

City of Seattle

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Seattle Human Rights Commission

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The Seattle Human Rights Commission Seeks Candidates

SEATTLE - The <u>Seattle Human Rights Commission</u> seeks candidates to apply for service on the Commission. Candidates will be selected and appointed by the Mayor and City Council. The Commission advises the Mayor and City Council on human rights and social justice issues. Currently, the Commission is seeking attorneys, in all fields of law, especially those with an interest and experience in administrative and human rights law, as well as individuals deeply engaged in grassroots community organizing. However, the Commission encourages all interested individuals to apply, with diverse backgrounds, including human rights, social services, education, law, public policy, advocacy, and business.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, and candidates should consider attending a monthly Commission meeting, occurring on the first Thursday of each month, in Room L280, in City Hall, from 6-8PM.

As the City of Seattle has been declared a Human Rights City, the Commission works with the City to protect, respect, and fulfill the inherent human rights for all who live in the City. It uses the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights instruments as its compass in highlighting and addressing human rights issues. The Commission also works to impact the lives of people in Seattle through its policy work and community outreach, and works with the Office for Civil Rights to end discrimination.

Participation on the Commission requires a minimum time commitment of 10-15 hours per month. This includes attendance at monthly meetings held the first Thursday of each month in the evening, participation in committee work, meeting with City departments, communicating with state legislators and addressing human rights concerns. The Commission also hears and, adjudicates appeals of discrimination cases from the Seattle Office for Civil Rights.

Commissioners are appointed for two years and all appointments are subject to confirmation by the City Council. Commissioners serve without compensation. To be considered, email a letter of interest, resume and SHRC application to marta.idowu@seattle.gov or seattlehumanrights@gmail.com by August 27, 2017.

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The City is committed to promoting diversity in its commissions. Women, people with disabilities, youth, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, Queer, immigrants, and people of color are encouraged to apply. All are welcome.

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