

City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Rita Howard								
Board/Commission Name: Seattle Housing Authority Board		Position Title: Resident Commissioner; Position #1						
Appointment <i>OR</i> Reappointment	City Council Confirmation required? Yes No							
Appointing Authority: City Council Mayor Other:	Term of Position: * 3/21/2019 to 3/20/2023 ✓ Serving remaining term of a vacant position							
Residential Neighborhood: Ravenna	Zip Code: 98115	Contact Phone No.:						
Background: I am a retired nine-year resident of SHA's senior housing. I am very much committed to contributing to contributing to unity, 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.								
Authorizing Signature (original signature): Jenny A. Durken	Appointing Signatory: Jenny A. Durkan Mayor, City of Seattle							
Date Signed (appointed): 1/15/21								

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

Rita Howard



PERSONAL STATEMENT

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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	Twyla Minor	10/01/18	9/30/22	1	Mayor
2	М	N/A	2.	Commissioner	Gerald Smiley	3/20/19	03/19/23	2	Mayor
6	M	N/A	3.	Commissioner, Chair	Paul Purcell	12/02/18	12/01/22	2	Mayor
2	М	N/A	4.	Commissioner	Robert Crutchfield	12/01/18	12/01/22	2	Mayor
2	F	N/A	5.	Commissioner, Vice-Chair	Paula L. Houston	3/21/16	3/20/20	1	Mayor
3	М	N/A	6.	Resident	Rita Howard	3/21/19	3/20/23	1	Mayor
6	F	N/A	7.	Commissioner	Deborah Canavan Thiele	3/21/17	3/20/21	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				5				2			
Council													
Other													
Total	3	4				5				2			

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