



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Sustainability and Renters' Rights Committee

Agenda

Friday, June 2, 2023

9:30 AM

Council Chamber, City Hall
600 4th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Kshama Sawant, Chair
Sara Nelson, Vice-Chair
Debora Juarez, Member
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Tammy J. Morales, Member

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Submit written comments to Councilmember Sawant at Kshama.Sawan@seattle.gov

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A. Call To Order

B. Approval of the Agenda

C. Public Comment

D. Items of Business

1. [Appt 02576](#) **Appointment of Kate Rubin as member, Seattle Renters' Commission, for a term to February 28, 2025.**

Attachments: [Appointment Packet](#)

Briefing, Discussion, and Possible Vote (15 minutes for items 1 and 2)

Presenters for items 1 and 2: Kate Rubin and Julissa Sanchez, Renters Commission Appointees

2. [Appt 02577](#) **Appointment of Julissa Sanchez as member, Seattle Renters' Commission, for a term to February 28, 2025.**

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Briefing, Discussion, and Possible Vote

E. Adjournment



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Appointment of Kate Rubin as member, Seattle Renters' Commission, for a term to February 28, 2025.

The Appointment Packet is provided as an attachment.



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Kate Rubin</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle Renters' Commission</i>		Position Title: <i>Member</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Date Appointed: <i>6/2/2023</i>	Term of Position: * <i>3/1/2023</i> to <i>2/28/2025</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Beacon Hill</i>	Zip Code: <i>98144</i>	Contact Phone No.:
Background: <i>Kate Rubin is a renter living in Beacon Hill. She serves as the organizing director and co-executive director at Be:Seattle, a grassroots non-profit organization focused on housing justice. Kate has played an instrumental role in advancing various tenant protections in Seattle. She strives to empower renters to advocate for their communities and organize for landlord accountability and stronger tenant protections. Her unwavering commitment to social justice drives her advocacy efforts as she fights for greater equity and affordability in Seattle's housing landscape.</i>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 	Appointing Signatory: <i>Kshama Sawant</i> <i>Seattle City Councilmember (District 3)</i>	

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Kate Rubin

Objective: To obtain a position as a Commissioner on the Seattle Renters' Commission, utilizing my connections to the renter community, lived experience as a current Seattle renter, and background in advocacy and community organizing to represent the diverse perspectives of renters in Seattle and contribute to the Commission's efforts to promote affordable, safe, and equitable housing for all residents.

Summary: Highly motivated and results-oriented community organizer with a passion for affordable housing advocacy. Currently serving as Organizing Director/Co-Executive Director of Be:Seattle, where I lead and manage a team of staff and volunteers in developing and implementing programs to build the power and leadership of renters and people experiencing homelessness to fight displacement and increase access to housing in Seattle that is affordable for all. Skilled in building and leading diverse teams, advocacy. Adept at cultivating strong relationships with stakeholders, government officials, and community partners to achieve organizational goals.

Experience:

Organizing Director/Co-Executive Director, Be:Seattle (January 2020-Present)

- Lead and manage a team of staff and volunteers in developing and implementing programs to build the power and leadership of renters and people experiencing homelessness to fight displacement and increase access to housing in Seattle that is affordable for all.
- Develop and implement strategic plans to achieve the organization's goals, including fundraising, outreach, and policy advocacy.
- Collaborate with local officials, community leaders, and organizations to advance policy initiatives and address community needs.
- Develop organizing campaigns to educate and engage renters on tenant rights and protections.
- Coordinate with coalition partners to advance city and statewide policy initiatives for renters and the unhoused community
- Leverage digital organizing and communications tools to build a robust and engaged renter advocacy community.
- Develop and maintain strong relationships with stakeholders and community partners to ensure long-term sustainability and impact.

Skills:

- Community organizing and outreach
- Leadership and management
- Affordable housing advocacy
- Policy advocacy
- Program development
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Team building and collaboration

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)
- 6 Mayor-appointed (Positions 7 through 12)
- 2 Commission-appointed (Positions 13 and 14)
- 1 Other Appointing Authority-appointed (specify): Get Engaged Program (Position 15)

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
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			6.	Member		3/1/23	2/28/25		Council
6	O	6	7.	Member	Char Smith	3/1/22	2/28/24	1	Mayor
			8.	Member		3/1/23	2/28/25		Mayor
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			11.	Member	Sendia (Schnidine) Registin	3/1/22	2/28/24	1	Mayor
			12.	Member		3/1/23	2/28/25		Mayor
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			14.	Member		3/1/23	2/28/25		Commission
			15.	Get Engaged Member	Lydia Felty	9/1/22	8/31/23	1	Get Engaged Program

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

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RD Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A

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Residential Neighborhood: <i>Capitol Hill</i>	Zip Code: 98122	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: <i>Julissa Sanchez worked as a Community Organizer and Tenant Rights Counselor for the Tenants Union of Washington from 2018 through 2022. She is excited to bring to the Seattle Renters Commission her housing justice expertise, centering the experience of BIPOC, and in particular Latinx, 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 housing justice.</i>		
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JULISSA SANCHEZ

Human rights advocate with extensive experience engaging diverse populations, liaison between community and stakeholders, create anti-racist policy and grassroots campaigns to win protections against displacement and discrimination. Native Spanish speaker who advocates for language justice, serving as an advocate, educator, and personal point of contact for thousands of BIPOC tenants across the state of Washington.

KEY SKILLS & COMPETENCIES

Proven Social Justice Advocate • Coalition Building • Community Engagement & Interpersonal Skills • Outreach & Advocacy • Project Management • Policy Advising • Strong Researcher, Writer, and Analyst • Curriculum Development, Training, and Facilitation • Innovative Thought Partner • Data Management • Event Planning • Office Administration • Organization Development • Budget Management • Public Speaking • Leadership • Bilingual in Spanish and English • Staff Management • Volunteer Training • Marketing & Promotion • Dedicated Social Media Manager

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director of Advocacy, CHOOSE180

King County | January 2023- Present

- Centering individuals and communities who have been impacted by the justice system with resources.
- Changing systems to end the school to prison pipeline through policy, education and resources.

Eviction Prevention and Rental Assistance Program, EPRAP Equity Advisory Committee Member

King County King County | Dec 2021 - Jul 2022

- Served as an advisor to King County Department of Community and Human Services on how to equitably distribute EPRAP funds and serve BIPOC communities.
- Acted as a liaison between King County and tenants.

Community Organizer and Tenants Rights Counselor

Tenants Union of Washington State | Seattle, WA | January 2018 – January 2023

- Equity and Language Justice Program Lead
- Directed the statewide Latinx/Spanish education program on housing Justice during the COVID housing crisis, case managing over 50 cases a month, advocating for tenants, and connected them to social and legal resources appreciate for their case
- Created a tenants' rights education workshop centering language access and established the first tenants' rights clinic in South King County - centering and servicing Spanish speaking, Latinx, and undocumented communities and a tenants' rights hotline in Spanish for the Latinx community
- 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
- Supervise and lead a diverse team of eight housing justice advocates and four volunteers
- Currently serves 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 passage of "Just Cause" eviction protection in the city of Burien and Washington state and successfully campaigned for the unanimous passage of housing protection policies

EDUCATION

University of Washington Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies | Seattle, WA | June 2017 *Bachelor of Arts in Latin American Studies, Minor in Human Rights*

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