





# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Mercedes T. Taitt-Lamar</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 type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Commission</i>	<b>Date Appointed:</b> <i>mm/dd/yy.</i>	<b>Term of Position: *</b> <i>3/1/2020</i> <b>to</b> <i>2/28/2022</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>Central District</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> <i>98144</i>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> <i>Business phone # - NOT personal phone #</i>
<b>Background:</b> <i>Marci Taitt is Seattle born and south-end raised, currently residing in Seattle's Central District. She has deep familial roots in the Central District neighborhood and is passionate about Seattle, especially the CD, being affordable and accessible for Disabled, QTPOC communities. She currently does anti-violence policy work in LGBTQ communities, coordinating trainings across the country that support domestic violence advocates to better serve LGBTQ survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Marci completed her Master of Social Work at the University of Washington, with a concentration in mental health practice and a research focus on trans-inclusive primary education. While much of her work and volunteer experience has been in local grassroots LGBTQ organizations and movements, Marci is also interested in the alternative death care industry and hopes to soon develop a workshop around activism, death in community and grief.</i>		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b> 	<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <i>Dinah Braccio</i> <i>Commission Co-Chair</i>	
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b> 	<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <i>Jessica Westgren</i> <i>Commission Co-Chair</i>	

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

# Marcedes T. Taitt-Lamar, MSW

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## SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

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Masters of Social Work (MSW) with a mental health concentration & Community Psychology major (BA) with experience in practice & research-oriented coursework. Social research conducted abroad demonstrates ability to adapt & work in international environments & culturally diverse communities. Practical understanding of & experience in the facilitation of support groups. Extensive training and technical assistance coordination experience with emphasis in providing advocacy to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

## EDUCATION

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**Masters of Social Work, Mental Health Practice** **June 2015**  
*University of Washington, Seattle*

**Bachelor of Arts in Community Psychology** **March 2013**  
*University of Washington, Bothell*

**Honors:** Annual Dean's List recipient 2009-2013, Cum Laude

## EXPERIENCE

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### **Institute Coordinator, The National LGBTQ Institute on Intimate Partner Violence**

**The NW Network of Bisexual, Transgender, Lesbian & Gay Survivors of Abuse** **October 2016-present**

- Planning & coordinating steering committee meetings, programmatic invoicing and reimbursements
- National LGBTQ Institute project partner communications
- Coordination of the National LGBTQ Institute's national training and technical assistance efforts, including a national two-day advocacy training summit for DV/SA advocates across the US
- Coordination of the NW Network's training and technical assistance initiative
- Manage programmatic reporting to federal, state and city grants
- Co-facilitate the NW Network's weekly all gender domestic violence support group for LGBTQ survivors of DV/SA
- Supervise and support University of Washington MSW students in their practicum placement at the NW Network. Connect students' on-site tasks to coursework and program competencies. Provide students with the NW Network's framing for supporting LGBTQ survivors of DV/SA, incorporate trauma stewardship practices into a model of advocacy and exposure to vicarious trauma

### **Program Specialist, Capacity Building Learning Center**

**The NW Network of Bisexual, Transgender, Lesbian & Gay Survivors of Abuse** **June 2015-October 2016**

- Planning & coordinating convening of the National LGBTQ DV Capacity Building Learning Center (LGBTQ DV CBLC) steering committee meetings
- National LGBTQ DV CBLC steering committee & partner communications
- National LGBTQ DV CBLC steering committee invoicing & reimbursements
- Technical assistance for webinars including up to 200+ participants via the iLinc webinar platform

### **Youth Team Intern**

**The NW Network of Bisexual, Transgender, Lesbian & Gay Survivors of Abuse** **September 2014-June 2015**

- Facilitate and develop agendas for gay-straight alliance group at local high school
- Support community engagement events and programmatic outreach

**Domestic Violence Protection Order Advocate**

**King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office Protection Order Advocacy Program    January 2014-June 2014**

- Worked with a team of advocates to provide legal advocacy to survivors of domestic violence filing for civil protection orders. Assisted petitioners with criminal justice system referral resources, safety planning, community-based/culturally-specific resources and in-court advocacy

**Volunteer**

**Gay City Wellness Center**

**April 2013-January 2014**

- Greeted clients, scheduled appointments, & processed health information paperwork for people seeking to get tested at the HIV & STI prevention center

**Studies Abroad**

**Urban & Rural Livelihoods and the Story of Economic Development**

**August-September 2011**

*University of Washington, Zambia, Africa*

**Dark Empire: Race, Health and Society in Britain**

**August-September 2014**

*University of Washington, London, England*

**Community Organizing and Memberships**

**miXed @ UW, Administrator**

**2016-present**

**UWB National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Member**

**2010-2013**

**UWB African American Student Union, Member**

**2009**

**Exceptional Skills**

**Technical Proficiencies** Adobe Connect teleconferencing platform, technical support on 50+ training & technical assistance webinars including up to 200+ participants, Adobe Photoshop CS, Microsoft Office Suite

# 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
			2.	Member		3/1/19	2/28/21		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	3/1/20	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
3	F	6	10.	Member	Daniela Lopez	3/1/19	2/28/21	2	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 (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	3		1		1	1						1
Council	2	3								5			1
Other	0	1											1
Total	2	7		1		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.*