

# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Christina Wong											
Board/Commission Name: Sugar Sweetened Beverage Tax Advisory		Position Title:  Member			0 T						
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Appointing Authority:  Council  Mayor  Other: Fill in appointing authority	<b>Date A</b> 9/1/20	Appointed: 017	Term of Position: * 9/1/2017 to 8/31/2019								
Residential Neighborhood: Beacon Hill	de:	Contact Phone No.:									
Background: Christina Wong studied social work and policy at the University of Chicago and is a graduate of the University of Washington School of Law. She has over 20 years of experience as an advocate for social justice issues, including her work with survivors of interpersonal violence, disability rights, comprehensive immigration reform, and child welfare. Christina provides information and updates on food and nutrition issues and educates state and federal lawmakers about the needs of our clients in order to strengthen and restore our public safety net. She is also the Chair of the steering committee for the Anti-Hunger & Nutrition Coalition. She is a mother of two young girls and loves to cook, knit, and go camping.											
Authorizing Signature (original signature	Appointing Signatory:  Edward B. Murray										
	Mayor, Cit	Mayor, City of Seattle									

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

# Christina J. Wong

# **EDUCATION**

**University of Washington School of Law**, Seattle, Washington Juris Doctor, Public Interest Law Concentration Track, June 2009

University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration, Chicago, Illinois Master of Arts. Social Service Administration with focus in Social Policy, June 2000

University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Bachelor of Arts, English Language and Literature, Academic and Department Honors, June 1998

# PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

### **Northwest Harvest**

### **Public Policy Manager**

# Seattle, Washington

Northwest Harvest provides nutritious food to 375 food banks, meal programs and high need schools. Advocate with state and federal law makers on issues related to nutrition assistance, housing, and access to affordable health care. Responsible for determining and implementing mobilization and communications strategies for a statewide network of advocates. Supervise regular and contract staff. Research and manage the gathering of quantitative and qualitative data for production of an annual "Focus on Food Security" report as well as position papers, advocacy alerts, and fact sheets. Work with external partners and coalitions, representing the voice of hungry families on issues related to welfare, housing, and child nutrition. Chair the Washington State Anti-Hunger & Nutrition Coalition (since 2012). Recently featured in Seattle Times "Cool Jobs" series.

# Northwest Federation of Community Organizations Senior Program Associate

# Seattle, Washington

NWFCO is a regional network that provides policy research, publication development, and organizing capacity building assistance to grassroots organizations in several states. Responsible for managing NWFCO's campaign for comprehensive immigration reform, including coordination with national and local campaigns; participation in committees that helped shape federal legislation for comprehensive immigration reform sponsored by Rep. Luis Gutierrez (D. IL); developing electronic communications to mobilize 200 community organizers; and developing media alerts, fact sheets, curricula, and activity tool kits. As a 2007 summer intern, collected personal stories for annual Job Gap Report and drafted report on immigrant access to health care.

# Disability Law Center

# Salt Lake City, Utah

# Legal Advocate

The Disability Law Center is the federally mandated protection and advocacy system for Utah. Investigated issues of abuse and neglect in private long-term care, correctional and juvenile detention settings. Researched applicable regulations and resolved systemic problems through negotiation of private institutional and public policies. Developed and facilitated the Utah Multidisciplinary Task Force which was recognized nationwide as a "Best Practice" in 2005 by the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Developmental Disabilities. Led investigation and drafted report in response to allegations of parental custody relinquishment in order to obtain mental health treatment for children. Drafted fact sheets, bill analysis and legislative testimony. Participated in internal and external strategic planning committees. Wrote successful grant proposals to fund statewide trainings for family advocates in nursing facilities and to develop curriculum to train domestic violence shelters and rape crisis centers in serving survivors with disabilities.

# Cleveland Rape Crisis Center

#### Cleveland, Ohio

Advocate

Managed and facilitated meetings for the Coordinated Community Response Program in seven municipal jurisdictions in Northeastern Ohio to ensure seamless assistance between police, prosecutors, and victim service agencies to victims of sexual assault. Provided emotional support to survivors through all states of criminal prosecution of their perpetrators. Provided trainings for volunteers, police officers, hospital workers, and criminal grand jury members in victim sensitivity. Wrote successful grant proposals, acquiring funds for counseling and art therapy services provided by the Center.

**YWCA of Summit County** 

Akron, Ohio

#### **Volunteer Coordinator**

for final report.

Developed and implemented volunteer

training curriculum, including section in cultural competency. Recruited, trained, and supervised over 100 volunteer hospital and crisis hotline advocates. Provided emotional support to rape survivors at Akron hospitals during forensic evidence collection process.

