




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Mary Ruffin		
Board/Commission Name: Community Police Commission		Position Title: Member
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment	City Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Appointing Authority: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Term of Position: * 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2024 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>	
Residential Neighborhood: South Lake Union	Zip Code: 98109	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: Mary Ruffin, is a community member who understands the long reaching impacts of police relations with communities of color. As both an undergraduate student and law student at the University of Washington, she held several leadership positions focused on advocating for my community. She currently serves as the Vice Chair for the Solid Ground Board of Directors and works as a Real Estate Law Clerk at Foster Garvey PC. She is eager to use her analytical skills and personal experience to aid the Commission's mission. She co-founded the Stronger Together Community Coalition. She testified in the Charleena Lyles inquest to provide her account of the events that took place on June 18, 2017, as her former neighbor. She has seen first-hand the immediate and long-lasting impacts of police-community relations.		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date Signed (appointed): 11/23/2022	Appointing Signatory: Lisa Herbold Seattle City Councilmember	

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

MARY RUFFIN

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF LAW | Seattle, Washington | Juris Doctor, 2021

Honors & Activities:

Christine Gregoire Fellow
Washington State Minority and Justice Commission
Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial | Western Regional Champion (2018-2019, 2019-2020)
Black Law Students Association | President
National Black Law Students Association | Western Regional Mock Trial Director
Dean's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON | Seattle, Washington | June 2015

Bachelor of Arts - Majors: Political Science and Law, Societies & Justice

Minors: International Studies and Human Rights

Irish Center for Human Rights - International Justice Study Abroad, Galway, Ireland and The Hague, Netherlands

Honors & Activities:

Dean's List | 9/14 quarters
University of Washington Faculty Council on Multi-Cultural Affairs, ASUW Representative
University of Washington Black Student Union

WORK EXPERIENCE

LAW CLERK, FOSTER GARVEY PC | January 2021 - Present

Law Clerk: Assist with representation of commercial and residential clients in lease transactions and buyers and sellers in commercial sale transactions. Drafted lease agreements, termination agreements, easements, operating agreements, and purchase and sale agreements.

JUDICIAL EXTERN TO THE HONORABLE SHERYL GORDON MCCLLOUD, WASHINGTON STATE SUPREME COURT | September 2020-December 2020

Judicial Extern: Drafted judicial orders in civil and criminal cases. Researched applicable law and prepare memoranda for motions heard with and without oral argument. Interfaced with the Judge regarding complex legal issues and make recommendations based on precedent and practical considerations.

CO-FOUNDING MEMBER, STRONGER TOGETHER COMMUNITY COALITION | June 2017 – September 2019

Co-founding Member: Co-founded North Seattle community coalition to empower marginalized residents to advocate for improved housing, education and distribution of city funding. Researched city budgets and ordinances related to the City of Seattle budgeting and appropriations process and drafted informational materials for residents.

YOUTH OUTREACH COORDINATOR, SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY | August 2017 – December 2017

Youth Outreach Coordinator: Facilitated social service events for young adults residing in Seattle Housing Authority communities in South Seattle. Developed job and educational opportunity newsletter for residents. Established partnerships between residents and local service organizations specializing in educational access and job training.

INTERN, KING COUNTY SEXUAL ASSAULT RESOURCE CENTER | June 2014 – November 2016

Court Watch Intern: Observed and provided confidential written feedback on court proceedings to supervisors and King County Superior Court judges. Conducted research on individual cases, court practices, and procedures. Met with legislators to discuss research and Court Watch findings in relation to sexual assault protection orders.

ACTIVITIES

VICE CHAIR, SOLID GROUND BOARD OF DIRECTORS | Seattle, Washington | July 2021 - Present

Community Police Commission

21 Members: Pursuant to **125315**, *all* members subject to City Council confirmation, **3**

- **7** City Council-appointed
- **7** Mayor-appointed
- **7** Other Appointing Authority-appointed (specify):

Changes that were made: including for clarity between departments. Delete upon reviewing.

1. Prachi Dave needs to be reassigned to Seat 3 as our Public Defense seat and as intended in the initial appointment process. Please readjust during next appointment hearing.
2. Seat 6 should be vacant, and we are actively recruiting based on correction to seat. Please adjust during the next appointment hearing.
3. Seat 7 should be vacant and Commissioner Joel Merkel who's a City Council appointee should be moved to seat 11.
4. Seat states Council seat due to Commissioner Merkel being a Council appointee, however moving forward this will reflect as a Mayoral seat making the 7/7/7 split reflective.
5. Please refer to footnote 3.

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
	F		1.	Member	Asha Mohamed	1/1/20	12/31/22	2	Mayor
			2.	Member	Patricia L. Hunter	1/1/21	12/31/23	1	City Council
			3.	Public Defense	Prachi Vipinchandra Dave	1/1/21	12/31/23	2	CPC
2	F		4.	Member	Suzette Dickerson	1/1/21	12/31/23	2	Mayor
			5.	Member	Douglas E. Wagoner	1/1/21	12/31/23	2	City Council
			6.	Civil Liberties	Vacant	1/1/21	12/31/23	1	CPC
			7.	Member	Vacant	1/1/22	12/31/24	1	Mayor
			8.	Member	Mary Ruffin	1/1/22	12/31/24	1	City Council
4	M		9.	Member	Vacant	1/1/20	12/31/22	1	CPC
2	F		10.	Member	Harriett Walden	1/1/19	12/31/21	3	Mayor
			11.	Member	Joel Merkel	1/1/22	12/31/24	1	City Council
7	M		12.	Member	Joseph Seia	1/1/19	12/31/21	2	CPC
9	F		13.	Member	Vacant	1/1/22	12/31/24		Mayor
			14.	Member	Le'Jayah Washington	1/1/22	12/31/24	1	City Council
2	M		15.	SPOG	Mark Mullens	1/1/20	12/31/22	1	CPC
			16.	Member	Vacant	1/1/20	12/31/22		Mayor
3	NB	3	17.	Member	Alina Santillan	1/1/20	12/31/22	2	City Council
			18.	SPMA	Vacant	1/1/20	12/31/22		CPC
			19.	Member	Jeremy Wood	1/1/22	12/31/23	1	Mayor
			20.	Member	Tascha R. Johnson	1/1/20	12/31/22	1	City Council
2	F		21.	Member	Erica Newman	1/1/20	12/31/22	1	CPC

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		5				2		2					2
Council	1	1	1			2	1						1
Other	4	2			1	2			1	1	1		
Total	5	9	1		1	6	1	2	1	1	1		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.