

August 18, 2022  
Regular City Council Meeting

TO: Councilmembers

FROM: Mayor Dave Kiffer

SUBJECT: **Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

**Library Advisory Board**

Mia Simon – Student Representative (expires 03/2023)  
Zoe Sobel (expires 03/2024)



APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT  
CITY OF KETCHIKAN BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

NAME: Mia Simon G.  
First Last Middle Initial

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: 7864 S. Tongass Hwy 99901

MAILING ADDRESS: 7864 S. Tongass Hwy 99901

CONTACT NOS: 360-860-1349 360-860-1349  
Home Work or Cell

EMAIL ADDRESS: thebestpurplegirl@gmail.com

I am willing to serve as a member of the Library Advisory Board and  
ask that my name be considered by the Mayor and Council for appointment.

Mia Simon  
Signature

7/28/2022  
Date

**NOTE:** Please attach a personal resume or letter stating your interest. This application and attachments may be included in the City Council agenda packet, which is made available to the public.

Dear Pat Tully,

In Support of the Teen Advisory Group  
I would like to present myself as a candidate  
for the Youth representative of the Library  
Advisory Board. I would like to do this  
because the library plays a large part in  
my life and being able to help it in this  
way is something that I am interested in...

Sincerely,

Mia Simon

## Taylor Lee

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**Subject:** FW: Library Advisory Board application: Mia Simon

**From:** David Kiffer <DavidKiffer@City.Ketchikan.Ak.Us>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 1, 2022 8:13 PM  
**To:** Kim Stanker <KimS@City.Ketchikan.Ak.Us>  
**Subject:** Re: Library Advisory Board application: Mia Simon

No objections.

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**From:** Kim Stanker <[KimS@City.Ketchikan.Ak.Us](mailto:KimS@City.Ketchikan.Ak.Us)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 1, 2022 8:40:39 AM  
**To:** David Kiffer <[DavidKiffer@City.Ketchikan.Ak.Us](mailto:DavidKiffer@City.Ketchikan.Ak.Us)>  
**Cc:** Taylor Lee <[taylorl@City.Ketchikan.Ak.Us](mailto:taylorl@City.Ketchikan.Ak.Us)>  
**Subject:** FW: Library Advisory Board application: Mia Simon

Dave,

Mia Simon is applying for an appointment as the high school rep on the Library Advisory Board. The library director has indicated to me this seat has been hard to fill, and her mom is currently on the board.

Please advise.

Kim Stanker, MMC  
City Clerk  
334 Front Street  
Ketchikan, AK 99901  
907 228-5658  
[kims@ktn-ak.us](mailto:kims@ktn-ak.us)



**From:** Pat Tully <[patt@City.Ketchikan.Ak.Us](mailto:patt@City.Ketchikan.Ak.Us)>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 29, 2022 3:34 PM



**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT  
CITY OF KETCHIKAN BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

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NAME: Zoë Sobel W  
First Last Middle Initial

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MAILING ADDRESS: 1715 2nd Ave. Apt. 1, Ketchikan, AK 99901

CONTACT NOS: Personal cell: 207-272-4823 Work cell: 907-254-8909  
Home Work or Cell

EMAIL ADDRESS: Zwsobel@gmail.com

I am willing to serve as a member of the Library Advisory Board, and  
ask that my name be considered by the Mayor and Council for appointment.

  
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Signature

July 29, 2022  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Aside from home and school, the place I spent the most time as a child was the library. Growing up without cable, my brothers and I watched our way through most of the movies and listened to nearly all the books on tape. Each summer, we participated in the summer reading contest. We were such regulars that the staff still know us even though we only stop by when visiting our parents.

Upon moving to Alaska in 2016, I quickly saw how libraries are central to each community. The library is not just a place to check out books or other materials. In Unalaska, where I lived for almost five years, the library provided everyone with free internet, an incredibly expensive resource. The library is a safe place to gather. It's also a place to learn. Following the declaration of the COVID-19 pandemic, I watched libraries revamp how to best reach patrons. My childhood library quickly brought programming online and not only was I able to learn, I was able to connect with family and others across the country. They even created a [weekly zoom call that brings together Alaskans and Mainers!](#)

As an avid library user, I'm eager to become a member of Ketchikan's Library Advisory Board to give back to the community and support local programming, activities, and staff. Public libraries provide free access to information and vital services and I want to do my part to support this mission.

