

Clerk File No. 310129

# The City of Seattle – Legislative Department

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Appointment of Mike Peters as member, Seattle Human Rights Commission, for a term of confirmation to July 22, 2011.

## Committee Action:

| Date | Recommendation | Vote        |
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| pass | 3-0 WL, JG, TR | 9/23/09 (4) |
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Related Legislation File: \_\_\_\_\_

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| Date Introduced and Referred:<br>8-10-09 | To: (committee):<br>Culture, Civil Rights, Health<br>& Personnel |
| Date Re-referred:                        | To: (committee):   |
| Date Re-referred:                        | To: (committee):   |
| Date of Final Action:<br>9-28-09         | Disposition:<br>Confirmed  |

This file is complete and ready for presentation to Full Council. \_\_\_\_\_

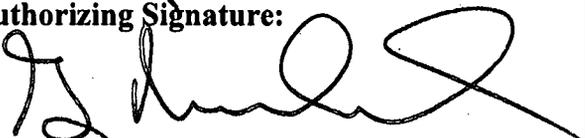
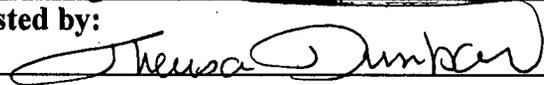
## Full Council Action:

| Date    | Decision  | Vote |
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| 9-28-09 | Confirmed | 8-0  |
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7-27-09  
**Date Filed with City Clerk**

  
**By**

**City of Seattle  
Notice of Appointment**

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| <b>Name:</b><br><b>Mike Peters</b>   |                                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Executive Appointment</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Legislative Appointment</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Agency Appointment</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>PDA Council</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>PDA Constituency</b> |
| <b>Residential Neighborhood:</b><br><b>Southeast</b>   | <b>Zip Code:</b><br><b>98118</b> | <b>Contact Phone No.:</b><br><b>206-213-3962</b>  |
| <b>Appointed to:</b><br><b>Seattle Human Rights Commission</b>   |                                  | <b>Date of Appointment:</b><br><b>7-27-2009</b>   |
| <b>Authority (Ord., Res.): 118392</b>  |                                  | <b>Term of Office:</b><br><b>From: Confirmation</b><br><b>To: 7-22-2011</b>   |
| <b>Comments:</b>   |                                  |   |
| <b>Authorizing Signature:</b><br> |                                  | <b>Name and Title of Officer Making Appointments:</b> <b>Mayor Greg Nickels</b>   |
| <b>Confirmed by the Following Vote at City Council</b>   |                                  |   |
| <b>In Favor:</b><br>8  | <b>Against:</b><br>0             | <b>Date:</b><br>9-28-09   |
| <b>Attested by:</b><br>           |                                  | <b>Title:</b>   |

## SEATTLE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

**15 MEMBERS**      7 Appointed by the Mayor  
                           7 Appointed by City Council  
                           1 Appointed by the Commission  
                           2-year terms

**1 MEMBER**      Get Engaged Program - Appointed by Mayor  
                           1-year term

All appointments confirmed by City Council.

| <u>Commissioner</u>            | <u>Appointed</u> | <u>Term Ends</u> | <u>Term</u>     | <u>Appointed By</u> |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| (2) Charles Hodges             | 8-13-07          | 7-22-09          | 1 <sup>st</sup> | City Council        |
| ( ) <b>Vacant</b> (J Wheeler)  |                  | 7-22-10          | 1 <sup>st</sup> | City Council        |
| ( ) <b>Vacant</b> (M Chavez)   |                  | 7-22-11          | 1 <sup>st</sup> | City Council        |
| (3) Alexandra Davis            | 2008             | 7-22-09          | 1 <sup>st</sup> | City Council        |
| (6) Andrew Lewis               | 2008             | 7-22-09          | 1 <sup>st</sup> | City Council        |
| (2) Mica Powers                | 2008             | 7-22-10          | 1 <sup>st</sup> | City Council        |
| (1) Jesse Aspuria              | 2008             | 7-22-10          | 1 <sup>st</sup> | City Council        |
| <b>(6) Arthur Shwab</b>        | 7-30-09          | 7-22-10          | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Mayor               |
| <b>(6) Mike Peters</b>         | 7-30-09          | 7-22-11          | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Mayor               |
| (2) Damien Carter              | 2008             | 7-22-10          | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Mayor               |
| (5) Lubna Mahadeen             | 1-8-07           | 7-22-10          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Mayor               |
| (6) Marvin Stern               | 7-30-09          | 7-22-09          | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Mayor               |
| <b>(4) Christopher Stearns</b> | 7-30-09          | 7-22-11          | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Mayor               |
| (2) Merri Ann Osborne          | 2-19-08          | 7-22-10          | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Mayor               |
| (6) Roslyn Solomon             | 2008             | 7-22-10          | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Commission          |
| (1) Amie Phu Do                | 9-9-08           | 9-9-09           | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Get Engaged Program |

|              |          |          |          |          | (1)            | (2)              | (3)               | (4)             | (5)         | (6)       |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------|
|              | Men      | Women    | Vacant   | Minority | Asian-American | African-American | Hispanic Latino/a | Native-American | Middle East | Caucasian |
| Mayor        | 5        | 2        | 0        | 4        | 0              | 2                | 0                 | 1               | 1           | 3         |
| Council      | 3        | 2        | 2        | 4        | 1              | 2                | 1                 | 0               | 0           | 1         |
| Comm.        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0              | 0                | 0                 | 0               | 0           | 1         |
| GE program   | 0        | 1        | 0        | 1        | 1              | 0                | 0                 | 0               | 0           | 0         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>2</b>       | <b>4</b>         | <b>1</b>          | <b>1</b>        | <b>1</b>    | <b>5</b>  |

