



Formal Recognition of Julia Payne for Her Service to the Seattle Renters' Commission

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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Mayor Bruce Harrell and the Seattle Renters' Commission, we would like to thank Julia Payne for her 18 months of service. We deeply appreciate the time, talent, and expertise she brought to the Commission.

Although her appointment was approved by the Mayor, the chair of the Housing & Human Services Committee did not advance any two-year term Renters' Commission appointments for confirmation during the chair's entire time in office. As a result, Julia served in an unconfirmed capacity. Her commitment helped the Commission continue functioning despite being short ten members. These avoidable vacancies severely limited the Commission's capacity and sidelined renter voices at a critical time for housing policy, making Julia's dedication all the more impactful.

In particular, Julia's leadership on the 2025 Renters Listening Session was instrumental to its success. Without her coordination and dedication, the event would not have been possible. The resulting report is a helpful resource for elected officials seeking to understand the experiences and concerns of Seattle renters.

We are grateful for Julia's contributions and wish her the very best in her future endeavors.

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