccio as member, Seattle Renters' Commission, for a term to February 28, 2023.

The Appointment Packet is provided as an attachment.



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Dinah Braccio</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle Renters' 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>2/25/2021</i>	Term of Position: * <i>3/1/2021</i> to <i>2/28/2023</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Beacon Hill</i>	Zip Code: <i>98144</i>	Contact Phone No.: <i>N/A</i>
Background: <p><i>Dinah has been an advocate for the Tenants Union of WA (TU) since 2015. She brings a wealth of knowledge of housing issues and disparities from the community. Dinah is an Education Counselor who has conducted "Know Your Rights" workshops with tenants across the State of WA, and also works on the TU's tenant hotline to answer renters questions about their rights as tenants. During her years at the TU she has brought a dedication to staying on top of housing issues, legislations, ordinances and her sharp analytic skills to further the TU's work on expanding protections for tenants across the State.</i></p>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 		Appointing Signatory: <i>Kshama Sawant</i> <i>Seattle City Councilmember</i>

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

EXPERIENCE

TENANTS UNION OF WASHINGTON STATE

Seattle, WA
2015-Present

EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Provide empowerment-based renters rights education to tenants across Washington State. Coordinate Tenants Union's engagement with the state legislative process, including member outreach and participation in stakeholder meetings. Solicit funds through direct mail campaigns. Engage in city-wide advocacy to increase tenant protections in Seattle and other cities. Manage contacts and engage membership via SalesForce, MailChimp, Facebook, and other platforms.

T.J. MAXX

Seattle, WA
2013- 2015

SALES ASSOCIATE

Provided high quality assistance to a diverse customer base in person and over the phone. Kept detailed financial records. Maintained focus in changing situations, responding quickly to varied needs.

GENDER JUSTICE LEAGUE

Seattle, WA
2013 - 2014

PROMOTION TEAM

Planned and executed the promotion of Trans* Pride, including maintaining relationships with external vendors. Mentored and supported new volunteers. Adhered to strict deadlines to ensure event success. Organized files and provided clerical assistance.

GEISEL LIBRARY

San Diego, CA
2011-2012

CIRCULATION ASSISTANT

Answered questions regarding library policies and services at the front desk in person and over the multi-line phone. Handled all aspects of library material rentals, including reservations and payments. Checked in, sorted and shelved incoming and returned books.

J STREET U

San Diego, CA
2011-2012

VICE PRESIDENT

Collaboratively developed and lead meetings and trainings for the membership base. Recruited members to volunteer at events. Created and distributed recruitment materials. Organized and publicized events alongside internal and external partners.

SKILLS

ADAPTABLE EMPLOYEE WITH VERSATILE SKILL SET

Giving presentations; Working with interpreters; Exceptional problem solver; Database Experience; Engaging with the legislative process; Proficient in Microsoft Office, Salesforce, and MailChimp; Team player; Fast Learner; Passionate; Excellent multi-tasking.

EDUCATION

UC SAN DIEGO

San Diego, CA
2008 – 2012

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Environmental Systems: Ecology, Behavior, and Evolution. Minor in Judaic Studies. Eleanor Roosevelt College Honors Program.

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 R. Jones	3/1/20	2/28/22	1	Council
6	F	4	2.	Member	Maya Garfinkel	3/1/19	2/28/21	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	3/1/21	2/28/23	1	Council
6	M	2	5.	Member	Mac Scotty Ray McGregor	3/1/20	2/28/22	1	Council
9	F	3	6.	Member	Regina Owens	3/1/21	2/28/23	1	Council
			7.	Member		3/1/18	2/28/20		Mayor
2	F	3	8.	Member	Laurie Goff	3/1/19	2/28/21	2	Mayor
			9.	Member		3/1/18	2/28/20		Mayor
			10.	Member		3/1/19	2/28/21		Mayor
			11.	Member		3/1/18	2/28/20		Mayor
9	NB	5	12.	Member	ChrisTiana ObeySumner	3/1/19	2/28/21	2	Mayor
9	F	3	13.	Member	Mercedes 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

	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	0	2		1		1				1			1
Council	2	3								4			1
Other	0	1											1
Total	2	6		1		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.*



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Reappointment of Calvin R. Jones as member, Seattle Renters' Commission, for a term to February 28, 2022.

The Appointment Packet is provided as an attachment.



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Calvin R. Jones</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle Renters' 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>2/25/2021</i>	Term of Position: * <i>3/1/2020</i> to <i>2/28/2022</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>District 3</i>	Zip Code: <i>98122</i>	Contact Phone No.: <i>N/A</i>
Background: <i>Calvin is a founding member of Microsoft's Emerging Leaders program, coordinating volunteer events for fellow Microsoft employees, and is a regular volunteer with Mary's Place. Calvin has been troubled to see rents climbing higher and leaving behind many of our city's most vulnerable, and thinks there is so more we can do to make the city affordable without damaging the fabric of our local communities. Calvin was appointed to the Seattle Renters Commission in 2017 as the Get Engaged Members.</i>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 		Appointing Signatory: <i>Kshama Sawant</i> <i>Seattle City Councilmember</i>

