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Governor Inslee Appoints Two Commissioners to State Women's Commission

Olympia, WA —

The Washington State Women's Commission is proud to announce the appointment of two commissioners this month. Christina Kobdish and Kasi Perreira are the newest members of the Commission working to dismantle structural barriers facing women in Washington.

Kobdish is currently the Director of Planning and Development at Unity Care NW, where she leads efforts identifying and working to meet community needs for vulnerable populations. She is also a member of the Bellingham/Whatcom Commission on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, which works to achieve systemic change in sexual and domestic violence response.

Perreira currently serves as the Director of Racial and Gender Justice for the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO. She is a member of the Tlingit tribe, and has over 15 years of experience in labor organizing and championing equity in her work with the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW), a member of local AFL-CIO Constituency Groups such as the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance and Coalition of Labor Union Women, as well as serves on the Board of Puget Sound Sage.

Commissioner Dawn Rains, Executive Vice President, Chief Policy & Strategy Officer at Treehouse, an organization addressing academic and other essentials for children and youth in foster care, was appointed to a second term.

Regina Malveaux, Director of the Women's Commission, said, "We are excited and grateful to have these dedicated and accomplished women join us in the important work of improving the lives of women and girls in Washington State. Their experience and perspectives in serving and empowering under-resourced populations will be invaluable in the work going forward of ensuring that every woman and girl in our state is healthy, safe, and empowered to achieve their full potential."

The Women's Commission, created by the Washington State Legislature in 2018, aims to improve the well-being of women by identifying and developing policies to remove systemic barriers and address critical issues that disproportionately impact women, including child care access and affordability, domestic and gender-based violence, equal pay, and intersectional inequities.