

**City of Seattle
Notice of Appointment**

Name: Robert Canamar		<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Appointment <input checked="" 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.: 206-684-4537
Appointed to: Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities		Date of Appointment: April 3, 2013
Authority (Ord., Res.): 118392		Term of Office: From: Confirmation To: April 30, 2015
Comments: <i>Robert Canamar, a disabled veteran and wheelchair user, has been active for the past twenty-five years advocating for individuals who are homeless and poor. Robert previously served as a member of the Seattle Housing Authority Resident Action Council and President of Ballard House Community Council. Robert has been active with Poverty Action Network, Progressive Majority, League of Conservation Voters, and People for the American Way. Robert was instrumental in the creation of the Commission through his service on the ad hoc Committee to Establish a Seattle Disabilities Commission. Robert has been engaged with the Commission, regularly attends meetings and special events, and has begun serving on the Transportation Subcommittee..</i>		
Authorizing Signature: 		Name and Title of Officer Making Appointments: Bruce Harrell, Council Member

Confirmed by the Following Vote at City Council

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

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ROBERT F. CANAMAR

Graduated Arcadia High School in 1966

Attended University of N.M.,

Graduated from I.T.T. Technical College 1986

U.S.N. 1966-1970 Viet Nam Combat Veteran

Business Experience: First business at age 10 was a landscaping business in Temple City, California. I Worked in the Television, and Legitimate Theater, starting as a stage hand, and worked up to the position of Technical Director until 1976. Owned, and operated Canamar Unlimited, an auto restoration company from California, to Albuquerque, N.M. and a landscaping business until 1984. Moved to Seattle, in 1992, and worked in the nursing, and property management industries till I became physically dis-abled in 1996. Opened Music Man Recording Studio in 2002. Closed Music Man Studio after a series of break-ins, and thefts left me broke. I have also worked as a busker from time to time at the Pike Market, Seattle Center, and in Ballard on Market.

Political: I started at the protest at the Pacific Hotel at 4th and Marion in 1992, helped create the homeless shelter at the I.B.E.W. Hall on First Ave. at the same time that I was involved with negotiating with City Hall, the mayor, and helped in getting a housing authority to purchase the property at 4th and Marion. In 2003 became Ballard House Community Council President, and started getting into activism on a much larger scale. Today, I am an advocate for Housing, Healthcare, Peace Movements, and the poor thru organizations such as Poverty Action Network, The World Can't Wait, Fuse, Progressive Majority, League of Conservation Voters, and People for the American Way. While we still voted at the polls, I volunteered at the polls, working in Ballard.

Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities

June 27, 2013

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
-	-	Vacant	-	4-30-2014	1 st		City Council
1	F	Vickie Foster	5-10-2010	4-30-2014	2 nd		City Council
6	M	<i>Ryan Troyer</i>	<i>4-3-2013</i>	<i>4-30-2014</i>	<i>1st</i>		<i>City Council</i>
6	F	Deborah Witmer	5-10-2010	4-30-2014	2 nd		City Council
6	M	<i>Mike Barta</i>	<i>9-22-2011</i>	<i>4-30-2015</i>	<i>2nd</i>		<i>City Council</i>
6	F	<i>Laura Gramer</i>	<i>5-10-2010</i>	<i>4-30-2015</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Co-Chair</i>	<i>City Council</i>
6	M	<i>Robert Canamar</i>	<i>4-3-2013</i>	<i>4-30-2015</i>	<i>1st</i>		<i>City Council</i>
-	-	Vacant (McKee)	-	4-30-2013	1 st		Commission
6	M	Mark Adreon	5-10-2010	4-30-2014	2 nd		Mayor
1	M	Steve Ferreira	8-20-2012	4-30-2014	1 st		Mayor
2	F	Hope Drummond	5-10-2010	4-30-2014	2 nd		Mayor
-	-	Vacant (Reza)	8-20-2012	4-30-2014	1 st		Mayor
-	-	Vacant (Caple)	-	4-30-2013	1 st		Mayor
6	F	Patricia Copeland	5-10-2010	4-30-2013	2 nd		Mayor
2	M	Jonathan Porter	8-20-2012	4-30-2013	2 nd	Co-Chair	Mayor
2	F	Grace Oludiji	9-6-2012	9-1-2013	1 st	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
Mayor	3	2	2	3	1	2	0	0	0	2
Council	3	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	5
Commission	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Get Engaged*	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Total	6	6	4	5	2	3	0	0	0	7

Boards & Commissions Request for Appointment and Reappointment

From Felicia Yearwood

Date May 28, 2013

Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities

New Appointments

Following are the bios for applicants who request consideration for an initial appointment.

Robert Canamar

Robert Canamar, a disabled veteran and wheelchair user, has been active for the past twenty-five years advocating for individuals who are homeless and poor. Robert previously served as a member of the Seattle Housing Authority Resident Action Council and President of Ballard House Community Council. Robert has been active with Poverty Action Network, Progressive Majority, League of Conservation Voters, and People for the American Way. Robert was instrumental in the creation of the Commission through his service on the ad hoc Committee to Establish a Seattle Disabilities Commission. Robert has been engaged with the Commission, regularly attends meetings and special events, and has begun serving on the Transportation Subcommittee.

Ryan Troyer

Ryan Troyer graduated the University of Washington, Bothell with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Interdisciplinary Arts in Environmental Sciences and Technology, with a minor in Human Rights. While a student, Ryan identified and tested access issues for university campus, recommended cost-effective solutions for access modifications, and advised on accessible signage solutions. Ryan has tested website accessibility for Starbucks and divisions of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Ryan identified accessibility issues and made recommendations to a hotel chain while vacationing in France. Ryan serves on AccessSTEM, an interactive online community for DO-IT Scholars in science and technology related fields. Ryan regularly attends Commission meetings and events. Ryan has begun serving on the Transportation Subcommittee and has provided valuable analysis of a Scope of Work for a Sidewalk Pilot Project proposed by the Seattle Department of Transportation.

Re-Appointments

Following are the bios for Commissioners who request consideration for reappointment.

Mike Barta

Mike Barta has a background in disability theory specifically related to inclusion, stigma, and independence. Mike was a member of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines working group for the W3C which created the standard for digital accessibility concerns. He is knowledgeable about adaptive solutions, both technical AT and practical work arounds. Mike is retired from 15 years at Microsoft and is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Policy. Mike has begun working with the City's Department of

Request for appointment and reappointment memo

Information Technology on a plan to develop a web portal for disability-related issues. Mike chairs the Commission's nominating committee.

Laura Gramer

Laura Gramer serves on the board of Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services and works as an occupational therapist. While living in Illinois, Laura served on the Universal Access Commission, the Open Doors Organization, the Illinois Occupational Therapy Association, and the Progress Center for Independent Living. Laura has engaged in substantial public speaking and lecturing on deafness, disability, and occupational therapy. Laura has consistently worked to bridge the deaf and deaf-blind communities to the larger disability rights community. Laura actively represents the Commission at community events, including recently the Phinney Neighborhood Association and the SPD Safe Communities Outreach, and serves as the Commission Co-Chair.