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Education

Yale University

Bachelor of Arts in Theoretical Mathematics

Cumulative GPA: 3.89

Relevant Coursework: Data Structures; Algorithms; Graph Theory; Multivariable Calculus; Linear and Abstract Algebra; Real and Complex Analysis; Probability; Microeconomics; Macroeconomics; Financial Theory; Economics of Human Capital in Latin America
Awards: Cum Laude Society, Yale Swimming MacLeish Memorial Trophy

New Haven, CT
June 2014

The Pingry School

Cumulative GPA: 3.9

Awards: Cum Laude Society; National AP Scholar; Ernest C. Shawcross Chemistry Award; Antoine du Bourg Physics Award; Rensselaer Mathematics and Science Award

Martinsville, NJ
June 2010

Work Experience

Microsoft Corporation

Program Manager II, Visual Studio Team Services Code Sharing Team

- Managed a new dependency management tool, called Axon, from infancy to use throughout Microsoft codebases
- Managed customer relationships with large enterprise customers like Schlumberger, S&P, and Epic Systems
- Shipped support for hosting Maven artifacts in our service, enabling Java developers to effectively share code

Redmond, WA
July 2016-present

Program Manager, Visual Studio Team Services Telemetry Team

May 2013 – August 2013, September 2014 – July 2016

- Created a data-driven culture in the Visual Studio organization by standardizing customer data analysis tooling for PMs
- Managed the “Monthly Service Review”, a presentation to VSTS leadership about the health of the business

Anchorage Capital Management

Summer Analyst, Risk and Technology Teams

- Used Python to analyze historical financial data to assist in the creation of new trading strategies
- Modeled and back-tested multiple trading strategies involving bonds, options, and credit default swaps

New York, NY
August 2011, June 2012 – August 2012

Clearwater Swim Club

Head Coach

- Ran practices and meets for a team of over 150 swimmers, aged 5-18
- Coordinated communication with parents, club, and league; advised assistant coaches; motivated and trained young swimmers

Summit, NJ
June 2011 – July 2011

Volunteering, Athletics, and Leadership

Volunteering Experience

- Founding member of Microsoft Emerging Leaders program, coordinating volunteer events for Microsoft employees
- Regular volunteer at Mary’s Place/Union Gospel Mission shelter in Belltown, playing with kids and helping with homework

Seattle, WA

Yale Varsity Swimming

Sprint freestyler

- Committed to a rigorous schedule of 20 hours per week of training and weekend traveling obligations
- Helped lead team to highest GPA in NCAA Division I Men’s Swimming for Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2014
- Winner of MacLeish Memorial Trophy for loyalty, sportsmanship, and leadership

New Haven, CT
October 2010 – April 2014

Pingry Varsity Swimming & Water Polo

Captain

- Led swim team to multiple state titles and relay victories at annual Meet of Champions
- All-American 200 and 400 Freestyle Relay; Academic All-American; NJSIAA Scholar-Athlete

Martinsville, NJ
August 2009 – March 2010

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Reappointment of Mac Scotty Ray McGregor as member, Seattle Renters' Commission, for a term to February 28, 2022.

The Appointment Packet is provided as an attachment.



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Mac Scotty Ray McGregor		
Board/Commission Name: Seattle Renters' Commission		Position Title: Member
<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: 2/25/2021	Term of Position: * 3/1/2020 to 2/28/2022
Residential Neighborhood: Beacon Hill	Zip Code: 98108	Contact Phone No.: N/A
Background: <p>Mac Scotty McGregor would like to be a part of Seattle's Renters Commission in order to add a perspective to the voices from the community on the commission. He is a renter and an out transgender activist and educator and understands that the LGBTQAI community is disproportionately affected by the rising costs of rent and affordable housing. He believes in doing all that we can to protect the rights of all people but especially those in already marginalized parts of our communities and believes this would be an impactful way to do that. He will be appointed to the remainder of the term of someone who did not complete their term on the Renters' Commission.</p>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 	Appointing Signatory: Kshama Sawant Seattle City Councilmember	

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Mac Scotty Ray McGregor



Professional Profile

Mac has been an entrepreneur since 1985, teaching skills that empower people so they do not have to live in fear and have a more fulfilled life.

- Founder and CEO of “The Gender Sensei”
- CEO McGregor’s Martial Arts LLC since 1985 to 2008
- Volunteer Director for the Seattle Erotic Art Festival 2012
- Educator for 29 years
- Valencia Community College Professor
- LGBTQ Diversity Trainer
- Founder and host of Central FL Martial Arts Camp for 11 years
- Certified U.S. Post Defensive Tactics Instructor for Law Enforcement & Security Professionals through the state of California
- ACEP Certified National Coach
- Executive Director of the Association of Martial Arts Instructors an International Non-Profit organization
- Director and producer of thirty martial arts conferences and competitions
- YMCA Afterschool Director - Discovery Middle school
- Representative for “Truth for Youth” to teach young people not to abuse drugs and alcohol
- Amateur Athletic Union Certified International Coach and Referee
- Candidate for Seattle City Council 2017
- Radio Show Host of “The You Can Make A Difference Show” - Rainier Avenue Radio.world
- Sports Sales Director - Rainier Avenue Radio
- Co-Founder of “Positive Masculinity”

