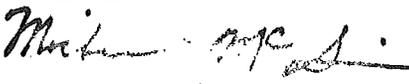


**City of Seattle
Notice of Appointment**

Name: Patricia Copeland		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Agency Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Council <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Constituency
Residential Neighborhood: Queen Anne	Zip Code: 98119	Contact Phone No.: 206- 436-2195
Appointed to: Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities		Date of Appointment: May 5, 2010
Authority (Ord., Res.): 118392		Term of Office: From: Confirmation To: April 30, 2011
Comments:		
Authorizing Signature: 		Name and Title of Officer Making Appointments: Mike McGinn Mayor

Confirmed by the Following Vote at City Council

In Favor:	Against:	Date:
Attested by:		Title:



PATT COPELAND LICSW - CURRICULUM VITAE

Patt Copeland is a Visually Impaired Clinical Social Worker who has long established roots in the Blind Community. She was born in Brooklyn, New York where her father was director of the Lightbuoy Club. The "Club" was a Blind Community Center (part of Helen Keller Services for the Blind) with a restaurant, theater and a popular arts and recreation program. Patt's family lived in an apartment upstairs from the "Club" and this was the setting for her formative years. Her mother and father were both visually impaired and played vital roles in establishing a new framework for community arts, recreation and sports programming within the Blind Community.

After receiving a Bachelors and Masters Degree in Social Work from the State University of New York at Buffalo, Patt became a specialist in developing new programs for under served populations. She created the Accessible Counseling and Treatment Program at Seattle Mental Health, which specialized in providing counseling services to people with disabilities. In this program she saw that isolation and depression were a common reaction to a loss of vision and hence realized that peer support and links to community involvement were critically important. She also worked as a Mental Health counselor at the Pike Market Medical Clinic in Seattle where she helped individuals and families cope with the challenges of living with AIDS and other chronic health conditions. Listening to the life stories of how people come to terms with issues of loss strengthened her resolve that personal connections were important elements of successful adaptation to disability.

With over thirty years of clinical experience in counseling, Patt returned to her roots in blindness programs after experiencing a partial vision loss in 2004. She Co-founded the Seattle Low Vision Support Group and developed the Activity and Outreach Committee of United Blind of Seattle (a local chapter of the American Council of the Blind) She is presently employed as the Community Support Services Manager at the Seattle Lighthouse for the Blind. Her love of Art and Theater inspired her to organize groups to go the Seattle Art Museum, Musical Events and Audio Described Performances at local theaters. This led to establishing Vision Loss Connections which is a new nonprofit that organizes groups for a wide variety of activities.

Events that range from mountain hiking trips to chamber music champagne suppers have been part of their programming. Her experiences have coalesced into the development of a new model of community partnership and model for Best Practices Techniques for Museums to consider in designing Accessible Services for people who are Visually Impaired.

SEATTLE COMMISSION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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

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	Rebecca Cory	4-21-2010	4-30-2012	1 st	City Council
6	John Denooyer	4-21-2010	4-30-2011	1 st	City Council
1	Vickie Foster	4-21-2010	4-30-2012	1 st	City Council
6	Laura Gramer	4-21-2010	4-30-2011	1 st	City Council
1	Mary Beth Lum	4-21-2010	4-30-2012	1 st	City Council
6	Gary Stobbe	4-21-2010	4-30-2011	1 st	City Council
6	Deborah Wittmer	4-21-2010	4-30-2012	1 st	City Council
6	Mark Adreon	5-6-2010	4-30-2012	1 st	Mayor
6	Joshua Caple	5-6-2010	4-30-2011	1 st	Mayor
6	Charlene Curtiss	5-6-2010	4-30-2012	1 st	Mayor
6	Patricia Copeland	5-6-2010	4-30-2011	1 st	Mayor
2	Hope Drummond	5-6-2010	4-30-2012	1 st	Mayor
6	Erica Sekins	5-6-2010	4-30-2011	1 st	Mayor
6	Sara Woody	5-6-2010	4-30-2012	1 st	Mayor
	Vacant		4-30-2011	1 st	Commission
	Vacant		9-10-2011	1 st	Get Engaged

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	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	Asian-American	African-American	Hispanic Latino/a	Native-American	Middle East	Caucasian
Mayor	2	5	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	6
Council	2	5	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	5
Comm.	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GE program	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	4	10	2	3	2	1	0	0	0	11

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Michael McGinn
Mayor, City of Seattle

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 26, 2010

TO: The Honorable Richard Conlin
President, Seattle City Council

FROM: Mayor Michael McGinn *MM*

SUBJECT: Mayoral Appointments to Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities

City Council created the Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities to promote the full participation of people with disabilities into all areas of economic, political, and community life in the City of Seattle. The duties of the Commission include:

- Inform the Mayor, City Council, and City departments about issues of importance to people with disabilities;
- Assure access to City services and facilities;
- Recommend policies, practices, and legislation to the City in matters affecting the concerns of people with disabilities; and
- Encourage understanding among people with various disabilities as well as between people with disabilities and the larger Seattle community.

During the first quarter of 2010, staff of the Seattle Office for Civil Rights ("SOCR") worked with City departments and with community stakeholders to recruit Commissioners with a diversity of experience, skills, and interests. SOCR staff circulated information about the Commission to a range of audiences, including academia, advocacy organizations that focus on specific disabilities, organizations that serve people of color, parents of children with disabilities, and disabled veterans. We distributed information about the new Commission and the application process in print, via the internet, and by word-of-mouth. All print and internet advertising stated that accommodations were available upon request.