# Zoë Sobel

1715 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Apt. 1  
Ketchikan, AK 99901

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## Work Experience

**Communications and Media Manager, KPU TV, 2022-present** Ketchikan, AK

**Camera Technician, KPU TV, 2021-2022** Ketchikan, AK  
Filmed community events, public meetings, and profiles. Live streamed high school athletics.

**Olympic Researcher, NBC, 2022** Stamford, CT  
Answered questions related to biathlon, cross country skiing, and Nordic combined competitions at the Beijing Olympics. Wrote previews and event recaps for internal Olympic research newsletter.

**Reporter, KUCB and ProPublica, 2020-2021** Unalaska, AK  
Investigated [commercial aviation safety in Alaska](#) as a part of [ProPublica's Local Reporting Network](#).

**Luce Scholar, Henry Luce Foundation, 2019-2020** Kathmandu, Nepal and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
Learned about all facets of life in Asia through intensive language study and professional placement. Developed a Luce Scholars podcast and studied photography. Completed three months of intensive Nepali language and basic Malay. Edited stories and recorded interviews for podcast episodes at [The Record Nepal](#).

**Reporter, KUCB, 2016-2019** Unalaska, AK  
Reported weekly, in-depth features on energy and the environment for [Alaska's Energy Desk](#). Wrote and hosted daily newscasts. Pitched and reported features. Produced, scripted, and shot footage for 26-minute documentary, [Tanadgusim Adan Chiilulix](#). Called varsity basketball games over the radio. Established a regional newsroom with KSDP in Sand Point, AK. Freelance work for outlets including [NPR](#), [WNYC's Nancy Podcast](#), National Native News, and [PRI's The World](#). Photography featured in Newsweek and Pacific Fishing.

**Producer, News, WBUR, 2014-2016** Boston, MA  
Pitched, planned, produced and reported stories. Live-tweeted from the WBURLive account and produced local and national coverage of the Dzhokhar Tsarnaev trial. Created multi-platform web content, wrote and reported spots and cut scripts, cut audio, and solicited pieces. Supervised and trained interns.

## Other

**CAB Representative, KRBD, 2021-present** Ketchikan, AK  
Serve as Community Advisory Board member and suggest broadcast programming.

**Basketball Coach, Unalaska City School District, 2017-2019** Unalaska, AK  
Taught junior high students the fundamentals of basketball and instilled a love of physical activity through thrice weekly practices and scrimmages.

**Alumnae Admission Representative, Wellesley College, 2016-2021** USA and Asia  
Interviewed and evaluated prospective students for Wellesley College.

## Education

**Wellesley College** Wellesley, MA  
Bachelor of Arts degree, May 2014. Major: Psychology. Honors: Sigma Xi.  
*Athletics:* Varsity Track and Field, Captain; Varsity Basketball; Varsity Cross Country.

## Digital and Administrative Skills

**Media:** Radio board operator, Marantz recorders, Nikon, Sony, and Canon camera systems, Adobe Audition, Adobe Lightroom, Wirecast, iMediaTouch, Newsboss, iNews, WordPress, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram.  
**Computer and language:** French, Nepali, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, SPSS.

**Taylor Lee**

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**Subject:** FW: Library Advisory Board application

**From:** David Kiffer <[DavidKiffer@City.Ketchikan.Ak.Us](mailto:DavidKiffer@City.Ketchikan.Ak.Us)>

**Sent:** Monday, August 8, 2022 3:37 PM

**To:** Kim Stanker <[KimS@City.Ketchikan.Ak.Us](mailto:KimS@City.Ketchikan.Ak.Us)>

**Subject:** Re: Library Advisory Board application

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**From:** Kim Stanker <[KimS@City.Ketchikan.Ak.Us](mailto:KimS@City.Ketchikan.Ak.Us)>

**Sent:** Monday, August 8, 2022 3:29 PM

**To:** David Kiffer <[DavidKiffer@City.Ketchikan.Ak.Us](mailto:DavidKiffer@City.Ketchikan.Ak.Us)>

**Cc:** Taylor Lee <[taylorl@City.Ketchikan.Ak.Us](mailto:taylorl@City.Ketchikan.Ak.Us)>

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Dave,

Do you have any objections to appointing Zoe Sobel to the Library Advisory Board? Attached is her paperwork for your consideration.

Thanks,

Kim Stanker, MMC  
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