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Appointment of Jennifer Yogi as member, Seattle Human Rights Commission, for a term of confirmation to July 22, 2012.

Committee Action:		
Date	Recommendation	Vote
<del>9/15/2010</del>	Granted	BH, RC, NL
8.18.10		

Related Legislation File: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Introduced and Referred: <u>August 9, 2010</u>	To: (committee): Energy, Technology, and Civil Rights
Date Re-referred:	To: (committee):
Date Re-referred:	To: (committee):
Date of Final Action: <u>9.7.10</u>	Disposition:

This file is complete and ready for presentation to Full Council. \_\_\_\_\_

Full Council Action:		
Date	Decision	Vote
9.7.10	Confirmed	7-0 Excused TR NL

August 4, 2010  
**Date Filed with City Clerk**  
Emilia M Sanchez  
**By**

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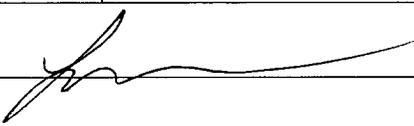
Title:Appointment of Jennifer Yogi as member,  
Seattle Human Rights Commission, for a term of  
confirmation to July 22, 2012.

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City of Seattle  
Notice of Appointment

<b>Name:</b> <b>Jennifer Yogi</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Executive Appointment</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Legislative Appointment</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Agency Appointment</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>PDA Council</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>PDA Constituency</b>
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> Central District	<b>Zip Code:</b> 98122	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> (206) 9464-1519
<b>Appointed to:</b> Seattle Human Rights Commission		<b>Date of Appointment:</b> July 27, 2010
<b>Authority (Ord., Res.): 118392</b>		<b>Term of Office:</b> <b>From: Confirmation</b> <b>To: 7/22/12</b>
<b>Comments:</b>  New Appointment		
<b>Authorizing Signature:</b> 		<b>Name and Title of Officer Making Appointments:</b>  Mayor Mike McGinn

**Confirmed by the Following Vote at City Council**

<b>In Favor:</b> 7	<b>Against:</b> 0	<b>Date:</b> 9.7.10
<b>Attested by:</b> 		<b>Title:</b>



# Jennifer Yogi

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

**Northwest Justice Project** Seattle, Washington  
**Staff Attorney, Native American Unit** September, 2004 – Present  
Represent Native American clients in Western Washington in federal, state and tribal courts and administrative fora. Areas of practice include health care, public benefits, housing, and family matters involving issues of Indian law. Conduct educational programs and participate in outreach events in reservation and urban Indian communities.

**Northwest Justice Project** Seattle, Washington  
**Staff Attorney, Coordinated Legal Education Advice and Referral System** August, 2001 – February, 2006  
Represent indigent parents in dependencies at Skokomish and Muckleshoot tribal courts. Advise and assist low-income clients throughout the state in all areas of poverty and Indian law including health care, public benefits, housing and family matters.

**Merkle Siegel & Friedrichsen, P.C.** Seattle, Washington  
**Law Clerk** September, 2000 – June, 2001  
Draft memoranda regarding criminal sentencing guidelines in Washington State and the effects of different policies. Researched the impacts and costs of the Sentencing Reform Act, drug courts, and treatment programs. Organized community outreach events on criminal justice issues and made presentations to a variety of community groups.

**Legal Aid Society of Hawaii** Hilo, Hawaii  
**Law Clerk** June - August 2000  
Successfully appealed the denial of social security benefits for a disabled client at an administrative law hearing. Negotiated with opposing counsel to prevent an unlawful eviction. Wrote brief memos on a variety of topics including professional responsibility, statutory requirements for divorce, and the effect of sovereign immunity on states' duty to provide benefits to the indigent.

**Center on Race, Poverty and the Environment** San Francisco, California  
**Law Clerk** June - August 1999  
Researched legal and technical issues including environmental statutory provisions for citizen suits. Wrote an appeal to the Attorney General to prevent the expansion of a toxic waste dump. Testified at local hearings and attended a national environmental justice conference on U.S.-Mexico border issues. Edited written materials of legal counsel and interns.

