



## City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Ching-In Chen</i>		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> <i>Governing Council of the Cultural Space Agency</i>		<b>Position Title:</b> <i>Member</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Appointment</b> OR <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Reappointment</b>		<b>City Council Confirmation required?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Appointing Authority:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> City Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>The Constituency of the Cultural Space Agency</i>		<b>Term of Position: *</b> 12/1/2022 to 12/1/2025 <input type="checkbox"/> Serving remaining term of a vacant position
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>Lake Forest Park</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> <i>98155</i>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Background:</b> <i>Descended from ocean dwellers, Ching-In Chen is a genderqueer Chinese American writer, community organizer and teacher. They are author of The Heart's Traffic: a novel in poems (Arktoi Books/Red Hen Press, 2009) and recombinant (Kelsey Street Press, 2018 Lambda Literary Award for Transgender Poetry winner) as well as chapbooks to make black paper sing (speCt! Books) and Kundiman for Kin :: Information Retrieval for Monsters (Portable Press at Yo-Yo Labs, Leslie Scalapino Finalist).</i> <i>Chen is co-editor of The Revolution Starts at Home: Confronting Intimate Violence Within Activist Communities (South End Press, 1<sup>st</sup> edition; AK Press, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition) and Here Is a Pen: an Anthology of West Coast Kundiman Poets (Achiote Press). They have received fellowships from Kundiman, Lambda, Watering Hole, Can Serrat, Imagining America, Jack Straw Cultural Center and the Intercultural Leadership Institute as well as the Judith A. Markowitz Award for Exceptional New LGBTQ Writers.</i> <i>A community organizer, they have worked in Asian American communities in San Francisco, Oakland, Riverside, Boston, Milwaukee, Houston and Seattle and are currently a core member of the Massage Parlor Outreach Project. They currently teach at University of Washington Bothell in the School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences and the MFA program in Creative Writing and Poetics</i>		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b>  <i>Bruce A. Harrell</i> <b>Date Signed (appointed):</b> 11/21/2022		<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <i>Bruce A. Harrell</i> <i>Mayor of Seattle</i>

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



# Ching-In Chen

## **Teaching Experience**

University of Washington	Assistant Professor	2019 – Present
Sam Houston State University	Assistant Professor	2016 – 2019
University of Wisconsin	Teaching Assistant	2010 – 2014
University of California at Riverside	Teaching Assistant	2008 – 2009

## **Literary Experience**

Cream City Review	Editor In Chief	2011 – 2015
Drunken Boat	Poetry Reader	2013 – 2014
Asian American Resource Workshop	Director of Programs	2004 – 2006

## **Education**

University of California at Riverside	Master of Fine Arts	2010
University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee	Doctor of Philosophy	2015

## **Skills**

Creative writing, grantwriting, nonprofit management, volunteer management, program development, and community development.



# Cultural Space Agency Preservation and Development Authority

**Five Members:** Pursuant to *the charter of the Cultural Space Agency*, five members subject to City Council confirmation, *three-year terms*:

- # City Council-appointed
- # Mayor-appointed
- #18 Other Appointing Authority-appointed (specify): The Constituency of the Cultural Space Agency

## Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
1	NB		1.	Member	Ching-In Chen	12/1/22	12/1/25	1	CSA
2	NB		2.	Member	ChrisTiana ObeySumner	12/1/22	12/1/25	1	CSA
1	F		3.	Member	Gladys Ly-Au Young	12/1/22	12/1/25	1	CSA
4	F		4.	Member	Ixtli White Hawk	12/1/22	12/1/25	1	CSA
2	F		5.	Member	Olisa Enrico-Johnson	12/1/22	12/1/25	1	CSA

## Previously Approved Members:

2	F	3	6.	Member	Geneiva Arunga	10/1/21	10/1/24	1	CSA
2	F	n/a	7.	Member	Nia Arunga	10/1/21	10/1/24	1	CSA
1	F	2	8.	Member	Julie Chang Shulman	10/1/21	10/1/24	1	CSA
2	F	2	9.	Member	Nyema Clark	10/1/21	10/1/24	1	CSA
2	F	2	10.	Member	Afua Kouyate	10/1/21	10/1/24	1	CSA
2	M	2	11.	Member	Sergio Max Legon Talamoni	10/1/21	10/1/24	1	CSA
4	F	2	12.	Member	Melina Rivera	10/1/21	10/1/24	1	CSA
3	M	2	13.	Member	CM Ruiz	10/1/21	10/1/24	1	CSA
6	M	3	14.	Member	Michael Seiwerath	10/1/21	10/1/24	1	CSA

## Founding Members:

2	M	2	15.	Member	Tim Lennon	1/1/20	1/1/23	1	CSA
6	M	2	16.	Member	Randy Engstrom	1/1/20	1/1/23	1	CSA
3	F	1	17.	Member	Coté Soerens	1/1/20	1/1/23	1	CSA
6	F	5	18.	Member	Sarah Wilke	1/1/20	1/1/23	1	CSA

## SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART					(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
	Male	Female	Transgender	NB/ O/ U	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other	Caucasian/ Non- Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor													
Council													
Other	5	11		2	3	8	2	2		3			
Total	5	11		2	3	8	2	2		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.*