



**Seattle**  
Office for Civil Rights

## **NEWS RELEASE**

**FROM THE SEATTLE OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS**

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### **City of Seattle seeks community members to serve on the Seattle Human Rights Commission**

**SEATTLE** (February 19, 2019) – The Seattle Office for Civil Rights is currently recruiting to fill five vacancies on the Seattle Human Rights Commission. The Commission seeks candidates with diverse backgrounds in human rights, law, public policy, advocacy, social services, education, and business. Commissioners are appointed by the Mayor, City Council, and the Commission.

The Seattle Human Rights Commission advises the Mayor, City Council and city departments on human rights and social justice issues. In 2015, the City of Seattle declared Seattle a *Human Rights City*. As a result, the Commission works with the City to protect the inherent human rights for all residents. Guided by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights principles, the Commission works to impact the lives of people in Seattle through its policy work, community outreach, and works with the Seattle 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, participation in committee work, meetings with City officials, communicating with state legislators, and addressing human rights concerns. The Commission also hears 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 and serve without compensation. Those interested in being considered should email a letter of interest, resume, and a completed [Seattle Human Rights Commission application](#) to Marta Idowu ([marta.idowu@seattle.gov](mailto:marta.idowu@seattle.gov)) by **Tuesday, March 19** by 5 p.m.

The Commission encourages individuals who are interested in applying to attend a monthly Commission meeting. Meetings are held in City Hall, in Room L280 on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Commission meetings are open to the public.

The City of Seattle is committed to promoting diversity in its commissions. Women, persons with disabilities, sexual and gender minorities, young persons, senior citizens, persons of color, and immigrants are encouraged to apply. All are welcome.

The Seattle Human Rights Commission is one of four commissions managed by the Seattle Office for Civil Rights.

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