



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Sustainability and Renters' Rights Committee

Agenda

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

2:00 PM

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

Kshama Sawant, Chair
Tammy J. Morales, Vice-Chair
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Committee Website:

<http://www.seattle.gov/council/committees/sustainability-and-renters-rights>

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.

In-person attendance is currently prohibited per Washington State Governor's Proclamation 20-28.15, until the COVID-19 State of Emergency is terminated or Proclamation 20-28 is rescinded by the Governor or State legislature. Meeting participation is limited to access by telephone conference line and online by the Seattle Channel.

Register online to speak during the Public Comment period at the 2:00 p.m Sustainability and Renters' Rights Committee meeting at <http://www.seattle.gov/council/committees/public-comment>.

Online registration to speak at the Sustainability and Renters' Rights Committee meeting will begin two hours before the 2:00 p.m. meeting start time, and registration will end at the conclusion of the Public Comment period during the meeting. Speakers must be registered in order to be recognized by the Chair.

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

(20 minutes)

D. Items of Business

1. Extending the Eviction Moratorium Through At Least the End of 2021

Supporting Documents:

[Testimony on Extending the Eviction Moratorium](#)

Briefing and Discussion (45 minutes)

Presenters: Arianna Laureano, University District renter, an essential worker and activist in the #CancelRent Movement; Esther Little Dove John, Beacon Hill renter and retired educator; Maya Garfinkel, Organizer, Be:Seattle; Lydia Rubenstein, Resolve Housing Organizer, Tenants Union of Washington; Edmund Witter, Senior Managing Attorney, King County Bar Association

2. Creating a Right to Counsel for Renters Facing Eviction

Supporting Documents:

[Right to Counsel for Evictions Ordinance 1.22.21 DRAFT](#)

Briefing and Discussion (45 minutes)

Presenters: John Pollock, National Coalition for a Civil Right to Counsel; Edmund Witter, Housing Justice Project; Asha Venkataraman, Council Central Staff

3. [Appt 01780](#) **Reappointment of ChrisTiana ObeySumner as member, Seattle Renters' Commission, for a term to February 28, 2021.**

Attachments: [Appointment Packet](#)

Briefing, Discussion, and Possible Vote for Items 3 - 7 (10 minutes)

Presenter: ChrisTiana ObeySumner, Commission Appointee

4. [Appt 01781](#) **Reappointment of Laurie Goff as member, Seattle Renters' Commission, for a term to February 28, 2021.**

Attachments: [Appointment Packet](#)

Briefing, Discussion, and Possible Vote

Presenter: Laurie Goff, Commission Appointee

5. [Appt 01782](#) **Reappointment of Mercedes T. Taitt-Lamar as member, Seattle Renters' Commission, for a term to February 28, 2022.**

Attachments: [Appointment Packet](#)

Briefing, Discussion, and Possible Vote

Presenter: Mercedes T. Taitt-Lamar, Commission Appointee

6. [Appt 01783](#) **Appointment of Sharon E. Crowley as member, Seattle Renters' Commission, for a term to February 28, 2022.**

Attachments: [Appointment Packet](#)

Briefing, Discussion, and Possible Vote

Presenter: Sharon E. Crowley, Commission Appointee

7. [Appt 01784](#) **Appointment of Maya Garfinkel as member, Seattle Renters' Commission, for a term to February 28, 2023.**

Attachments: [Appointment Packet](#)

Briefing, Discussion, and Possible Vote

Presenter: Maya Garfinkel, Commission Appointee

E. Adjournment