7/24/2009



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Gregory J. Nickels  
Mayor of Seattle

CITY CLERK

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** July 27, 2009

**TO:** The Honorable Richard Conlin  
President, Seattle City Council

**FROM:** Mayor Greg Nickels 

**SUBJECT:** Appointments and Reappointment to Seattle Human Rights Commission

I am happy to forward to the City Council the following three appointments to the Human Rights Commission for two-year terms.

| <u>Name</u>         | <u>Term Ends</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Succeeding</u>     |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Mike Peters         | 7-22-2011        | Commissioner    | Wilberforce Agyekum   |
| Arthur Shwab        | 7-22-2010        | Commissioner    | Brahmy Poologasingham |
| Christopher Stearns | 7-22-2011        | Commissioner    | Michael Fitch         |

The Seattle Human Rights Commission is composed of 16 members: 7 appointed by the City Council, 7 appointed by the Mayor, 1 appointed by the Commission itself, and 1 Get Engaged Member. All appointments are subject to City Council confirmation. Attached to this memorandum is the current membership roster of the Human Rights Commission including the new appointees.

The appointment bios for all new appointees are as follows:

**Mike Peters**

Dr. Peters works as an Equal Justice Works Fellow at the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, where he serves as lead on a program addressing needs of immigrant youth in the juvenile justice system. He has training in mediation, human rights law, poverty law, and disability law as well as experience as representative on national and international governing bodies, including the Paralympic Games Board U.S. Delegation. Dr. Peters is a prior UW faculty member who holds a J.D. and a Ph.D.

**Arthur Shwab**

Mr. Shwab came to the U.S. as a refugee from Russia, which has inspired him to serve the immigrant community in a wide range of capacities, including legal aid, mentoring, and



community organizing. Mr. Shwab has engaged in extensive travel, having served as a liaison for a delegation from the Republic of Kazakhstan on an exchange program focused on the U.S. legal system and government administration, managed a food program in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and studied abroad in Israel and Spain. Mr. Shwab is a graduate and current law student at Seattle University. Mr. Shwab speaks Russian, Spanish, and Hebrew.

**Christopher Stearns**

Mr. Stearns practices federal Indian law specializing in the representation of tribes on sovereignty, energy, labor relations, bond authority, and campaign law. Mr. Stearns previously served as Director for Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of Energy, as advisor to New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson (then Secretary of the Department of Energy) on legislative and oversight matters affecting Native Americans, and as Democratic Counsel to the Committee on Natural Resources, U.S. House of Representatives.

**Attachments**

cc: Felicia Yearwood-Murrell, Commission Liaison  
Wayne Barnett, Executive Director, Ethics and Elections Commission  
Kristine Kertson, Administrator, Boards and Commissions, Mayor's Office

**DR. MIKE S. PETERS**

Seattle, Washington 98118

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**Objective**

- To advise the City of Seattle and serve Seattle residents as an appointed member of the Seattle Human Rights Commission.

**Summary of Qualifications**

- J.D., Ph.D. with expertise in communication, data analysis, project evaluation and immigration law. Additional training in mediation, human rights law, poverty law, and disability law.
  - Experience as representative on national and international governing bodies with proven ability to build consensus, pursue diplomacy, develop and further program initiatives, and advise stakeholders.
  - Prior UW faculty member with undergraduate and graduate teaching, curriculum design and grant-writing experience.
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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Equal Justice Works Fellow, Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, Seattle, Washington, 2009-2011**

- Leading a two-year project that will develop a replicable model addressing the urgent needs of immigrant youth in Washington State's juvenile justice system. The project will promote collaborative advocacy among stakeholders, establish uniform policies that maximize access to immigration relief, and train pro bono attorneys and students in direct advocacy. Project start date: September, 2009. Funding agency: Microsoft Corporation.
- Representing juveniles in federal immigration court who wish to request or defend their legal status in the United States.

**William H. Gates Public Service Law Scholar, University of Washington School of Law, 2006-2009**

- Earning juris doctor degree with emphasis in public service law that includes international law, disability law, poverty law, immigration law and human rights law, Certificate in professional mediation skills training.
- Summer law clerk positions serving clients in foster care, prisoners and clients seeking or defending immigration status in the USA.

**Lecturer/Acting Assistant Professor, Department of Communication, University of Washington, 2001-2006**

- Taught graduate (Statistical Methods) and undergraduate courses (Health Communication, Argumentation and Persuasion, Public Speaking, and Interpersonal Communication).
- Directed graduate teaching assistants; served on thesis/dissertation committees.
- Designed research and delivered papers at national conferences.

