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Seattle LGBTQ Commission Seeks Candidates

SEATTLE, 2021 – 2022 – The Seattle Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Commission seeks applications from interested candidates to fill vacancies on the Commission. The Commission is a 21-member body that advises the Mayor, City Council, and City of Seattle departments on issues that affect LGBTQ communities throughout Seattle. Commissioners promote positive change by working with community groups and individuals to identify areas of concern, by making recommendations regarding policy and legislative changes, and by serving as liaisons between LGBTQ communities and city government.

Terms are for two-years and are subject to confirmation by City Council. Applicants must live or work in Seattle and be available for monthly meetings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at City Hall in downtown Seattle. Until further notice, all meetings and commission business will be held virtually.

The Seattle LGBTQ Commission is committed to centering the voices, experiences and needs of historically disenfranchised individuals. We host a variety of community education and outreach events throughout the year, such as our annual Pride Flag Raising event to mark the beginning of Pride Month.

The goal of the commission is to have a highly diverse and well represented body. We highly recommend Black, Indigenous, and other people of color to apply.

Applicants should:

- Be passionate about working with local government officials to improve experiences of LGBTQ folks
- Live or work in Seattle
- Demonstrate a commitment to dismantling white supremacy and understanding the intersections between LGBTQ and BIPOC communities.
- Have meaningful connections within Seattle LGBTQ communities
- Be collaborative leaders
- Be able to regularly attend Commission meetings on the third Thursday of each month from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Demonstrate a desire and ability to spend 8-10 hours per month working on Commissionrelated projects

To apply, please submit a one-page letter of interest and a resume to Janet Stafford, <u>Janet.Stafford@seattle.gov</u>. In the subject of your email please write "LGBTQ Commission Application – (Enter Your Name)". For more information on the Seattle LGBTQ Commission visit http://www.seattle.gov/lgbtq.

The City of Seattle is committed to promoting diversity in the City's Boards and Commissions. The City welcomes applications from persons with disabilities, Black, Indigenous, and Persons of Color, persons of different faiths, immigrants, youth, aging individuals, persons of all sexual orientations, and persons with marginalized gender identities.

Please be advised: When you submit an application for a city commission or board, your application materials become part of public records. While unlikely, this does mean that it is possible for other individuals or agencies to request copies of your submissions.