**Lummi Nation** Bellingham, Washington  
**Intern** March 1997 - January 1998  
Prepared interviews and investigations. Facilitated meetings between Lummi Public Defender and clients at weekly court proceedings. Evaluated case files to identify legal issues. Interviewed clients and witnesses.

**Whatcom County Public Defenders** Bellingham, Washington  
**Investigative Intern** June - December 1996  
Conducted preliminary interviews with clients. Performed investigative research. Organized research project compiling publicity data for a motion for change of venue.

## EDUCATION

**University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, Washington**  
Juris Doctor, 2001  
Minority Law Students Association, Board of Directors, 1998-2001  
Asian/Pacific American Law Students Association, Activities Chair  
Student Bar Association, Diversity Committee member, 2000-2001  
Recipient of Public Interest Summer Grant, 1999

**Western Washington University, Bellingham, Washington**  
Bachelor of Arts, Law and Diversity, June 1997

## PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

**Volunteer, International District Legal Clinic, King County Bar Association, January 2002 - Present**  
**Board Member, Unemployment Law Project, 2003- Present**  
**Member, Washington State Bar Association Pro Bono and Legal Aid Committee, January 2005 – September, 2006**  
**Member, Initiative for Diversity Governing Council 2004-2006**

## SEATTLE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

**15 MEMBERS**      7 Appointed by the Mayor  
                          7 Appointed by City Council  
                          1 Appointed by the Commission  
                          2-year terms

**1 MEMBER**      Get Engaged Program - Appointed by Mayor  
                          1-year term

All appointments confirmed by City Council.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Appointed By</u>
(6) Jessica Andrade	1-5-10	7-22-11	1 <sup>st</sup>	City Council
(2) Keith Toussaint	7-22-10	7-22-12	1 <sup>st</sup>	City Council
(6) Frances Donegan-Ryan	1-5-10	7-22-11	1 <sup>st</sup>	City Council
(4) Nika Dahlbacka*	9-9-10	7-22-11	1 <sup>st</sup>	City Council
(6) Andrew Lewis	2008	7-22-11	2 <sup>nd</sup>	City Council
(2) Mica Powers	2008	7-22-12	2 <sup>nd</sup>	City Council
(1) Jesse Aspuria	2008	7-22-12	2 <sup>nd</sup>	City Council
(6) Arthur Shwab	7-27-10	7-22-12	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mayor
(6) Mike Peters	7-30-09	7-22-11	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mayor
(2) Damien Carter	7-27-10	7-22-12	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mayor
(6) Jennifer Yogi	7-27-10	7-22-12	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mayor
(6) Martin Penner	7-27-10	7-22-11	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mayor
(4) Christopher Stearns	7-30-09	7-22-11	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mayor
(2) Merri Ann Osborne	7-27-10	7-22-12	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mayor
(6) Roslyn Solomon	2008	7-22-12	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Commission
(2) Joshua Marshall*	9-9-10	9-9-11	1 <sup>st</sup>	Get Engaged Program

				(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	
	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	Asian-American	African-American	Hispanic/Latino/a	Native-American	Middle East	Caucasian
Mayor	5	2	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	4
Council	3	4	0	4	1	2	0	1	0	3
Commission	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
GE program	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Total	9	7	0	8	1	5	0	2	0	8

\*Nika Dahlbacka will continue service as a Get Engaged Commissioner until her term expires on September 9, 2010, whereupon Joshua Marshall will begin a one-year term as Get Engaged Commissioner and Nika will immediately assume a regular commission seat.

