



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Debbie Canavan Thiele</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle Housing Authority Board of Commissioners</i>		Position Title: <i>Commissioner</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Date Appointed: <i>1/23/2017</i>	Term of Position: * <i>3/21/2017</i> to <i>3/20/2021</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Fremont</i>	Zip Code: <i>98103</i>	Contact Phone No.: <i>Business phone # - NOT personal phone #</i>
Background: <p><i>Debbie Canavan Thiele is Director of Consulting for the national nonprofit, Corporation for Supportive Housing. She is a nationally-recognized speaker and a leader in engaging the health care, public housing, and homeless sectors in creating supportive housing for the most vulnerable people. Debbie has held previous senior leadership positions in multifamily lending for the Office of Housing in Seattle and in homeless housing initiatives for the King County Housing Authority. Debbie serves as Chair of the Seattle Housing Authority Board of Commissioners and is a member of the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance public policy committee. Debbie's work is rooted in the direct service experience she gained early in her career and a unique understanding of the cultural and operational needs of the systems that must work together to create supportive housing.</i></p>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 		Appointing Signatory: <i>Edward B. Murray</i> <i>Mayor of Seattle</i>

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

Debbie Canavan Thiele

Professional Experience

Director, National Consulting Services, Corporation for Supportive Housing 2011-present

- Lead CSH's national consulting services to provide technical assistance to create supportive housing for the most vulnerable people.
- Oversee initiatives to engage and align the resources of the public housing and healthcare sectors.
- Wrote the white paper to create Washington State's Medicaid Supportive Housing Services benefit.

Manager, Multifamily Lending, Seattle Mayor's Office of Housing 2008-2011

- Initiated an inter-jurisdictional approach to capital, operating, and service funding for affordable housing, which was recognized by the White House Office on Urban Affairs as a model for interagency collaboration at the federal level.
- Oversaw the City's allocation of \$20 million in annual funding for affordable and supportive housing production and preservation.
- Served as Acting Director in the Director's absence.

Senior Director, Homeless Housing Initiatives, King County Housing Authority 2001-2008

- Piloted the first sponsor-based, Section 8 master-leasing program in the country in order to better serve people experiencing chronic homelessness.
- Wrote the Authority's Project-Based Section 8 Administrative Plan and oversaw the project-based vouchers program.
- Administered the largest tenant-based disability voucher program in the country with a consortium of human service and healthcare organizations.

Manager, Corporate Partnerships, United Way of Metropolitan Chicago 1999-2001

- Managed the year-round "Day of Caring" Corporate Volunteer Program.
- Oversaw the coordination of service projects for 100 corporations and 200 nonprofit organizations annually.

Program Director, Lawson House, YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago 1995-1999

- Designed a public relations campaign that engaged donors, elected officials, and community members in supporting the \$24 million renovation of a 583 unit housing development for people who were formally homeless.
- Provided case management and job development for residents of supportive housing.

VISTA Volunteer, Foundation for the Homeless, Austin Texas

- Designed resident programs and wrote grants to support the agency's work in ending homelessness. 1993-1994

Education

Bachelor of Arts, Communication and Professional Writing, Eastern Illinois University 1993

Civic Engagement and Honors

- Chair, Seattle Housing Authority Board of Commissioners
- Member, Washington Low Income Housing Alliance Public Policy Committee
- Community Achievement in Collaboration Award, Valley Cities Counseling and Consultation
- Innovator Award, Housing Development Consortium of King County

Seattle Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

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

- 0 City Council-appointed
- 7 Mayor-appointed
- 0 Other Appointing Authority-appointed

Roster:

*D	**G	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Start Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
2	M	1	Housing Authority Resident	Ahmed Abdi	10/01/14	10/1/18	1	Mayor
6	M	2	Commissioner	David Moseley	3/20/15	3/19/19	1	Mayor
4	M	3	Commissioner	Zachary R. DeWolf	2/23/15	12/1/18	1	Mayor
2	M	4	Commissioner	Jermaine Smiley	2/23/15	12/1/18	1	Mayor
2	M	5	Commissioner	Paula L. Houston	3/20/16	3/20/20	1	Mayor
6	M	6	Housing Authority Resident	Emily H. Abbey	6/8/15	3/20/19	1	Mayor
6	F	7	Commissioner, CHAIR	Deborah Canavan Thiele	3/21/17	3/20/21	2	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	4	3		4		3		1		3			
Council													
Other													
Total	4	3		4		3		1		3			

Key:

- *D List the corresponding *Diversity Chart* number (1 through 9)
- **G List *gender*, M or F
- ***Other Includes diversity in any of the following: *race, gender and/or ability*