



City of Seattle

Mike McGinn, Mayor

Seattle Women's Commission

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Mike McGinn, Mayor
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Dear Mayor McGinn,

As you seek to fill the positions left vacant after the recent resignations of two department directors, the Seattle Women's Commission urges you to consider the lack of women in senior leadership positions within Seattle City government.

Of the seventeen department leadership positions in the City of Seattle, only four are currently held by women. This is disappointing in a region filled with so many exceptional women leaders in the business, non-profit and government fields.

We encourage you to take measures to ensure women are given the opportunity to apply for these open positions, as well as to advance from other positions within City government.

We ask you to address this imbalance by adding more women to your leadership team.

We hope to meet with you in the near future to discuss this and other critical issues facing women in Seattle. Please contact our Commission liaison Marta Idowu at 684-4540 to arrange a meeting.

Sincerely,

Abigail Echo-Hawk, Co-Chair
Seattle Women's Commission

Sonya Zilka, Co-Chair
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cc: Seattle City Council