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Notice of Appointment**

Name: Patt Copeland		<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Appointment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Agency Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Council <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Constituency
Residential Neighborhood:	98119	Contact Phone No.: N/A
Appointed to: Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities		Date of Appointment: March 9, 2015
Authority (Ord., Res.): 118392		Term of Office: From: 3/9/15 To: 4/30/17
Background: <i>Patricia Copeland was recently elected to serve as Co-Chair of the Commission. Patt Copeland is a Visually Impaired Clinical Social Worker who has long established roots in the blind community. She has created a new nonprofit that organizes recreational activities for people with vision impairment, Vision Loss Connections. She was previously employed as the Community Support Services Manager at the Seattle Lighthouse for the Blind. Ms. Copeland is Activity Chair for United Blind of Seattle. She also created the Accessible Counseling and Treatment Program at Seattle Mental Health and worked as a Mental Health counselor at the Pike Market Medical Clinic where she helped individuals and families cope with the challenges of living with AIDS and other chronic health conditions.</i>		
Authorizing Signature: 		Name and Title of Officer Making Appointment: Mayor Edward B. Murray

PATT COPELAND LICSW - CURRICULUM VITAE

Patt Copeland is a Visually Impaired Clinical Social Worker who has long established roots in the Blind Community. She was born in Brooklyn, New York where her father was director of the Lightbuoy Club. The "Club" was a Blind Community Center (part of Helen Keller Services for the Blind) with a restaurant, theater and a popular arts and recreation program. Patt's family lived in an apartment upstairs from the "Club" and this was the setting for her formative years. Her mother and father were both visually impaired and played vital roles in establishing a new framework for community arts, recreation and sports programming within the Blind Community.

After receiving a Bachelors and Masters Degree in Social Work from the State University of New York at Buffalo, Patt became a specialist in developing new programs for under served populations. She created the Accessible Counseling and Treatment Program at Seattle Mental Health, which specialized in providing counseling services to people with disabilities. In this program she saw that isolation and depression were a common reaction to a loss of vision and hence realized that peer support and links to community involvement were critically important. She also worked as a Mental Health counselor at the Pike Market Medical Clinic in Seattle where she helped individuals and families cope with the challenges of living with AIDS and other chronic health conditions. Listening to the life stories of how people come to terms with issues of loss strengthened her resolve that personal connections were important elements of successful adaptation to disability.

With over thirty years of clinical experience in counseling, Patt returned to her roots in blindness programs after experiencing a partial vision loss in 2004. She Co-founded the Seattle Low Vision Support Group and developed the Activity and Outreach Committee of United Blind of Seattle (a local chapter of the American Council of the Blind) She is presently employed as the Community Support Services Manager at the Seattle Lighthouse for the Blind. Her love of Art and Theater inspired her to organize groups to go the Seattle Art Museum, Musical Events and Audio Described Performances at local theaters. This led to establishing Vision Loss Connections which is a new nonprofit that organizes groups for a wide variety of activities.

Events that range from mountain hiking trips to chamber music champagne suppers have been part of their programming. Her experiences have coalesced into the development of a new model of community partnership and model for Best Practices Techniques for Museums to consider in designing Accessible Services for people who are Visually Impaired.

SEATTLE COMMISSION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
APRIL 2015

16 members: Per SMC 3.14.920 Confirmed by City Council, all subject to City Council confirmation, 2-year terms:

- 7 City Council-appointed
- 7 Mayor-appointed
- 1 Commission- Appointed
- 1 Mayor-appointed

Roster:

*D	**G	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Start Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
2	M	1.	Member	Jonathan Porter	Council Confirmation	04/30/17	3rd	Mayor
6	F	2.	Member	Patricia Copeland	Council Confirmation	04/30/17	3rd	Mayor
		3.	Member	Vacant				Mayor
2	F	4.	Member	Hope Drummond	Council Confirmation	04/30/16	3 rd	Mayor
6	M	5.	Member	Mark Adreon	Council Confirmation	04/30/16	3 rd	Mayor
6	M	6.	Member	Steve Lewis	Council Confirmation	04/30/16	1 st	Mayor
2	F	7.	Member	Christiana Obey	Council Confirmation	04/30/17	1 st	Mayor
1	F	8.	Member	Vicki Foster	12/11/14	04/30/16	3 rd	City Council
6	M	9.	Member	Ryan Troyer	12/11/14	04/30/16	2 nd	City Council
6	M	10.	Member	Mike Barta	7/8/13	04/30/15	3 rd	City Council
6		11.	Member	Vacant				City Council
6	F	12.	Member	Deborah Witmer	12/11/14	04/30/16	3 rd	City Council
6	M	13.	Member	Robert Canamar	7/8/13	04/30/15	2 nd	City Council
6	M	14.	Member	Ivan Molton	12/11/14	04/30/16	1 st	City Council
6	F	15.	Member	Diane Laurine	Council Confirmation	04/30/16	1 st	Commission
1	F	16.	Member	Yan Jun (Angela) Liu		09/30/15	1 term	Mayor

Diversity Chart:

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)				
	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	Asian-American	Black/African American	Hispanic/Latino	American Indian/Alaska Native	***Other	Caucasian/Non-Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	3	3	1	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Council	4	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Comm	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GE	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	7	7	2	5	2	3	0	0	0	7	0	0	0