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**Michael McGinn**  
Mayor, City of Seattle

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CITY CLERK

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** July 27, 2010

**TO:** The Honorable Richard Conlin  
President, Seattle City Council

**FROM:** Mayor Mike McGinn *mm*

**SUBJECT:** Appointments to the Seattle Human Rights Commission

I am pleased to forward to the City Council the following appointments and reappointments to the Seattle Human Rights Commission for 2-year terms:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Succeeding</u>
Jennifer Yogi	07/22/12	Commissioner	Lubna Mahadeen
Martin Penner	07/22/11	Commissioner	Marvin Stern
Arthur Shwab	07/22/12	Commissioner	Reappointment
Damien Carter	07/22/12	Commissioner	Reappointment
Merri Ann Osborne	07/22/12	Commissioner	Reappointment

The Seattle Human Rights Commission is composed of fifteen members: seven appointed by the Mayor, subject to City Council confirmation; seven appointed by Council; and one appointed by the Commission itself. All appointments are subject to City Council confirmation. Attached to this memorandum is the current membership roster of the Seattle Human Rights Commission, including the new appointees.

Bios for the appointees are as follows:

**New Appointments:**

**Jennifer Yogi**

Jennifer Yogi attended the University of Washington-School of Law. She is currently serving as a Staff Attorney with the Northwest Justice Project providing free legal representation for the low-income. As an advocate in the Native American unit, she serves clients in a variety of areas, including family law, housing, education, and public benefits. Jennifer is committed to

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promoting fairness and addressing discrimination in Seattle, Jennifer volunteers with the King County Bar Association Neighborhood Legal Clinic in the International District.

**Martin Penner**

Martin Penner is a Project Manager for Unitus, Inc. a non-profit operating in the field of microfinance. He was involved in establishing a new branch office in Nairobi, Kenya. He has served as the key liaison for communication operations supporting their work in 10 different countries. Martin has long been involved in the area of international human rights as a Senior Fellow with Humanity in Action, an international organization creating comparative research/study programs and ongoing discussion on minority rights within democracies in the United States and five countries in Europe. Martin is committed to human rights, working with Seattle's Horn of Africa Services to address issues of Seattle's East African refugee and immigrant community. Martin will fill the unexpired term of former Commissioner Marvin Stern; he will be eligible for two additional two-year terms.

**Reappointments:**

**Arthur Shwab**

Arthur Shwab came to the U.S. as a refugee from Russia, which has inspired him to serve the immigrant community in a wide range of capacities, including legal aid, mentoring, and community organizing. Mr. Shwab has engaged in extensive travel, having served as a liaison for a delegation from the Republic of Kazakhstan on an exchange program focused on the U.S. legal system and government administration, managed a food program in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and studied abroad in Israel and Spain. Mr. Shwab is a graduate and current law student at Seattle University. Mr. Shwab speaks Russian, Spanish, and Hebrew. Mr. Shwab serves as chair of the Commission's Public Safety Task Force and played a pivotal role in the Commission's report on the proposed Aggressive Solicitation Ordinance.

**Damien Carter**

Damien Carter graduated the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine and currently serves as a Research Fellow at the Harborview Medical Center Department of Surgery. In accordance with his passion and oath as a physician, Dr. Carter has a strong interest in human rights issues particularly international and public health. To that end, Dr. Carter has worked through the Commission to increase access to respite care in the Seattle area. Dr. Carter has also served on the Commission's appeals committee for two years, working to ensure equal opportunity for all in the public and private sector.

**Merri Ann Osborne**

Merri Ann Osborne received a Master's Degree in Conflict Resolution from the Department of Peace Studies, University of Bradford, United Kingdom. Ms. Osborne currently works at Solid Ground (formerly the Fremont Public Association). Ms. Osborne has worked or volunteered with the ACLU, Amnesty International, Multi-Faith Works, and the Seattle Human Rights Film

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Festival. Ms. Osborne brings considerable mediation and facilitation skill to the Commission. Ms. Osborne serves as Secretary of the Commission and chairs the Commission's Education Task Force.

If you have any questions regarding these appointments, please call Felicia Yearwood, Commission Liaison at the Seattle Office for Civil Rights (206) 684-4537.

#### Attachments

Copy: Wayne Barnett, Executive Director, Ethics and Elections Commission  
Felicia Yearwood, Commission Staff, Seattle Office for Civil Rights  
Jennifer Samuels, Legislative Assistant, Seattle City Council  
Tania María Rosario, Boards and Commissions Administrator for the Mayor