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The City of Seattle – Legislative Department

Clerk File sponsored by: Bruce A. Huxell

Appointment of Vickie Foster as member, Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities, for a term of confirmation to April 30, 2012.

Committee Action:

| Date | Recommendation | Vote |
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| 5.6.10 | Confirm | 2-0 BN, RC |

Related Legislation File: _____

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| Date Introduced and Referred: 4.19.10 | To: (committee): Energy, Technology & Civil Rights |
| Date Re-referred: | To: (committee): |
| Date Re-referred: | To: (committee): |
| Date of Final Action: 5.10.10 | Disposition: Confirmed |

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

Full Council Action:

| Date | Decision | Vote |
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| 5.10.10 | Confirmed | 7-0 (Excused TB, TR) |

4.15.10
Date Filed with City Clerk

By [Signature]

CF No.310655

Title:Appointment of Vickie Foster as member,
Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities, for a
term of confirmation to April 30, 2012.

Date Filed with City Clerk:20100415

**City of Seattle
Notice of Appointment**

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| Name: Vickie Foster | | <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Appointment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legislative Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Agency Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Council <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Constituency |
| Residential Neighborhood: Belltown | Zip Code: 98121 | Contact Phone No.: 206-██████████ |
| Appointed to: Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities | | Date of Appointment: April 21, 2010 |
| Authority (Ord., Res.): 118392 | | Term of Office: From: Confirmation To: April 30, 2012 |
| Comments: | | |
| Authorizing Signature:  | | Name and Title of Officer Making Appointments: |

Confirmed by the Following Vote at City Council

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| In Favor: 7 | Against: 0 | Date: 5.10.10 |
| Attested by:  | | Title: Council Clerk |



SEATTLE COMMISSION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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

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> |
|---|---------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 6 | Rebecca Cory | 4-21-2010 | 4-30-2012 | 1 st | City Council |
| 6 | John Denooyer | 4-21-2010 | 4-30-2011 | 1 st | City Council |
| 1 | Vickie Foster | 4-21-2010 | 4-30-2012 | 1 st | City Council |
| 6 | Laura Gramer | 4-21-2010 | 4-30-2011 | 1 st | City Council |
| 1 | Mary Beth Lum | 4-21-2010 | 4-30-2012 | 1 st | City Council |
| 6 | Gary Stobbe | 4-21-2010 | 4-30-2011 | 1 st | City Council |
| 6 | Deborah Wittmer | 4-21-2010 | 4-30-2012 | 1 st | City Council |
| 6 | Mark Adreon | 4-21-2010 | 4-30-2012 | 1 st | Mayor |
| 6 | Joshua Caple | 4-21-2010 | 4-30-2011 | 1 st | Mayor |
| 6 | Charlene Curtiss | 4-21-2010 | 4-30-2012 | 1 st | Mayor |
| 6 | Patricia Copeland | 4-21-2010 | 4-30-2011 | 1 st | Mayor |
| 2 | Hope Drummond | 4-21-2010 | 4-30-2012 | 1 st | Mayor |
| 6 | Erica Sekins | 4-21-2010 | 4-30-2011 | 1 st | Mayor |
| 6 | Sara Woody | 4-21-2010 | 4-30-2012 | 1 st | Mayor |
| | Vacant | | 4-30-2011 | 1 st | Commission |
| | Vacant | | 9-10-2011 | 1 st | Get Engaged |

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| | Men | Women | Vacant | Minority | Asian-American | African-American | Hispanic Latino/a | Native-American | Middle East | Caucasian |
| Mayor | 2 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Council | 2 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Comm. | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| GE program | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 4 | 10 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 |

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Vickie Foster

Seattle, WA 98121

Served on the following boards & committees:

