

# City of Seattle

## Notice of Appointment

<b>Name:</b>  <i>Debbie C. Thiele</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Executive Appointment</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Reappointment</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>  <i>Fremont</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b>  <i>98103</i>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b>  <i>206-930-7968</i>
<b>Appointed to:</b>  <i>Seattle Housing Authority Board of Commissioners</i>		<b>Date of Appointment:</b>  <i>September 19, 2012</i>
<b>Authority (Ord., Res.):</b>  <i>RCW 35.82</i>		<b>Term of Office</b> <b>From:</b> <i>Confirmation</i> <b>To:</b> <i>March 20, 2013</i>
<b>Background:</b> <i>New Appointment: (Ms. Thiele will be filling out the unexpired term of Heyward Johnson)</i>  <i>Ms. Thiele served for 7 years in a senior leadership role with the King County Housing Authority. In her current position with the Corporation for Supportive Housing she is leading national efforts to advance the work of Public Housing Authorities as they respond to HUD Secretary Donovan's urging for systemic changes toward ending homelessness.</i>		
<b>Authorizing Signature:</b>  		<b>Name and Title of Officer Making Appointment:</b>  <i>Mayor Mike McGinn</i>

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# Debbie Canavan Thiele

## Professional Experience

### Corporation for Supportive Housing

2011-Present

#### Senior Program Manager

- ◆ Lead national efforts to advance the role of Public Housing Authorities in leveraging systemic changes toward ending homelessness.
- ◆ Educate funders, providers, and policy makers on the highest and best uses of integrated financing for affordable housing.

### Seattle Office of Housing

2008- 2011

#### Senior Manager, Multifamily Lending

- ◆ Oversaw the offerings, underwriting, and allocation of \$20+ million in annual public funding for affordable housing production and preservation. Ensured the City's federal compliance with HOME and Community Development Block Grant programs and provided accountability for the use of voter-approved local Housing Levy funds.
- ◆ Managed a staff team that monitored housing development, real estate negotiations, and construction. Furthered the City's environmental and social justice goals by overseeing green building, prevailing wages, and affirmative hiring and contracting.
- ◆ Initiated a nationally recognized inter-jurisdictional funding system that redefined leverage to create the greatest number of quality affordable units each funding round.

### King County Housing Authority

2001-2008

#### Senior Director, Homeless Housing Initiatives

- ◆ Furthered the Authority's efforts to increase regional production of supportive housing by building capacity of local nonprofits during the development processes of site identification, financing, transfer of ownership, and operations.
- ◆ Piloted the first Section 8 master-leasing program in the country in order to utilize federal resources to house chronically homeless individuals in a suburban housing market.
- ◆ Wrote the Authority's Project-Based Section 8 Administrative Plan under HUD's Moving to Work demonstration program, thereby reworking HUD policies and procedures to align with local goals and objectives.
- ◆ Administered the largest disability voucher program in the country by leading a consortium of human service and behavioral health systems serving households in the private rental market.

United Way of Metropolitan Chicago

1999-2001

Manager, Corporate Partnerships

- ◆ Managed the Corporate Volunteer Department, which coordinated service projects for 100 corporations and 200 nonprofit organizations annually.

YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago (Illinois)

1995-1999

Program Director, Lawson House

- ◆ Provided direct service for extremely low-income single adults. Developed a career services program that achieved a 90% six-month retention rate. Established socialization programs involving residents and community volunteers, and performed case management.

Foundation for the Homeless (Texas)

1993-1994

VISTA Volunteer

- ◆ Wrote grants that funded the start-up of an outreach program for homeless children and created a community nutrition program for residents of transitional housing.

## **Education and Honors**

### Education/Certifications

Bachelor of Arts, Communication and Professional Writing: Eastern Illinois University 1993  
HUD Certified HOME Regulations and Administration Specialist 2009- 2014

### Presenter

Accomplished public speaker and trainer for multiple organizations including: The White House Office on Urban Affairs with HUD, HHS, and Treasury; National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials; US Department of Veterans Affairs; National Alliance to End Homelessness; United Way of America; Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; Seattle University; King County Mental Health and Criminal Justice Divisions; and Washington State Department of Commerce.

### Awards

Unsung Hero: King County Housing and Community Services  
Community Achievement in Collaboration: Valley Cities Counseling and Consultation  
Innovator: Housing Development Consortium of King County  
President's Award for Excellence in Program Creativity: YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago

## Seattle Housing Authority (SHA)

### Board of Commissioners

*September, 2012*

7 members: Per R.C.W. 35-82, appointed by the Mayor, confirmed by City Council, 4-year terms

D	G	Commissioner	Appointed	Term Expires	Term #	Position
1	M	Min, Kollin	07/07/08	3/20/16	1	At-Large
2	M	Thiele, Debbie C.	9/19/12	03/20/13	1	At-Large
5	M	Morrison, Douglas H.	08/02/10	03/20/14	1	Resident
		Vacant		10/01/14	2	Resident
6	M	Littel, John	03/26/07	10/01/14	2	CHAIR, At-Large
6	F	Gibson, Nora	08/13/07	03/20/15	2	VICE-CHAIR, At-Large
3	M	Martinez, Juan	08/13/07	03/20/15	2	At-Large

### *Diversity*

				(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)**	(6)
Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	Asian-American	African-American	Hispanic	Native-American	Other	Caucasian
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*\*\*Other includes diversity in any of the following: race, gender and/or ability*