



City of Seattle
Edward B. Murray, Mayor

September 11, 2014

Dear Councilmember Harrell:

Tracey Whitten was appointed by former Mayor Mike McGinn on September 30, 2013 to the Seattle Women's Commission. However, the appointment did not follow the usual and customary procedures, including confirmation by the City Council, and, therefore, Tracey Whitten is not officially an appointee to the Seattle Women's Commission. I would like to appoint Tracey Whitten to the Seattle Women's Commission for the term beginning September 30, 2013 and ending July 1, 2015. My intention is to honor Tracey Whitten's original appointment and allow her to complete the duration of their intended appointment.

I appreciate you hearing this matter. Please do not hesitate to let me know if I can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

Mayor Edward B. Murray
City of Seattle

Cc: Pedro Gomez, Boards and Commissions Administrator
Marta Idowu, Administrator, Seattle Office for Civil Rights
Jennifer Samuels, Legislative Aide to Councilmember Harrell

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**City of Seattle
Notice of Appointment**

Name: Tracey Whitten		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Agency Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Council <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Constituency
Residential Neighborhood:	98144	Contact Phone No.: N/A
Appointed to: Seattle Women's Commission		Date of Appointment: September 30, 2013
Authority (Ord., Res.): 118392		Term of Office: From: Confirmation To: 07/01/15
Background: <p>Tracey Whitten currently serves as the Internal Organizer for AFT Washington, focused primarily on leadership development and membership engagement of AFT members, she also acts as the community relations liaison for AFT Washington and their respective locals. Before joining AFT she worked as an External Organizer for SEIU Local 925 working extensively on improving working conditions for non-union members and organizing hundreds of volunteers to engage in discussion and action around the economy and job creation.</p> <p>As the third and youngest child of an immigrant family from Jamaica, Tracey had the opportunity to view the ideals of American values through the lens of two different worlds and she credits this experience for her early onset to fight for social justice. She continued to research this passion by receiving a B.A. in Organizational Communication with a focus in Legal Studies in 2007 at the University of Central Florida. As part of her study, she went to Malawi, Africa for a humanitarian trip where she promoted HIV awareness and testing. Her past projects include volunteering with Planned Parenthood Votes and Child Care Resources to champion support for women's rights and the rights of childcare providers. Tracey lives in the Leschi neighborhood with her husband and their dog Bailey.</p>		
Authorizing Signature: 		Name and Title of Officer Making Appointment: Mayor Edward B. Murray

Tracey Whitten

Professional Profile

Inspired self-starter seeking to leverage both experience and education in public affairs. Highlighted leadership qualities include and the ability to work with individuals from varying backgrounds, while promoting team values. Driven partner eager for professional growth, increased responsibility, and the opportunity to apply extensive organizing experience and communications knowledge in a challenging environment.

American Federation of Teachers -WA, Internal Organizer (Seattle, WA)

07/2012 - Present

- Launched and lead a new community partnership program
- Organize workers from various social, economic, and ethnic backgrounds
- Leader identification and worker mobilization around workplace issues
- Recruit and train members from diverse employment and social backgrounds to participate in and lead the local's leadership development
- Staff and guide the member driven Human Rights committee

Service Employees International Union Local 925, Organizer (Seattle, WA)

11/2010 - 07/2012

- Cultivating community and political support for the purpose of the supporting workers and current campaign
- Organize workers from various social, economic, and ethnic backgrounds
- Leader identification and worker mobilization around workplace issues
- Recruited and trained members from diverse employment and social backgrounds to participate in and lead the local's member leadership and action program
- Research and implement the National Labor Relations Board election rules and regulations for campaign purposes
- Provide information on rights and responsibilities of non-union members and union members
- Draft a member lost-time program, including negotiating wages, training materials, as well as develop and conduct training and presentations for union members and non union members
- Supervise, trained, and motivated staff as they performed various duties such as door-to-door canvassing and phone-banking

Milestone: Spearheading and leading a union campaign against Aramark resulting in over 100 workers successfully forming a union.