- Agency Council on Coordinated Transportation 2007- 2009
-Committee that involves people with disabilities and seniors transportation concerns
- Joint Advisory Board for Seattle Housing Authority 2002 - present
-Housing & healthcare advocate
- State Guardianship Committee, Disability Rights WA Representative 2009 - present
-involved in alternatives in guardianship video for committee
- State Rehabilitation Council 2010 - present
- Developmental Disabilities Council 2002 - 2008
-Participated in educational video on transportation
- President of Bayview Towers Resident Council 1996 - present
-Advocate for rights of people in public housing
-Organize events, such as meetings & holiday dinners
- King County Metro Accessible Services Board 2003-2006
- Participated in educational video on transportation
- Department of Transportation Grants review team 2009 - 2011

Other community involvement:

- Power of attorney & representative for several seniors and people with disabilities.
- I handled the affairs of individual and assisted with end of life care & planning.
- Attended Conference on Elder Abuse & Vulnerable adults for 3 years



City of Seattle

Michael Patrick McGinn, Mayor

Seattle Office for Civil Rights

Julie Nelson, Director

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 21, 2010

TO: The Honorable Richard Conlin
President, Seattle City Council

FROM: Julie Nelson
Director, Seattle Office for Civil Rights

SUBJECT: Council Appointments to Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities

City Council created the Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities to promote the full participation of people with disabilities into all areas of economic, political, and community life in the City of Seattle. The duties of the Commission include:

- Inform the Mayor, City Council, and City departments about issues of importance to people with disabilities;
- Assure access to City services and facilities;
- Recommend policies, practices, and legislation to the City in matters affecting the concerns of people with disabilities; and
- Encourage understanding among people with various disabilities as well as between people with disabilities and the larger Seattle community.

During the first quarter of 2010, staff of the Seattle Office for Civil Rights (“SOCR”) worked with City departments and with community stakeholders to recruit Commissioners with a diversity of experience, skills, and interests. SOCR staff circulated information about the Commission to a range of audiences, including academia, advocacy organizations that focus on specific disabilities, organizations that serve people of color, parents of children with disabilities, and disabled veterans. We distributed information about the new Commission and the application process in print, via the internet, and by word-of-mouth. All print and internet advertising stated that accommodations were available upon request.

Nearly forty individuals submitted applications to serve on the Commission. Applications and resumes were reviewed by the Human Rights Commission Disability Task Force and Office for Civil Rights staff. Staff conducted interviews of twenty-five candidates.

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The Commission will have sixteen members: seven appointed by the Mayor, seven appointed by the City Council, one appointed by the Commission itself, and one individual age 18-29 appointed in September through the YMCA's Get Engaged Program. All appointments are subject to City Council confirmation. Commissioners will serve staggered one- or two-year terms. Attached to this memorandum is the membership roster of the Commission listing all the new appointees.

I am pleased to forward to the City Council seven outstanding candidates for appointment to the Commission:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Term Ends</u> | <u>Position</u> |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Rebecca Cory | 4-30-2012 | Commissioner |
| John Denooyer | 4-30-2011 | Commissioner |
| Vickie Foster | 4-30-2012 | Commissioner |
| Laura Gramer | 4-30-2011 | Commissioner |
| Mary Beth Lum | 4-30-2012 | Commissioner |
| Gary Stobbe | 4-30-2011 | Commissioner |
| Deborah Wittmer | 4-30-2012 | Commissioner |

The appointment bios for appointees are as follows:

Rebecca Cory

Rebecca Cory is the Manager of Disability Services at North Seattle Community College, where she ensures provision of reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. Ms. Cory has successfully increased the implementation of universal design on campus and facilitates a statewide learning community on universal design. Ms. Cory designed and led national research projects on systemic change in access to higher education for students with disabilities; participation of students with disabilities in science, technology, engineering and math; and on universal design of student services. She has initiated disability services programs at colleges and provided instruction to educators around the nation. She has written and edited numerous publications on universal design and postsecondary education, including a book published by Harvard Education Press.

John Denooyer

John Denooyer has served on a number of boards related to disability issues, including, United Cerebral Palsy of San Mateo/Santa Clara Counties, the Alliance for People with disAbilities, and the Washington Initiative for Supportive Employment. He has also served on the boards of the Real Change Newspaper and Solid Ground as well as the Seattle Human Rights Commission. In addition to his extensive experience serving on boards, Mr. Denooyer brings the perspective of an individual who uses a service animal in public places.