# Westside Healthy Start Evaluation Project Research Assistant

# Chicago, Illinois

Interviewed low-income pregnant women seeking prenatal care at community health clinics on the Westside of Chicago regarding the quality of care and gathering medical and social data. Reviewed patient records for data related to pregnancy histories, current care, and outcomes after birth. Provided some patient education on benefits of accessing prenatal care. Assisted with data entry and analysis

# RELATED INTERNSHIP/VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES

# The Cross Cultural Health Care Program

#### Seattle, Washington

# Publications & Research Support Volunteer

The CCHCP develops and implements training curricula and publications to reduce barriers to accessing health care for immigrant and refugee communities. Researching and identifying training needs in ethnogerontology, including concerns about disparate or insufficient treatment of limited English speaking elderly patients in nursing facilities, and elderly immigrants understanding of their rights to public health and SSI/SSDI benefits. Identifying potential partner agencies for training in environmental justice and cultural competency, including designing brochure discussing CCHCP training program, and researching local and federal responses to the BP Oil Spill for an upcoming speaker series event. Revising and fact checking manual explaining immigration law timeline into more reader-friendly format.

# UW Children and Youth Advocacy Clinic Student Advocate

# Seattle, Washington

The Children and Youth Advocacy Clinic provides direct representation and legislative advocacy on child welfare issues. As a participant in the first year of the policy clinic, responsible for tracking all legislation related to education, child welfare, and juvenile offender issues, wrote and presented position papers to the Juvenile Law Section of the state Bar Association; drafted fact sheets and legislative testimony to assist with legislative advocacy efforts. As a member of the direct representation clinic, represented foster children in their court hearings and in multi-disciplinary meetings to advocate for their safety, therapeutic, and educational needs.

# Disability Rights Washington Summer Intern

#### Seattle, Washington

Conducted investigation into the policies, procedures, and practices of Child Protective Services to identify issues of discrimination against parents with disabilities. Drafted a report of investigation's findings to be disseminated to advocacy groups in Spokane, Washington. Compared and analyzed provisions in state and federal statutes and regulations to increase protections for residents in residential habilitation centers. Assisted with joint project with TeamChild on children's access to community mental health services. Provided information and referral to inmates with disabilities.

# Illinois Attorney General, Violence Against Women Unit Policy and Program Development Intern

#### Chicago, Illinois

Developed guidelines and programs to implement requests from the State Legislature on issues related to violence against women, including a confidential mailing address service for survivors of domestic violence, roundtable discussions between colleges and local service agencies on the issue of date rape drugs, and a protocol for universal screening for domestic violence in hospital emergency rooms. Responded to constituent concerns through letters and phone calls.

# The Women's Treatment Center

# Chicago, Illinois

# **Parenting Program Intern**

Developed and implemented curriculum for parenting classes with an emphasis on learning empathy for women transitioning out of inpatient treatment for substance abuse. Provided support to evaluation and research coordinator. Assisted inpatient women who wished to participate in writing program, developing journals to share with their children.

### LICENSE AND PROFESSIONAL HONORS

- Licensed and active member of the Washington State Bar (Bar # 42143)
- Appointed Chair of Pro Bono Service Committee for the Young Lawyers Division, Washington State Bar
- Ally in Advocacy Award 2016, Washington Low Income Housing Alliance

# Sweetened Beverage Tax Community Advisory Board

11 Members: Pursuant to Ordinance 125324, all members subject to City Council confirmation, twoand four-year terms for initial appointments, four-year terms thereafter:

- 5 City Council-appointed
- 6 Mayor-appointed

# Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date		
				Food Access					
			1.	Representative		9/1/2017	8/31/2021	1	Council
			2.	Food Access Representative	Christina Wong	9/1/2017	8/31/2019	1	Mayor
				Food Access					
			3.	Representative	Leika Suzumura	9/1/2017	8/31/2019	1	Mayor
			4.	Community Representative		9/1/2017	8/31/2019	1	Mayor
			5.	Community Representative		9/1/2017	8/31/2019	1	Council
				Public Health					
6	М	3	6.	Representative	Jim Krieger	9/1/2017	8/31/2019	1	Council
3	F	4	7.	Public Health Representative	Laura Flores Cantrell	9/1/2017	8/31/2021	1	Council
			8.	Public Health Representative	Jessica Jones-Smith	9/1/2017	8/31/2021	1	Mayor
			9.	Public Health Representative	Jessica Marcinkevage	9/1/2017	8/31/2021	1	Mayor
6	F	4	10.	Early Learning/ Education Representative	Mackenzie Chase	9/1/2017	8/31/2021	1	Council
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SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART					(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
	Men	Women	Transgender	Unknown	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other	Caucasian/ Non- Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor													
Council													
Other													
Total													

# 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.