Working Washington, Project Community Organizer (Seattle, WA)

02/2011 - 02/2012

- Led a city-wide campaign involving eight members in four different regions resulting in mobilizing over 200 inactive SEIU members
- Organized members from various social, economic, and ethnic backgrounds
- Educated members on the local's political program through a series of meetings.
- Led member training on the state of the economy and worked with members so they could lead their own training
- Supervised, trained, and motivated staff as they performed various duties such as door-to-door canvassing and phone-banking
- Managed outreach to the community through media channels, public relations, personal campaigning, and events
- Provide cross-functional support, acting as a liaison and effectively communicating with various elected officials, while simplifying complex messaging for general public
- Planned and hosted events to raise issue awareness and increase political participation amongst potential voters and other community constituents

Service Employees International Union Local 925, Political Assistant (Seattle, WA)

08/2010 – 11/2010

- Worked to build and maintain the member-led political program of the local
- Educated members on the local's political program through a series of meetings
- Participated in effort to halt anti-union legislation in the State of Ohio. Led a team of phone bankers to reach out to registered voters and union members in Ohio to turn them out to rallies
- Trained voters and union members to contact their legislators, urging them to vote against the anti-union legislation
- Supervised, trained, and motivated staff and members as they performed various duties such as door-to-door canvassing and phone-banking

Other Professional Experience

- IBI Group, Front Office Coordinator (Seattle, WA) 2009 – 2010
- Planned Parenthood Action League, Volunteer (Seattle, WA) 2010– Present
- Municipal League of King County, Candidate Investigator (Seattle, WA) 2010
- I-1098, Campaign Volunteer (Seattle, WA) 2010
- Child Care Resources, Communications Intern (Seattle, WA) 2009
- Zimmerman, Kiser and Sutcliff P.A., Administrative Assistant (Orlando, FL) 2007
- Oviedo – Winter Springs Chamber of Commerce, Marketing intern (Oviedo, FL) 2007

Education

- University of Central Florida (Orlando, FL) 2007
B.A. – Organizational Communication, minor in Legal Studies

Software and Databases

Microsoft Office, Voter Action Network, Unionware, and Organizer's Toolbox database system

Seattle Women's Commission

21 Commission members: Per S.M.C. 3.14.920, confirmed by City Council, 2-year terms*

- 9 Appointed by Mayor
- 9 Appointed by City Council
- 2 Appointed by the Commission, confirmed by City Council
- 1 member *Get Engaged: City Boards and Commissions* program: Appointed by Mayor, confirmed by City Council -1-year term-appointed in September

D*	G	Position #	Name	Appointed	Term Ends	Term #	Position	Appointed By
4	F	1	Roslyn Kagy	09/30/13	07/01/15	2 nd	Member	Mayor
		2	Vacant					Mayor
6	F	3	Jaron Reed	09/30/13	07/01/15	1 st	Member	Mayor
		4	Vacant					Mayor
2	F	5	Tracey Whitten	09/30/13	07/01/15	1 st	Member	Mayor
6	F	6	Clarissa Lord Brundage	09/30/13	07/01/15	1 st	Member	Mayor
2	F	7	Jennifer Cobb	09/30/13	07/01/15	1 st	Member	Mayor
6	F	8	Morgan Beach	09/30/13	07/01/15	1 st	Member	Mayor
1	F	9	Lylianna Allala	09/30/13	07/01/15	1 st	Member	Mayor
6	F	10	Wendy Gillihan	8/4/14	07/01/15	2 nd	Member	City Council
1	F	11	Maha Jahshan	8/4/14	07/01/15	2 nd	Member	City Council
6	F	12	Alison Mondri	8/4/14	07/01/15	2 nd	Member	City Council
2	F	13	Phyllis Lewis		07/01/16	2 nd	Member	City Council
2	F	14	Mergitu Argo	8/4/14	07/01/16	3 rd	Member	City Council
3	F	15	Elsa Batres-Boni	09/30/13	07/01/15	1 st	Member	City Council
6	F	16	Liz Kellogg	09/30/13	07/01/15	1 st	Co-Chair	City Council
3	F	17	Mercedes Elizalde	8/4/14	07/01/16	1 st	Co-Chair	City Council
		18	Vacant		07/01/14	3 rd	Member	City Council
6	F	19	Michele Frix	8/4/14	07/01/16	2 nd	Co-Chair	Commission
		20	Vacant		07/01/15	1 st	Member	Commission
2	F	21	Brianna C. Holmes		09/30/15		Get Engaged	Mayor

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)				
	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	Asian/American	African/American	Latino	Native/American	Other	Caucasian
Mayor	0	7	2	4	1	2	0	1	0	3
Council	0	8	1	5	1	2	2	0	0	3
Commission	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Get Engaged	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total	0	17	4	9	2	5	2	1	0	8