# City of Seattle

## Notice of Appointment

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| **Name:**<br>*Alex Becker* | | ☐ **Executive Appointment** ☐ **Reappointment**<br>☒ **Legislative Appointment**<br>☐ **Agency Appointment**<br>☐ **PDA Council** ☐ **PDA Constituency** |
| **Residential Neighborhood:**<br>*Capitol Hill* | **Zip Code:**<br>*98102* | **Contact Phone No.:**<br>*847-691-2031* |
| **Appointed to:**<br>*At-large member of the Seattle Human Rights Commission* | | **Date of Appointment:** |
| **Authority (Ord., Res.):**<br>*S.M.C. 3.14.920* | | **Term of Office**<br>**From:** *Confirmation*<br>**To:** 7/22/14 |

**Background:**

Alex Becker works as a Community Organizer with Real Change, an economic justice organization and weekly newspaper sold by people who are low-income and homeless. Born and raised in the Chicago area, he received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from The Evergreen State College and served two years as a national service volunteer through AmeriCorps and VISTA in Seattle, WA. Since 2005 he has worked and volunteered with various nonprofit and public service organizations in Washington that work on issues such as housing and homelessness policy, criminal justice reform, environmental health, racial and economic justice, and labor rights. He has also participated in student and human rights delegations to Mexico and Nicaragua. He is honored to join the Commission to help advance human rights in the City of Seattle.

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| **Authorizing Signature:**<br>Bruce A. Harrell | **Name and Title of Officer Making Appointment:** |

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# Alex Becker

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Community Organizer, *Real Change*** *Seattle, WA (01/2013 – Current)*
- Engage supporters and homeless/low-income vendors in cross-class advocacy campaign efforts
- Develop leadership and training opportunities; supervise volunteer projects and internships
- Plan campaign strategies and direct logistics; coordinate community events; perform communications
- Lead multimedia storytelling projects and facilitate public speaking engagements

**Program Coordinator, *Real Change*** *Seattle, WA (10/2011 – 01/2013)*
- Managed 300+ homeless/low-income newspaper vendors daily; provided training, coaching, and mediation
- Supervised program interns and volunteers
- Planned and directed 6 community events; led planning committees; facilitated vendor participation
- Developed program policies and procedures; directed policy/procedure reviews; wrote policy manuals
- Performed community and business outreach; responded to public inquiries and concerns
- Engaged in direct service, crisis-intervention, counseling, resource referrals, and de-escalation

**Development Assistant, *Real Change*** *Seattle, WA (Aug 2011 – Jan 2012)*
- Coordinated logistics and registrations for annual fundraising breakfast; helped raise $120,000+
- Managed donor database and performed data entry; prepared bulk mailings and tax donation receipts
- Produced video documentary project to be shown at annual fundraising breakfast
- Promoted to Interim Development Manager; led Development Department in transition; trained new hire

**Program Assistant, *Youth and Family Services*** *Mercer Island, WA (06/2010 – 08/2010)*
- Led 30+ community service projects at local agencies with 200+ youth volunteers
- Facilitated social justice curriculum and educational opportunities

**College Preparation Assistant, *GEAR UP for College*** *Oakville, WA (10/2009 – 06/2010)*
- Tutored and mentored at-risk students; assisted teachers with lesson plans and classroom activities
- Developed student leadership opportunities; supervised after-school program

**Vendor Services VISTA, *Real Change/Solid Ground*** *Seattle, WA (08/2008 – 9/2009)*
- Supported 350+ homeless/low-income newspaper vendors; conducted resource referrals; provided training
- Wrote 50+ "Vendor of the Week" newspaper columns and produced 50+ web videos;
- Produced "Turning Points" video documentary for public sales distribution of 2,000+ copies
- Dedicated one year to national service through AmeriCorps*VISTA

**Reading Coordinator, *Washington Reading Corps/Solid Ground*** *Tukwila, WA (11/2007 – 07/2008)*
- Tutored 150+ elementary school students in reading and ELL instruction
- Planned and coordinated 6 family events; developed and supervised before-school reading program
- Led service-learning curriculum in partnership with teachers, parents, and a local food bank
- Dedicated one year to national service through AmeriCorps

## EDUCATION

**Evergreen State College**, Olympia, WA
Bachelor of Arts, **June 2011**, *Emphasis in Political Science, International Studies, and Sociology*

## ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Spanish • Filemaker Pro • Salesforce • Excel • Photoshop • Final Cut Pro • Interviewing and Transcribing

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

**Student Delegate to Nicaragua,** *Thurston–Santo Tomás Sister County Association* *Olympia, WA (2011)*
- Participated in a 10-week sister-city delegation; volunteered in community development projects
- Performed field research on binational families and interregional economic migration; conducted interviews

**Labor Education Delegate to Mexico,** *Their Mines, Our Stories* *Olympia, WA (2010)*
- Served as media production assistant on delegation to Cananea, Mexico to document labor strike
- Assisted in publishing labor and human rights report to the United Association for Labor Education

**Research Assistant and Archivist,** *Their Mines, Our Stories* *Olympia, WA (2010)*
- Conducted research with environmental health/multimedia project to document impact of copper mining and smelting operations in Washington, Texas, Arizona, and Northern Mexico
- Compiled and archived historic documents, legal files, news stories, and photographs; re-touched materials
- Assisted with production of "Their Mines, Our Stories" project website

