



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Cecelia Black</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle Planning Commission</i>		Position Title: <i>Member Position 11</i>
<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: * 4/16/2024 to 4/15/2027 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>	
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Roosevelt</i>	Zip Code: 98115	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: Cecilia Black is a housing and transportation advocate and community organizer with a deep commitment to changing the conversation around disability and ensuring every person has a seat at the table. At Disability Rights Washington, she works on issues that are the direct results of excluding accessibility and people with disabilities from planning processes and the built environment. She organized nondrivers and people with disabilities around the Seattle Transportation Plan and next transportation levy. In doing so, she brought together a coalition of biking, transit, housing and climate activist to coauthor a report on Seattle's transportation funding needs and raise community awareness on the levy process.		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date Signed (appointed): 7/12/2024	Appointing Signatory: <i>Councilmember Tammy Morales – District 2</i> <i>Land Use Committee Chair</i>	

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

Cecelia Black

Summary

Housing and transportation advocate and community organizer with a deep commitment to changing the conversation around disability and ensuring every person has a seat at the table. Proven ability of working successfully at the intersections of public policy and social justice.

Experience

Community Organizer, *Disability Rights Washington*, Seattle, WA, Sept 2023 – Present

- Organized and lead a new coalition of over 20 community stakeholders to draft and advocate for a bold funding package in Seattle's next transportation levy; including a release of a [report](#) outlining SDOT's 8-year funding needs
- Coordinated community engagement campaign for the transportation levy with 2 press conferences, a [community rally](#), public comment campaign and [op-ed](#)
- Organized a sidewalk campaign with disabled community members that led to the passage of Seattle's new sidewalk ordinance, redefining how sidewalks are included in road maintenance and transportation projects
- Created a storytelling video campaign to highlight disabled voices left out of transportation planning

Founder, *Access Test Collective*, Washington State, June 2022 – Present

- Founded collective to build socially engaged projects and site-specific public art installations that explore access from the perspective of people with disabilities and non-drivers with gallery shows at 4Culture, The River and Soil

Disability Advocate, *Cross Disability Advocacy Network*, Washington State, Aug 2021 – Present

- Strategize with network of disabled advocates to pass legislation in Washington state that advances the rights of people with disabilities

Board President, *Be:Seattle*, Seattle, WA, July 2021– Present

- Coordinated Building Tenant Power workshops focused on disability and transportation justice and renter's rights
- Co-led discussion with disabled renters and advocates to build community knowledge and support on critical issues such as reasonable accommodations and ways to make organizing spaces more accessible
- Support Be:Seattle's Executive Director in organizing the Seattle Renter Organizing Council and Elder Renter Council

Housing Justice Workgroup Co-Convener, *Democratic Socialists of America (DSA)*, Seattle, WA, Feb 2021 – Jan 2022

- Led community engagement campaign for first Legislative Town Hall, coordinating marketing materials and neighborhood canvassing teams, resulting in 150 people attending a panel with 5 state legislators
- Established DSA's presence in the new *Stay Housed, Stay Healthy* coalition
- Spearheaded new teach-in series, coordinating with new coalition partners to host speakers to build strategy for local housing justice campaigns

Community Organizer, *Disability Rights Action Coalition for Housing, Access Living*, Chicago, IL, Oct 2014 – May 2016

- Lobbied for stronger housing covenants at the Illinois state capital and led equal access housing rallies at Chicago City Hall to demand a stronger Affordable Requirements Ordinance
- Researched tenant protection laws, edited community letters to property management and helped coordinate meetings with attorneys to support a fellow DRACH member in organizing a tenants' union in his building

Graduate Student Advisor, *Gary Project Practicum*, Gary, IN, Sept – Dec 2015

- Advised the Mayor of Gary, Indiana on the feasibility of homeownership incentive programs
- Conducted primary market research through direct interviews with hospital and university employees working within city limits, evaluated housing market data and records, and researched similar programs across the country to assess the city's capacity to support homeownership programs

Research Intern, *Center for Tax and Budget Accountability*, Chicago, IL, 32hrs/week, June – Sept 2015

- Documented Chicago Housing Authority's (CHA) failure to meet its public housing goals through data analysis of their annual plans and financial reports
- Created ArcGIS map showing the net change and delivery rate of housing units by region over the course of CHA's Plan for Transformation

Education

Master of Public Policy, *Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago*, Chicago, IL

Bachelor of Arts: International Affairs, *The George Washington University*, Washington, DC

Seattle Planning Commission

JULY 2024

16 Members: Pursuant to SMC 3.6, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms (except for position 16 which serves a one-year term and is a Get Engaged member):

- 7 City Council-appointed
- 8 Mayor-appointed
- 1 Other Appointing Authority-appointed (specify): Planning Commission

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	F	3	1.	Member	McCaela Daffern	4/16/22	4/15/25	1	City Council
3	F	3	2.	Member	Dhyana Quintanar Solares	4/16/22	4/15/25	1	Mayor
6	F	2	3.	Member	Lauren Squires	4/16/22	4/15/25	2	City Council
2	M	2	4.	Member	Kelabe Tewolde	4/16/22	4/15/25	1	Mayor
7	F	5	5.	Member	Jamie Maria Stroble	4/16/22	4/15/25	2	City Council
6	M	4	6.	Member	Andrew Dannenberg	4/16/23	4/15/26	1	Mayor
9	F	1	7.	Member	P Xiomara Alvarez	4/16/23	4/15/26	1	City Council
1	F	5	8.	Member	Radhika Nair	4/16/23	4/15/26	2	Mayor
6	M	1	9.	Member	Matt Hutchins	4/16/23	4/15/26	2	City Council
9	NB	3	10.	Member	Monika Sharma	4/16/23	4/15/26	1	Mayor
6	F	4	11.	Member	Cecelia Black	4/16/24	4/15/27	1	City Council
9	F	5	12.	Member	Rose Lew Tsai-Le Whitson	4/16/24	4/15/27	2	Mayor
6	M	3	13.	Member	Dylan Glosecki	4/16/24	4/15/27	1	City Council
6	M	1	14.	Member	Nick Whipple	4/16/24	4/15/27	1	Mayor
4	M	7	15.	Member	Dylan Stevenson	4/16/24	4/15/27	1	Commission
6	M	6	16.	Get Engaged	Matthew Malloy	9/1/24	8/31/25	1	Mayor

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	4	3		1	1	1	1			3			2
Council	3	5								5	1		1
Other								1					
Total	7	8		1	1	1	1	1		8	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.