Ruby Tuesday Romero is a lifelong Seattleite, dog mom of two, and active in many different departments. Ms. Romero survived intimate partner violence, lost loved ones to substance use disorder, and has experienced many 'kinds' of homelessness in parts of King County with scarce resources, such as White Center, Burien, and Kent. Her unique perspective begins with her lived experience and is framed by her high-level understanding of service barriers, intersectionalities, and the root causes of homelessness- including policies surrounding it.

Writing music is her way of processing the human experience, connecting with other people, and responding to current events. By performing at neighborhood farmers markets, community events, and public spaces, she is able to interact with all types of community members. Ruby also participates in the 'City Busker Program'', a partnership between Seattle Parks and Recrectation, Associated Recreation Consortium (ARC), and Sound Transit that brings live music to city parks.

With experience in event organization, promotions, and facilitation for venues (Nii Modo, Seattle ReStored), flea markets (Punk Rock Flea Market, PRFM), and at swap meets (South Park Swap Meet, SPASM), Ruby is able to collaborate with anyone, quickly solve problems, and assist in operations for larger DIY-styled events. Ruby is also a passionate researcher who investigates the entire scope and conversation surrounding a topic to provide unbiased reports, which include materials needed to make informed decisions, and she is willing to change her perspective when presented with verified qualitative and quantitative data.

In what little spare time she does have, she is interested in curating playlists of Seattle bands for Racketeer Radio, altering clothing, creating art, or listening to scientific lectures.

Ruby Tuesday Romero

Member, CoC Board/Advisory Committee & Co-Chair, System Performance Committee

RUBY TUESDAY ROMERO

MARCH 20TH, 2024

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am submitting this letter of intent to fill one of the Lived Experience seats on the Implementation Board and/or Governing Committee of the King County Regional Homelessness Authority.

Since joining the KCRHA's *System Performance Committee* (SPC) and *Continuum of Care* (CoC) Board in 2023, I have been involved in work groups & planning meetings, including planning the required CoC convening where I led the training and discussion surrounding criminalization against people experiencing homelessness. I provide monthly updates from the SPC during our board's public meetings, providing reports on the *Point in Time count*, *Homeless Management Information System* standards or requirements, and development of our community's system performance metrics. Other work I have accomplished is approving White Center, Skyway and Fall City to be their own separate unique subregion requiring area specific solutions, approved our HMIS yearly work plan, and joined the *Notice of Funding Opportunity* (NOFO) planning committee where we will be focusing on the application process.

If appointed to the Implementation Board or Governing Committee, I will execute the theory of change by offering insight on important matters presented to the board. I will engage with all materials needed to make informed decisions during votes. I will bring members from underserved communities and advocating for them and their needs. We need to implement solutions that provide more housing units for all income brackets, focus on stabilizing people after experiencing homelessness, and prevent the initial entry into homelessness. More equitable solutions are important to erase the barriers preventing people from getting into viable housing solutions, who regardless of criteria, are still vulnerable and experiencing homelessness.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

With Ruby Tuesday Romero appreciation,