



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Julissa Sanchez		
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 <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: Capitol Hill	Zip Code: 98122	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: <i>Julissa Sanchez worked as a Community Organizer and Tenant Rights Educator for the Tenants Union of Washington from 2018 through 2022, where she developed a program highlighting the intersectionality of language justice within housing justice. Making tenant rights education accessible to Spanish-speaking tenants.</i> <i>She is excited to bring to the Seattle Renters Commission her community organizing, housing, and language justice expertise, centering the experience of BIPOC, and in particular, Latine, immigrant, and undocumented renters. She found her time at the Tenants Union enriching and is confident she can help provide solutions to tenant issues with a vision of affordable and equitable housing justice.</i>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date Signed (appointed): 7/16/2025		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.

JULISSA SANCHEZ



Objective: Youth rights advocate with a proven 20 year track record of working with young people and engaging diverse populations, liaising with stakeholders, and building policy, advocacy, and grassroots campaigns, engaging with city, county, and state governments in order to win juvenile justice initiatives. Native Spanish speaker who has served as an advocate, educator, and community organizer driven to challenge systemic inequities and promote lasting change.

KEY SKILLS & COMPETENCIES

Leadership & Management

- Project Management
- Budget Management
- Organizational Development

Community & Advocacy

- Coalition Building
- Community Engagement
- Social Justice Advocacy

Training & Development

- Curriculum Development
- Group Training
- Large Group Facilitation

Communication

- Public Speaking
- Spanish/English Fluency
- Marketing & Promotion

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Commissioner - appointed by Seattle City Council

Seattle Renters Commission / City of Seattle / Seattle, WA / 2022- Present

Represents diverse renter voices across the city by providing information, advice, and counsel to the Mayor, Seattle City Council, and departments concerning issues and policies affecting renters. Highlighting the voices of Latine and Spanish speaking tenants.

Director of Advocacy

CHOOSE180 / Burien, WA / January 2023- Present

- Works in solidarity with young people, community based, system and community partners to dismantle the school to prison pipeline, creating alternatives to juvenile incarceration, and ending gun violence
- Develop and drive strategic advocacy agenda, youth centered and community-led initiatives - rooted in restorative justice practices
- Led legislative advocacy efforts, centering youth voice and experience. Instrumental in the organizing efforts to pass the Expanding pre filing court based diversion bill, providing increased diversion opportunities to young people across the state of Washington
- Currently serves as an advisor to senators, representatives, city council members, and community stakeholders on juvenile justice policy development and legislation
- Develop relationships with the County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, with Probation Officers, with the Department of Public Defenders and other members of the Juvenile Court, involving initiatives at all levels – locally, statewide and across the country.
- Served as King County Care and Closure committee representative, envisioning a future with zero youth incarceration
- Curated and facilitated curriculum centered on system change for Youth and Young Adult Advocacy Program
- Develops and facilitate youth-led community advocacy/organizing around civic and legislative engagement.
- Fosters collective liberation efforts by working in solidarity with liberation movements of historically oppressed/underserved communities
- Developed a workshop on Justicia Transformativa to educate the Latine community on the school-to-prison pipeline, restorative justice, and diversion programs—promoting culturally responsive, community-driven solutions for Latine youth.
- Created and facilitated the Youth Action Board. A board made up of young people, where they get leadership and governance training, learn how to self advocate and use their voice, stories and narratives for systemic change.

JULISSA SANCHEZ



Community Organizer , Tenants Rights Counselor and Board Member

Tenants Union of Washington State | Seattle, WA |

Community Organizer & Tenant Rights Counselor : January 2018 - January 2023;

Board Member: January 2023 - March 2025

- Supervised and lead a diverse team of eight housing justice advocates
- Directed the statewide Latinx/Spanish education program on housing Justice during the COVID housing crisis
- Served as an advisor to senators, representatives, city council members, and community stakeholders on housing rights policy development and legislation
- Key organizer and policy advisor in the 2019 unanimous passage of Just Cause and other tenant protection policies, "Just Cause" eviction protections in the city of Burien and Washington state
- Redesigned tenant rights education program's workshops and advocacy strategies to ensure accessibility for Latinx, immigrant, and refugee communities; Planned, organized, and facilitated meetings and workshops in Spanish and English
- Created a tenants' rights education workshop centering language justice and established the first tenants' rights clinic in South King County - centering and servicing Spanish speaking, Latine, and undocumented communities
- Served as a liaison between the Latinx and Purepecha communities during the COVID-19 housing crisis, advising them of their rights under the eviction moratorium in Spanish, which was translated into Purepecha by a tribal elder
- Served as a member of the board providing guidance on budget oversight, organizational support, funding development, strategic planning, and priority setting.

Steering Committee Board Member

Rights to the City Alliance/National | 2018-2022

network with other grassroots organizations across the nation and identify how we can support them by either funding, education, training, mentoring, or providing other resources for their campaigns for housing justice in their city.

Assistant Director & Enrichment Teacher

Community Day School Association dba Launch | Seattle, WA | March 2015 - September 2015

- Supervised a diverse team of youth workers and early childhood educators
- Successfully managed the preschool and after-school program in collaboration with the Program Director; Ensured efficient school operations and effective organization through database and budget management
- Developed a curriculum for elementary school students centered on restorative social justice with a focus on racial diversity, culture, and identity

EDUCATION

University of Washington Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies

Bachelor of Arts in Latin American Studies, Minor in Human Rights | Seattle, WA | Graduated June 2017

REFERENCES

Available upon request

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

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

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.