


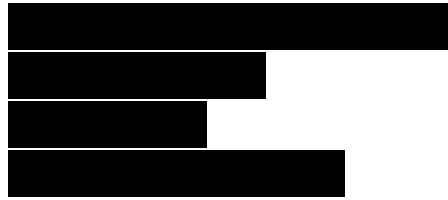


## City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Rita Howard</i>		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> <i>Seattle Housing Authority Board</i>		<b>Position Title:</b> <i>Resident Commissioner</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		<b>City Council Confirmation required?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Appointing Authority:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> City Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>		<b>Term of Position: *</b> 3/21/2023 to 3/20/2027  <input type="checkbox"/> Serving remaining term of a vacant position
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>Ravenna</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> <i>98115</i>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> <i>N/A</i>
<b>Background:</b> <i>Please see attached resume.</i>		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b>    <b>Date Signed (appointed):</b> June 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2025		<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <i>Bruce A. Harrell</i> <i>Mayor of Seattle</i>

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

Rita Howard



## **PERSONAL STATEMENT**

I am a retired nine-year resident of SHA's senior housing. I am very much committed to contributing to community, whether at the local level of the Ravenna School Apartments, where I currently reside, or on the larger stages of the city, state, country, or world. I have served as an officer of the Ravenna School Apartments Resident's council and contribute to causes in which I believe, including voter registration and cross-neighborhood liaisons through Seattle Parks and Recreation. I have an abiding interest in equity and service to the most vulnerable among us. The provision of low-income housing is certainly a cornerstone of how we take care of our community. It would be an honor and a privilege to serve on the SHA Board of Commissioners as a representative of SHA residents.

## **CURRENT ACTIVITIES**

**Member:** Advisory Council of the Ravenna Eckstein Community Center

**Member:** Ravenna Park Community Gardeners

**Member:** First AME Church, Seattle

**Facilitator:** Grief Support Groups

**Member:** Board of Directors of the MLK Community Center

**Volunteer:** University Food Bank

## **PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**

Technical Writing and Curriculum Development

Instruction and Facilitation (pre-K through College and Adult Ed)

Therapeutic Gardening and Landscape Management

ESL instruction

## **PREVIOUS EMPLOYERS**

Self-employed

Seattle Public Schools

Microsoft

Boeing

The University of Rhode Island (Director of the Writing Center)

## **EDUCATION**

BA from the University of California, Berkeley in Ethnic Studies

MA from California State University, Sonoma in Education

Certified ESL Instructor

Certificate in Therapeutic Garden Design, University of Washington

Certificate in Horticulture, Edmonds Community College

# Seattle Housing Authority Board

7 Members: Pursuant to *Resolution 29821 and RCW 35.82*, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 4-year terms:

- # City Council-appointed
- 7 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
2	F	N/A	1.	Resident Commissioner	Twyla Minor	10/01/22	9/30/26	2	Mayor
6	F	N/A	2.	Commissioner	Kristin Ryan	3/20/23	03/19/27	1	Mayor
6	M	N/A	3.	Commissioner	Paul Purcell	12/02/22	12/01/26	2	Mayor
2	M	N/A	4.	Commissioner	Robert D. Crutchfield	12/02/22	12/01/26	2	Mayor
2	F	N/A	5.	Commissioner	Paula L. Houston	3/21/24	3/20/28	3	Mayor
2	M	N/A	6.	Resident Commissioner	Rita Howard	3/21/23	3/20/27	2	Mayor
6	F	N/A	7.	Commissioner	Sally J. Clark	3/21/21	3/20/25	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	3	4				4				3			
Council													
Other													
Total	3	4				4				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.*