



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Racquel Russell</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle Center Advisory Commission</i>		Position Title: <i>Member</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input 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: 8/28/2018 <i>8/31/2018</i> <i>ECP</i>	Term of Position: * 9/29/2017 to 9/28/2020 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Capitol Hill</i>	Zip Code: <i>98122</i>	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: <i>Racquel Russell joined Zillow Group in January 2015 to create and lead the company's government relations, social impact and community engagement functions. In her current capacity as vice president, Racquel oversees Zillow Group's community and civic engagement, housing and economic policy thought leadership as well as external partnerships and collaborations with government and nonprofit organizations at the local, regional and national level. Previously, Racquel led the White House Office of Urban Affairs and Economic Mobility, serving as a senior advisor to President Obama on various issues including neighborhood revitalization, affordable housing, economic opportunity, nutrition policy and women's health. Prior to joining the White House in September 2010, Racquel held leadership positions for U.S. Sens. Tom Carper and Bob Graham as well as for the National Governors Association. Racquel received her Juris Doctor from the George Washington University Law School and holds a Bachelor of Science in Communications from the University of Miami.</i>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 		Appointing Signatory: <i>Jenny A. Durkan</i> <i>Mayor of Seattle</i>

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

RACQUEL RUSSELL



Former senior advisor to President Barack Obama, with a demonstrated history of strategic communications and political acumen. Currently a member of Zillow Group's executive team, tasked with creating a new department responsible for government relations, social impact programming, and civic and community engagement.

EXPERIENCE

JAN 2015 – PRESENT

VP GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS, ZILLOW GROUP

Built company's government relations and public affairs department from scratch. Leads a team of talented individuals that manages projects critical to business operations. Responsible for the company's external engagement strategy. Chief architect of Zillow Group's first ever social impact program, [The Home Project](#).

DEC 2013 – DEC 2014

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, GMMB

Provided strategic counsel to nonprofit and philanthropic clients on issue-based campaigns and communications plans. Built coalitions and community partnerships between clients and key organizations to advance the client's strategic agenda.

SEP 2010 – OCT 2013

DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT, THE WHITE HOUSE

Member of President Obama's senior staff. Served as president's proxy on issues related to urban affairs and economic opportunity including community development, women's health, workforce training, nutrition programs, and children and youth programs. Managed Administration-wide strategic planning and led complex, high stakes negotiations for the President. Chief architect of President Obama's Ladders of Opportunity [agenda](#).

FEB 2007 – SEP 2010

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL, U.S. SENATOR TOM CARPER (DE)

Senior advisor to the Senator during development and debate of the Affordable Care Act (health care reform). Key negotiator and architect of several provisions within the landmark health reform law including menu labeling and individual insurance market policies. Developed and advanced the Senator's policy agenda on health care, immigration, and social justice.

FEB 2005 – FEB 2007

SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ASSOCIATE, NATIONAL GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION

Provided counsel and policy expertise to the nation's governors and their senior staff on foster care, workforce initiatives and other safety net programs. Lobbied Congress and federal government on major proposals including budget funding and Hurricanes Katrina and Rita relief.

JAN 2004 – JAN 2005

LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT, U.S. SENATOR BOB GRAHAM (FL)

Advised the Senator on judiciary, housing and community development issues. Provided policy support on transportation issues.

EDUCATION

MAY 2003

JURIS DOCTOR, GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL

Semifinalist in Moot Court competition and Dean's Fellow Instructor for Legal Research and Writing (mandatory course for first year law students).

MAY 2000

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATION, UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI (FL)

Graduated with honors and tapped into Iron Arrow Honor Society (the highest honor attained at the university).

SELECTED PUBLIC SPEAKING AND ENGAGEMENTS

- Guest, CauseTalk Radio Podcast (2017)
- Speaker, Zillow Group Premier Agent Forum (2017)
- Guest contributor, Washington Technology Industry Association (2017)
- Profiled, GeekWire, What 7 Black Tech Leaders Say about Diversity and State of the Industry (2017)
- Panelist, Downtown Seattle Association's Focus Forward Breakfast Roundtable (2016)
- Panelist, Town Hall Seattle, How Technology Impacts Civil Liberties (2015)
- Profiled, BET.com, Why I Serve series (2013)
- Profiled, National Journal, The 25 Most Influential Washington Women Under 35 (2013)
- Panelist, Aspen Institute, The Untapped Engine: How Can Women Drive the Economy? (2012)
- Speaker, The White House Food Insecurity Forum (2012)

CIVIC AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Board Member, Social Venture Partners Seattle (2016 – present)
- Executive Committee, Seattle Chamber of Commerce Board (2017 – present)
- Board Member, Center for Children and Youth Justice (2017 – present)
- Board Member, University of Miami Alumni Association (2017 – present)
- Standing Advisory Panelist, King County Regional Affordable Housing Task Force (2018)
- Mentor, First Lady Michelle Obama's Youth Mentorship Program (2011-2013)
- Board Member, Northern Virginia Alumnae Association of Kappa Kappa Gamma (2001-2009)

Seattle Center Advisory Commission

15 Members: Pursuant to *Ordinances 91885 and 108936, 3-year terms; 1 Member pursuant to Ordinance 120325, 1-year term. All members subject to City Council confirmation:*

- # City Council-appointed
- 16 Mayor-appointed
- # Other Appointing Authority-appointed (specify):

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	F	3	1.	Member	Maria Barrientos	9/29/16	9/28/19	2	Mayor
2	F	3	2.	Member	Donna Moodie	9/29/16	9/28/19	4	Mayor
			3.	Member	Vacant	9/29/16	9/28/19	2	Mayor
6	M	7	4.	Vice Chair	Mark Dederer	9/29/16	9/28/19	3	Mayor
6	F	6	5.	Member	Jana Lamon	9/29/16	9/28/19	1	Mayor
6	F	7	6.	Member	Alayne Fardella	9/29/17	9/28/20	1	Mayor
6	F	6	7.	Member	Sarah C. Rich	9/29/17	9/28/20	3	Mayor
1	M	3	8.	Member	Daniel Tam-Claiborne	9/29/17	9/28/20	1	Mayor
2	F	3	9.	Member	Racquel Russell	9/29/17	9/28/20	1	Mayor
6	F	7	10.	Member	Holly Golden	9/29/17	9/28/20	3	Mayor
6	M	7	11.	Member	Jon Scholes	9/29/15	9/29/18	2	Mayor
6	M	3	12.	Chair	Todd Leber	9/29/15	9/29/18	2	Mayor
4	M	N/A	13.	Member	Erik Van Rossum	9/29/15	9/29/18	2	Mayor
6	M	N/A	14.	Member	Will Ludlam	9/29/15	9/29/18	2	Mayor
3	F	2	15.	Member	Gloria Connors	9/29/15	9/29/18	2	Mayor
6	M	3	16.	Get Engaged Member	Samuel Russell	9/1/18	8/31/19	1	Mayor

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 (Specification Optional)	Caucasian/ Non- Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	7	8			1	2	1	1		10			
Council													
Other													
Total	7	8			1	2	1	1		10			

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.*