City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Sam Wolfson								
Board/Commission Name:	Position Title: Member							
Seattle Renters' Commission	City Council Confirmation required?							
Appointment <i>OR</i> Reappointment								
Appointing Authority: City Council Mayor Other	Term of Position: * Term begin: 3/1/2024 to Term end: 2/28/2026 ⊠ Serving remaining term of a vacant position							
Residential Neighborhood: Capitol Hill	Zip Code: 98122	Contact Phone No.:						

Background:

Sam has lived in Seattle his entire life, and saw firsthand the explosion of growth that came with the city's newfound position as a hub for technology. As someone who loves Seattle and wants to see it thrive, he personally understands the importance of making housing in our city affordable, welcoming, and plentiful for the increasingly large number of people who want to live here.

Authorizing Signature (original signature):	Appointing Signatory:					
	Bruce A. Harrell					
	Mayor of Seattle					
(Daves (V, Ktors, V)						
Date Signed (appointed):						
July 10 th , 2025						

Sam Wolfson

Education

University of Washington (Seattle, WA)

- Masters of Science, Computer Science (3.9 GPA)
- Bachelors of Science, Computer Science (Manga Cum Laude, 3.9 GPA)

Skills

Languages: Python, JavaScript/TypeScript, HTML/CSS, C, Golang, Terraform (AWS), Unix Shell, Swift (SwiftUI)
Frameworks: Flask, FastAPI, React
Environments: Docker, Git, Kubernetes (Istio, Helm), SQL (PostgreSQL)
Platforms: AWS, GitLab CI/CD
Grab Bag: University teaching & course development, homebrew IoT, 3D design & printing

Work Experience

Software Engineer, ExtraHop Networks

- Developed and supported software for hundreds of enterprise customers on RevealX 360, our cloud service offering.
- Worked throughout the entire software development lifecycle, including secure system design, development, deployment, and production support.
- Managed a Kubernetes cluster with the Istio service mesh.
- Worked extensively with AWS services to develop secure, resilient systems.
- Wrote Terraform infrastructure-as-code to provision resources programmatically.
- Developed full-stack, widely-used internal tools.

Quarterly Instructor, University of Washington

- Prepared and delivered three lectures a week for quarter-long courses (The Hardware/Software Interface, Computer Science Principles).
- Managed staff of ten TAs and classes of up to 150 students.
- Led weekly meetings to discuss goals & student experiences, manage grading load, and plan for the week.
- Developed new grading infrastructure for programming assignments using Docker images on the Gradescope platform.
- Worked with a graduate student to incorporate socio-technical content into courses with the goal of understanding the broader context around computer science and technology.

Software Engineering Intern, Arista Networks

- Implemented code to automatically power off servers in our test environment when they are not actively in use, leading to a 9% decrease in overall energy usage by test servers.
- Designed a strategy to move management code for test servers out of local user workspaces and into containerized microservices, using Docker to run the services and gRPC to facilitate communication between the clients and the services.

Projects & Volunteering

Non-Profit Board Member, Capitol Hill Tool Library

- Led semi-weekly volunteering shifts as a tool librarian, checking in and out tools and providing project advice.
- Implemented a new wiki to document volunteer guidelines and tool usage directions.
- Coordinated the installation of a new front sign, including permitting, installation, and electrical work.
- Led an effort to research and purchase a new 3D printer, and taught classes demonstrating its usage.

Homebrew IoT

- Built embedded devices with ESP microprocessors, Home Assistant, and ESPHome to monitor temperature, and control lights and media center devices.
- Modelled and 3D printed gizmos to fix household annoyances.

2019 — 2023

summer 2018

2023 — present

August 2020 March 2019

2020 — present

Seattle Renters' Commission

15 Members: Pursuant to Ordinance 125280, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 2-year terms

Appointing Authority for SRC Member Positions

- 6 City Council-appointed (Positions 1 through 6)
- 7 Mayor-appointed (Positions 7 through 12 and Position 15)
- 2 Commission-appointed (Positions 13 and 14)

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By	
6	F	4	1.	Member	Liz Fite	3/1/24	2/28/26	1	Council	
3	F	3	2.	Member	Julissa Sanchez	3/1/25 2/28/27		2	Council	
6	FT	5	3.	Member	Adora Blue	3/1/24	2/28/26	1	Council	
6	F	2	4.	Member	Kate Rubin	3/1/25	2/28/27	2	Council	
6	F	5	5.	Member	Sally M. Kinney	3/1/24	2/28/26	1	Council	
6	М	4	6.	Member	Allan Francis	3/1/25	2/28/27	1	Council	
6	М	3	7.	Member	Sam Wolfson	3/1/24	2/28/26	1	Mayor	
6	F	3	8.	Member	Lydia Felty	3/1/25	2/28/27	2	Mayor	
2	F	5	9.	Member	E. Mandisa Subira	3/1/24	2/28/26	1	Mayor	
		2	10.	Member	Kasey Burton	3/1/25	2/28/27	1	Mayor	
9	F	3	11.	Member	Angela O'Brien	3/1/24	2/28/26	1	Mayor	
3	М	3	12.	Member	Daniel E. Lugo	3/1/25	2/28/27	1	Mayor	
2	М	2	13.	Member	Andrew Ashiofu	3/1/24	2/28/26	1	Commission	
6	F	2	14.	Member	Karen Taylor	3/1/25	2/28/27	1	Commission	
			15.	Get Engaged Member	Agni Bhattacharya	9/1/25	8/31/26	1	Mayor	

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

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	Male	Female	Transgender/ Non-Binary	NB/ O/ U	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other	Caucasian/ Non- Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multi- racial
Mayor	2	3				1	1			1			1
Council	1	5	1				1		1	5			
Other	1	1				1				1			
Total	4	8	1			2	2		1	7			1

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Please Note: Information in this table may not accurately reflect the number of commissioners and/or demographics on the commission due to missing information and multiple selections.

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

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RD Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A

Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.