**Educational Partner,** *Justice Works!* *Seattle, WA (2007/2008)*
- Served as educational partner to incarcerated man in WA; provided regular educational correspondence
- Provided re-entry support to formerly incarcerated program participants

**Challenge Partner,** *Gateways for Incarcerated Youth* *Olympia, WA (2007)*
- Tutored and mentored young incarcerated men at Maple Lane and Green Hill School
- Designed program, curriculum, and prepared reading materials; assisted with GED and reading instruction
- Helped raise $2,000+ to pay for incarcerated youth's college tuition and textbooks

**Volunteer Coordinator,** *Books to Prisoners* *Olympia, WA (2006/2007)*
- Coordinated volunteer program to provide incarcerated individuals with free reading materials by request
- Managed volunteers, hosted fundraisers, developed partnerships with local businesses to ensure revenue

**Organizer,** *Day of Absence, First People's Advising Services* *Olympia, WA (2007)*
- Served on planning committee for "Day of Absence" racial justice program at Evergreen State College
- Designed and helped facilitate workshops, trainings, and curriculum on institutional racism

**Conference Organizer,** *Rachel Corrie Foundation for Peace and Justice* *Olympia, WA (2007)*
- Helped plan and promote peace and justice conference on Israel-Palestine; assisted as liaison to speakers
- Created conference materials and resource reading lists, coordinated conference film series

**Student Group Coordinator,** *The Gleaners' Coalition* *Olympia, WA (2005/2006)*
- Founded student group in partnership with local community-based organization
- Recruited and managed volunteers to harvest surplus crops from local farms for donation to food banks

**Volunteer Intern,** *Connections for the Homeless* *Evanston, IL (2005)*
- Helped staff evening shelter shift at transitional homeless shelter; managed and sorted in-kind donations
- Facilitated interview storytelling project with 6 residents and produced booklet for distribution

## PUBLISHED ARTICLES/REPORTS

"Evolution of an economist out to defend the masses." *Street Roots (reprinted).* 13 Feb 2013.
"Evolution of an Economist." *Real Change News* 16 Jan 2012.
"Putting the freeze on Cold War politics." *Real Change News* 26 Dec 2012.
"Miko Peled: Peace activist speaks with a fiery tongue." *Real Change News* 14 Nov 2012.
"Finding Nicaragua: Bonds beyond borders." *Real Change News* 1 Aug 2012.
"Underthings." *Real Change News* 13 Jun 2012.
"FSLN's Daniel Ortega Wins Re-Election." *Olympia/Santo Tomás Newsletter* Dec 2012.
"Crossing the Border to Cananea." *Report to United Association for Labor Education.* 23 Mar 2011.

# Seattle Human Rights Commission

January 21, 2014

15 members, confirmed by City Council, who serve a term of 2-years:

- 7 appointed by Mayor, confirmed by City Council
- 7 appointed by City Council
- 1 appointed by the Commission, confirmed by City Council

1 Get Engaged Member, confirmed by City Council who serves a single term of 1-year

| D | G | Name | Appointed | Term Ends | Term # | Position | Appointed By |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | F | Katherine Beckett | 08-27-12 | 07-22-14 | 1st | | City Council |
| 6 | M | Alex Becker | | 07-22-14 | 1st | | City Council |
| 6 | F | Catherine Moore | 08-27-12 | 07-22-14 | 1st | Chair | City Council |
| 4 | F | Ethel Branch | 09-24-13 | 07-22-15 | 1st | | City Council |
| 4 | F | Nika Dahlbacka | 09-09-09 | 07-22-13 | 3rd | Vice-Chair | City Council |
| 3 | F | Alejandra Gonza | 11-01-12 | 07-22-13 | 2nd | | City Council |
| 3 | M | Greg Ramirez | 10-31-11 | 07-22-13 | 2nd | | City Council |
| 1 | F | Christina Ygona | 08-27-12 | 07-22-14 | 1st | | Commission |
| 6 | F | Sarah Bishop | | 07-22-14 | 1st | | Mayor |
| 3 | F | Andrea Negrete | 11-05-12 | 07-22-14 | 1st | | Mayor |
| 1 | M | Rich Stolz | 03-20-13 | 07-22-14 | 1st. | | Mayor |
| 1 | F | Jennifer Yogi | 07-30-10 | 07-22-14 | 2nd | | Mayor |
| 5 | F | Marsha Mavunkel | 10-31-11 | 07-22-13 | 1st | | Mayor |
| 6 | M | Martin Penner | 07-30-10 | 07-22-13 | 1st | Secretary | Mayor |
| 5 | F | Anita Khandelwal | 11-15-13 | 07-22-15 | 1st | | Mayor |
| 6 | F | Naomi McMillen | 07-15-13 | 09-01-14 | 1st | Get Engaged | Mayor |

*(sorted by appt auth, term end date and name)*

*Diversity*

| | Men | Women | Vacant | Minority | (1) Asian-American | (2) African-American | (3) Hispanic Latin@ | (4) Native-American | (5) Other | (6) Caucasian |
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| Council | 2 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Commission | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mayor | 2 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Get Engaged | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| ***Total*** | ***4*** | ***12*** | ***0*** | ***10*** | ***3*** | ***0*** | ***3*** | ***2*** | ***2*** | ***6*** |