




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Kate Rubin		
Board/Commission Name: Seattle Renters' Commission		Position Title: Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" 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		Term of Position: * Term begin: 3/1/2025 to Term end: 2/28/2027 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: Beacon Hill	Zip Code: 98144	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: <i>Kate Rubin is a renter living in Beacon Hill. She serves as the co-executive director at Be:Seattle, a grassroots non-profit organization focused on housing justice. Kate has played an instrumental role in advancing various renter protections in Seattle. She works to empower renters to advocate for their communities and organize for landlord accountability and stronger protections. She believes people most affected by policies and decisions should have real power in shaping them, and that everyone has the right to a safe, stable, and comfortable home.</i>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date Signed (appointed): 7/10/2025		Appointing Signatory: Mark Solomon Seattle City Councilmember, District 2

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

Kate Rubin

Objective: To obtain a position as a Commissioner on the Seattle Renters' Commission, utilizing my connections to the renter community, lived experience as a current Seattle renter, and background in advocacy and community organizing to represent the diverse perspectives of renters in Seattle and contribute to the Commission's efforts to promote affordable, safe, and equitable housing for all residents.

Summary: Highly motivated and results-oriented community organizer with a passion for affordable housing advocacy. Currently serving as Organizing Director/Co-Executive Director of Be:Seattle, where I lead and manage a team of staff and volunteers in developing and implementing programs to build the power and leadership of renters and people experiencing homelessness to fight displacement and increase access to housing in Seattle that is affordable for all. Skilled in building and leading diverse teams, advocacy. Adept at cultivating strong relationships with stakeholders, government officials, and community partners to achieve organizational goals.

Experience:

Organizing Director/Co-Executive Director, Be:Seattle (January 2020-Present)

- Lead and manage a team of staff and volunteers in developing and implementing programs to build the power and leadership of renters and people experiencing homelessness to fight displacement and increase access to housing in Seattle that is affordable for all.
- Develop and implement strategic plans to achieve the organization's goals, including fundraising, outreach, and policy advocacy.
- Collaborate with local officials, community leaders, and organizations to advance policy initiatives and address community needs.
- Develop organizing campaigns to educate and engage renters on tenant rights and protections.
- Coordinate with coalition partners to advance city and statewide policy initiatives for renters and the unhoused community
- Leverage digital organizing and communications tools to build a robust and engaged renter advocacy community.
- Develop and maintain strong relationships with stakeholders and community partners to ensure long-term sustainability and impact.

Skills:

- Community organizing and outreach
- Leadership and management
- Affordable housing advocacy
- Policy advocacy
- Program development
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Team building and collaboration

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	M	4	6.	Member	Allan Francis	3/1/25	2/28/27	1	Council
6	M	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	M	3	12.	Member	Daniel E. Lugo	3/1/25	2/28/27	1	Mayor
2	M	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

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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

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

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

Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.