**EDUCATION**

- J.D., expected June 2009  
University of Washington School of Law; Seattle, Washington  
*William H. Gates Public Service Law Scholar, 2006-09 (full scholarship)*  
Editorial Staff, *Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal*  
Comment: International adoption, a reluctant nation and a revolutionary treaty: How the Chinese inter-country adoption policy defeats the object and purpose of the Convention on the Rights of Persons

**United States Delegate, International Paralympic Committee General Assembly, Seoul, Korea, 2007**  
**Vice Chair, Athletes Advisory Council, United States Olympic Committee, 2005-09**  
**Vice-President of Programs, Disability Law Alliance, Student Organization, University of Washington School of Law, 2007-2008**  
**Volunteer, Juvenile Records Sealing Clinic, Street Youth Legal Advocates of Washington, 2007**  
**Elected Member, Athletes Council, United States Soccer Federation, 2005-07**  
**Appointed Member, Games Administrative Board, U.S. Delegation, United States Olympic Committee, IX Winter Paralympic Games, Torino, Italy, 2006**  
**Key-Note Speaker, TOPSoccer Workshop and Athlete Awards Banquet, WSYSA Soccer Fair, 2006**  
**Guest Reviewer, Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, Social Cognitive Skills Research, 2004**

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Peters, M. S. (2005, November). *Message design logic and comforting communication in a chronic illness context: Introducing a message elicitation task and adapted coding scheme*. Paper to be presented at the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association, Boston, MA. **Top Four Paper Award**
- Peters, M. S. (2005, November). *Social cognitive skills in socio-emotional and marital adjustment following the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer*. Paper to be presented at the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association, Boston, MA.
- Peters, M. S., Gallardo, H. P., & Doohan, E-A. M. (2003, November). *A shortened Oral History Interview: Revelations about marital satisfaction in couples living with breast cancer*. "Spotlight panel" presentation (Family/Interpersonal Division) for the 89<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Miami Beach, FL.
- Peters, M. S. (2000, November). *Researcher and subject of research: How one's expertise can impede insight*. Invited panel presentation for the 86<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Seattle, WA.
- Crano, W. D., & Peters, M. S. (1999, July). *Entitativity and social influence: Effects of homogeneity and synchrony*. Paper presented at European Association for Social Psychology Conference on Entitativity, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium.
- Peters, M. S., & Dues, M. T. (1998, November). *Critical communication contexts: Individual and relational adaptation to adventitious disability and other life-altering events*. Paper presented at the 84<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the National Communication Association, New York, NY. **Top Four Paper Award**
- Peters, M. S., Flanagan, K., Kampfe, C., Ward, E., & Liebetrau, L. (1998, March). *When "self" becomes "other": A workshop concerning successful relating for persons with physical disabilities*. Workshop presented at the first meeting of the Successful Relating Conference, Tucson, AZ.
- Peters, M. S. (1998, February). *The situated account of disability: An extension of "health" in communication research*. Paper presented at the 69<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Western States Communication Association, Denver, CO.
- Ramirez, A., Peters, M. S., & Jacobs, S. (1998, February). *Power, social distance, and imposition: A preliminary test of the sociological variables associated with Brown and Levinson's Politeness Theory*. Paper presented at the 69<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Western States Communication Association, Denver, CO.
- Peters, M.S. (1997, November). *Locating the role of communication in taking that first step: A case study of amputees*. Paper presented at the 83<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting of the Speech Communication Association,

Peters, M.S. (1997, November). *Public argument and a shift in proof burden: A case study of the gay/lesbian movement in Oregon*. Paper presented at the 83<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting of the Speech Communication Association, Chicago, IL. **Top Two Student Paper Award**

Peters, M.S., & Crano, W.D. (1997, May). *The differential effect of group homogeneity and perceived synchrony on group behavior, part II: An explication and extension*. Paper presented at the 47<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the International Communication Association, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Peters, M.S. (1997, February). *Making sense out of the problem of "health:" Disparate perceptions between laypersons and public health educators*. Paper presented at the 68<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Western States Communication Association, Monterey, CA.

Peters, M.S., & Crano, W.D. (1996, May). *The differential effect of group homogeneity and perceived synchrony on group behavior: A minority's resistance to a majority-based influence attempt*. Paper presented at the 46<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the International Communication Association, Chicago, IL.

#### ELITE AMATEUR ATHLETIC EXPERIENCE

**Team Captain/Player, Men's United States Paralympic 7-a-side Soccer Team 1996-2004**

- 2004 Athens Paralympic Games, 1996 Atlanta Paralympic Games
- 2003, 2001, 1998 CP-ISRA Soccer World Championships
- 2002, 1999 CP-ISRA Soccer Pan-American Championships

#### SPANISH LANGUAGE TRAINING

**Student, Proyecto Linguistico Quetzalteco de Español (Escuela de la Montaña), Colomba, Guatemala, July 2008.**

**Student, Educación Para Todos, Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, June 2008.**

#### REFERENCES

Available upon Request