



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Byram Simpson		
Board/Commission Name: Seattle LGBTQ 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 type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Date Appointed: <i>mm/dd/yy.</i>	Term of Position: * 5/1/2021 to 4/30/2023 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: Ravenna	Zip Code: 98105	Contact Phone No.:
Background: Over the course of my time with the LGBTQ Commission, I have only become increasingly more passionate about building bridges between my LGBTQ Community and the City Government, and ensuring the voices of the most marginalized are not only being heard, but elevated. I am proud of the achievements we have made in making our meetings more accessible, and our remaining accountable to the Community that we are tasked with representing. The City of Seattle continues to face an emergency centered around housing, which primarily impacts QTBIPOC individuals and I want to continue my work in advocating for them and amplifying their voices.		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 	Appointing Signatory: Tammy Morales City Councilmember	

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**BYRAM SIMPSON,
BSW**



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OBJECTIVE

To dismantle oppressive structures in professional life and social services. To create space for voices which have historically been ignored and silenced.

SKILLS

I am a training specialist, able to communicate complex and uncomfortable topics with compassion, humor, and understanding.

EXPERIENCE

**PROGRAM MANAGER, PATHWAYS AND TRAINING
- YOUTHCARE**

June 2017 – Present

As a Program Manager in two departments, I have experience providing supervision and on call support to direct service youth workers supporting oppressed young people. My accomplishments include development and facilitation of trainings, oversight of reporting for 6 private and government contracts, budget management, and implementation of new contract projects.

**LEAD BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COUNSELOR -
EATING RECOVERY CENTER OF WASHINGTON**

February 2013 – May 2017

Over 4 years at ERC, I developed mastery in areas of individual counseling, crisis management and de-escalation, group facilitation, public speaking, training development and delivery, supervision and scheduling of multiple teams.

EDUCATION

**BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK - GRAND VALLEY
STATE UNIVERSITY**

Graduated April 2011

Completion of Generalist Practice course work with a focus on social justice and anti-oppressive practice. In this program I completed a one year internship serving homeless young people. Here I gained passion for centering social justice in my work.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

In June of 2018, I was appointed to serve on Seattle's LGBTQ Commission advising the Mayor and City Council on policy and social issues impacting the LGBTQ community. Prior to beginning my social work career, I also participated in the Disney College Program as an Attractions Host in Epcot from September 2011 to June 2012.

Seattle LGBTQ Commission

Members: Pursuant to *SMC 3.14.920*, all members subject to City Council confirmation,
2-year terms:

- 8 City Council-appointed
- 9 Mayor-appointed
- 4 Other Appointing Authority-appointed: Commission-appointed

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
			1.	Member	Juan C. Rodriguez	5/1/19	4/30/21	1	City Council
			2.	Member	VACANT	5/1/21	4/30/23		Mayor
			3.	Member	Byram Simpson	5/1/21	4/30/23	2	City Council
			4.	Member	Latosha Correll	5/1/21	4/30/23	2	Mayor
			5.	Member	DeAunte' Damper	5/1/21	4/30/23	1	City Council
			6.	Member	Manuel Venegas	11/1/19	10/31/21	2	Mayor
			7.	Member	VACANT	11/1/19	10/31/21		Commission
			8.	Member	Steven Pray	11/1/19	10/31/21	1	Mayor
			9.	Member	VACANT	5/1/20	4/30/22		City Council
			10.	Member	Nathaniel Higby	5/1/20	4/30/22	1	Mayor
			11.	Member	Diondra Braswell	5/1/20	4/30/22	1	City Council
			12.	Member	Brett Pepowski	5/1/20	4/30/22	1	Mayor
			13.	Member	Raja Fouad	11/1/20	10/31/22	1	City Council
			14.	Member	Ryan Bush	11/1/20	10/31/22	1	Mayor
			15.	Member	VACANT	11/1/19	10/31/21		City Council
			16.	Get Engaged	VACANT	9/1/20	8/31/21		Mayor
			17.	Member	Annabelle Backman	5/1/20	4/30/22	2	City Council
			18.	Member	Christopher M. Brown	11/1/19	10/31/21	2	Mayor
			19.	Member	Victor Loo	11/1/19	10/31/21	1	Commission
			20.	Member	Andrew Ashiofu	5/1/20	4/30/22	1	Commission
			21.	Member	Jessi Murray	5/1/20	4/30/22	2	Commission

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

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

Key:

- *D List the corresponding *Diversity Chart* number (1 through 9)
 - **G List *gender*, M = Male, F= Female, T= Transgender, 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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