Volunteer Work

- Former Co-Chair of Seattle City Commissioner on the LGBT commission
- WA State PFLAG Council Member at Large
- Rainier Avenue Radio - Executive Board of Directors
- Board member for LGBTQ Allyship
- Member of Seattle Police Depts LGBTQ Advisory Board
- Intervention Counselor for Safe Schools Coalition
- Former VIP Director for the Seattle Erotic Art Festival
- Volunteer Director for the Seattle Erotic Art Festival
- Volunteer for the Moisture Festival
- Former Volunteer Security Director for Seattle’s Trans Pride
- Former Board Member for Seattle Counseling Services
- Former Director for Social Outreach Seattle
- Former Facilitator for Ingersoll Gender Center

Speaker

- Teaching corporate seminars, conferences and workshops worldwide on self-defense and Wellness
- Keynote speaker for many organizations and events
- Motivational speaker for Athletic and Professional organizations
- Gender panels, discussions on human rights at colleges, corporations, conferences
- Gender workshop Teacher for US Border Patrol Agents at the US/Canadian Border, conferences, corporations
- Mayo Clinic
- University of WA, University of Kentucky, Texas A & M, and many more
- SARS Education for Therapists and many more

Martial arts

- In top 5% Highest ranking martial artist in the world
- Member of U.S. Karate Team for World Championships & Pan Am games
- Black-belt Instructor level in 17 styles of martial arts
- Professor of the Martial Arts “Shihan”
- Samurai Award from Japan & Okinawa board of Traditional Martial artist
- Inducted into the Martial Arts Hall of Fame as a Master Teacher
- Inducted into the Martial Arts Hall of Fame as a Competitor
 - US lightweight fighting champion four years
 - Guinness World Record Holder
 - Featured on The Discovery Channels “Way of The Warrior”

Work History

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| • College Professor - Valencia Community College | Orlando, FL | 2005 to 2008 |
| • WellSpring Family Services & Star Protection Security | Seattle, WA | 2010 to 2011 |
| • Martial Arts teacher - City of Orlando | Orlando, FL | 2000 to 2005 |
| • After-school program Teacher and Director – YMCA | Orlando, FL | 1998 to 2004 |
| • Owner McGregor’s Martial Arts | | 1985 to 2008 |
| • Johnson Controls, Kennedy Space Center | | 1992 to 1993 |

Education

- Merritt Island Christian School
- Baptist College at Charleston SC - BA in Religious Studies
- Valencia Community College, Orlando, FL
- BA Oriental School of History and Philosophy in Asian studies
- 47 years of martial arts training
- 36 years of teaching experience

References available upon request

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Reappointment of Regina Owens as member, Seattle Renters' Commission, for a term to February 28, 2023.

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Appointee Name: <i>Regina Owens</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle Renters' 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>2/25/2021</i>	Term of Position: * <i>3/1/2021</i> to <i>2/28/2023</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Central</i>	Zip Code: <i>98122</i>	Contact Phone No.: <i>N/A</i>
Background: <i>Gina Owens has been a member Washington Community Action Network for 18 years. Throughout her time with WACAN, she have been involved in several major issues. She helped plan community meetings to talk about housing and tenant rights, and helped get people to take Washington CAN's survey about housing. She met with councilmembers and testified during hearings about several pieces of landlord-tenant legislation. Gina is also a member of the Seattle Housing Authority's Joint Policy Advisory Council.</i>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 		Appointing Signatory: <i>Kshama Sawant</i> <i>Seattle City Councilmember</i>

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Regina Owens

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I have been a member Washington Community Action Network for 18 years. Throughout my time with WCAN, I have been involved in several major issues. One of the first issues I worked on was around food insecurity across the nation. In the early 2000's, we worked on the agricultural bill to ensure food security programs (food stamps, hot-feeding programs, food banks, and public school lunches) were adequately funded. In 2004, it passed with \$6.4 billion allocated to food security programs.

I also was involved with the push for the Affordable Care Act. I, along with my grandchild, shared our story about losing my daughter because of inadequate health care access. We held town halls, spoke with lawmakers, and met with people from other states to push for health care reform. Through our work, we were part of the ACA bill signing.

I, along with other grassroots members, raised concerns around housing in Seattle to Washington CAN, so as an organization we decided to take this on as an issue. I helped plan community meetings to talk about housing and tenant rights. I helped get people to take Washington CAN's survey about housing. I met with councilmembers and testified during hearings about several pieces of landlord-tenant legislation. I did media interviews about the legislation we were supporting.

In addition to my work with Washington CAN, I am currently a member of Seattle Housing Authority's Joint Policy Advisory Council. For four years, I was the chair of this council. As SHA residents, we provide advice on SHA policies to the Executive Director and his team. We ensure that SHA policies meet the needs of residents before the Board of Commissioners enacts them. Through my work with Washington CAN and SHA, I have the skills necessary to provide advice and insight to the Seattle City Council regarding renters' concerns.

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