Nearly forty individuals submitted applications to serve on the Commission. Applications and resumes were reviewed by the Human Rights Commission Disability Task Force and Office for Civil Rights staff. Staff conducted interviews of twenty-five candidates.

The Commission will have sixteen members: seven appointed by the Mayor, seven appointed by the City Council, one appointed by the Commission itself, and one individual age 18-29

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appointed in September through the YMCA's Get Engaged Program. All appointments are subject to City Council confirmation. Commissioners will serve staggered one- or two-year terms. Attached to this memorandum is the membership roster of the Commission listing all the new appointees.

I am pleased to forward to the City Council seven outstanding candidates for appointment to the Commission:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>	<u>Position</u>
Mark Adreon	4-30-2012	Commissioner
Joshua Caple	4-30-2011	Commissioner
Charlene Curtiss	4-30-2012	Commissioner
Patricia Copeland	4-30-2011	Commissioner
Hope Drummond	4-30-2012	Commissioner
Erica Sekins	4-30-2011	Commissioner
Sara Woody	4-30-2012	Commissioner

The appointment bios for appointees are as follows:

Mark Adreon

Mark Adreon has been employed with the Washington State Department of Services for the Blind for nine years and has served in a number of advocacy roles with the department and communities throughout the state. He has served on the Puget Sound Diversity Employment Network board for ten years Mark has served on the METRO Accessible Services Advisory Committee for seven years and has chaired the King County 504 ADA Committee. He recently developed a forum on accessible technology, working with Microsoft, employers, consumers, and developers. Mark will bring a wealth of experience working at the board level and a vision for the work of the Commission.

Joshua Caple

Joshua Caple is a case manager with ElderHealth Northwest, where he provides services to adults with physical and mental disabilities and traumatic brain injuries, as well as the elderly, and regularly interacts with caregivers, guardians, family members, and state case managers. He has worked for several years at assisted living facilities, providing services to profoundly disabled individuals. Joshua previously worked with youth who have physical, mental, and learning disabilities. Joshua brings to the Commission the perspective of a direct service provider.

Charlene Curtiss

Founder and Artistic Director of Light Motion Dance Company, Charlene Curtiss integrates the artistic expressions of disabled and nondisabled artists. Ms. Curtiss has performed, choreographed, and taught disabled artists nationally and internationally. Ms. Curtiss worked with the Women Wheelers organization to negotiate a settlement with the Seattle Center regarding the removal of 13 disabled parking stalls on the Seattle Center grounds. Previously, Ms. Curtiss chaired the Arts and Accessibility Committee on the Arts Commission and served on the Consumer Advisory Board for the Northwest Regional Spinal Cord Injury System. She has taught wheelchair control skills at Harborview and University of Washington Medical Center Rehabilitation Programs. Formerly, Ms. Curtiss practiced law as a public defender.

Patricia Copeland

Patt Copeland is a Visually Impaired Clinical Social Worker who has long established roots in the blind community. She is presently employed as the Community Support Services Manager at the Seattle Lighthouse for the Blind and has established Vision Loss Connections, a new nonprofit that organizes recreational activities. Ms. Copeland is Activity Chair for United Blind of Seattle. She also created the Accessible Counseling and Treatment Program at Seattle Mental Health and worked as a Mental Health counselor at the Pike Market Medical Clinic where she helped individuals and families cope with the challenges of living with AIDS and other chronic health conditions.

Hope Drummond

Hope Drummond is a longtime advocate for people with disabilities on a range of fronts. As an individual of short stature with multiple other disabilities, Ms. Drummond has first-hand experience with navigating through institutions that are not designed to include her as an active participant. In her professional life, Ms. Drummond has assisted clients with disabilities transition into the workforce, sort out benefits and insurance issues, and become more independent. Ms. Drummond is a powerful advocate, who has engaged extensively in the public arena on behalf of individuals with disabilities and to increase awareness of disability issues.

Erica Sekins

Through her educational background in Disability Studies, Erica Sekins has developed an in depth knowledge of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Rehabilitation Act, and related state and federal laws. She currently teaches an Introduction to Disability Studies course and serves as President of the Disability Advocacy Student Alliance at the University of Washington. Ms. Sekins formerly directed the UW Student Disability Commission where she was successful in establishing a seat for the Commission in the Student Senate. Ms. Sekins currently works at the Headache and Multiple Sclerosis clinic at the UW. Ms. Sekins has been a successful advocate for LGBT communities and is eager to facilitate intercommunity dialogues.

Sara Woody

Sara Woody works with businesses to survey for ADA facility access and educate business owners about barriers and alternative accessibility features. Her work requires knowledge of marketing trends of people with disabilities. Ms. Woody currently serves as Treasurer for Mental Health Action, a grassroots, consumer-run advocacy organization. She worked for seven years training mental health professionals, law enforcement, policy makers, students and community members on best practices in mental health recovery. Ms. Woody has in prior employment supported homeless mentally ill adults and youth transition to employment training programs. Ms. Woody has successfully engaged in lobbying on behalf of mental health parity and services for the mentally ill. In addition to her passion for the issues facing people with disabilities, Ms. Woody brings to the commission expertise in marketing, social media, and teaching.

Attachments: Appointments Roster
Appointment Letters (7)
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cc: Felicia Yearwood, Commission Liaison
Wayne Barnett, Executive Director, Ethics and Elections Commission
Tania Maria Rosario, Boards and Commissions Administrator for the Mayor
Jennifer Samuels, Committee Staff