Vickie Foster

Vickie Foster has served on several boards and committees, including the Agency Council on Coordinated Transportation, the Joint Advisory Board for Seattle Housing Authority, the State Guardianship Committee, the State Rehabilitation Council, the Developmental Disabilities Council, and the King County Metro Accessible Services Board. Ms. Foster serves as personal representative of several individuals with disabilities.

Laura Gramer

Laura Gramer comes highly recommended by the disability rights community in suburban Chicago, from which she recently relocated with her family. Although new to Seattle, Ms. Gramer has sought opportunities to be of service by joining the board of Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services and working as an occupational therapist at People First. While in Illinois, Ms. Gramer served on the Universal Access Commission, the Open Doors Organization, the Illinois Occupational Therapy Association, and the Progress Center for Independent Living. Ms. Gramer has engaged in substantial public speaking and lecturing on deafness, disability, and occupational therapy. Ms. Gramer has consistently worked to bridge the deaf community to the larger disability rights community.

Mary Beth Lum

As an independent living specialist, Mary Beth Lum supervises programs for the Alliance for People with DisAbilities. She participates in community outreach efforts designed to create awareness of issues important to people with disabilities and maintains significant network of resources to assist people with disabilities in their independent living needs. Additionally, Ms. Lum offers peer support and advocacy skills to callers and participants. Ms. Lum has demonstrated a clear vision for the work of the commission and a thoughtfulness about its potential to affect real and permanent good for people with disabilities in the City of Seattle.

Gary Stobbe

Dr. Gary Stobbe is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Washington Neurology and Psychiatry Departments, and Director of Adolescent and Adult Services at Seattle Children's Hospital's Autism Center. Dr. Stobbe specializes in children and adults with autism, traumatic brain injury, and multiple sclerosis. Dr. Stobbe serves on the Professional Advisory Boards of the Brain Injury Association of Washington and the Washington Chapter of the Autism Society of America. Along with his wife Dr. Stobbe founded the Autism Spectrum Treatment and Research Center, a non-profit organization that served over two thousand individuals with autism and their families across the lifespan.

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Deborah Wittmer

Deborah Wittmer serves as President of Creative Activities for the Physically Disabled, which works for equal access to the arts for youth and adults with disabilities. As a Resident Director at Seattle Center, Ms. Wittmer is involved in transportation and construction mitigation issues around the SDOT and WADOT projects on Mercer and the North Portal. She also works with arts organizations in Seattle to help them meet their access and inclusion goals for people with disabilities. As a long term resident of Seattle Ms. Wittmer has several years of experience advocating at the City level. She served as President of the RainKing Neighborhood Association, President of the Southeast District Community Council, Parliamentarian of the Seattle City Neighborhood Council, and chair of its budget committee.

Attachments: Appointments Roster
Appointment Letters (7)
Notices of Appointment (7)
Candidate Resumes (7)

cc: Felicia Yearwood, Commission Liaison
Wayne Barnett, Executive Director, Ethics and Elections Commission
Mark Matassa, Communications Director, Mayor's Office
Jennifer Samuels, Committee Staff

310655

April 21, 2010

Vickie Foster

[REDACTED]
Seattle, WA 98121

Dear Ms. Foster:

I am pleased to recommend your appointment as a Commissioner to the Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities. You will serve a term that ends April 30, 2012 and will be eligible for reappointment at the expiration of your first term.

This appointment is subject to confirmation by the full City Council after review by the Energy, Technology, and Civil Rights Committee, which I chair. If you have any questions regarding the confirmation process, please contact Felicia Yearwood at (206) 684-4537.

As you know, the Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities will require your time and creative energy, so I truly appreciate your willingness to make this commitment. You bring valuable skills and experience to the Commission, and I am sure that the City will benefit from your participation.

Thank you for serving the people of Seattle.

Sincerely,

BRUCE HARRELL,
Chair: Energy, Technology, and Civil Rights Committee
Seattle City Council

cc: Felicia Yearwood, Liaison, Seattle Office for Civil Rights
Jennifer Samuels, Committee Staff