



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Ava Allard</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle Youth Commission</i>		Position Title: <i>At-Large Member</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Date Appointed: 4/10/2018 <i>4/11/2018</i> <i>ECP</i>	Term of Position: * 9/1/2017 to 8/31/2019 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving the remainder of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Lake City Neighborhood</i>	Zip Code: <i>98125</i>	Contact Phone No.: <i>N/A</i>
Background: <p>Ava Allard is a 9th grader and attends Lakeside Upper School in District 5. She is interested in alleviating youth homelessness and drug use by providing a safe, positive and healthy space for Lake City youth to hang out. Ava moved to Lake City two years ago from Mercer Island. Her awareness of the inequitable resources available to the Lake City community inspires her advocacy for a cleaner and stronger community. As a Seattle Youth Commissioner, Ava hopes to learn more about City government and the ways to best address the unique challenges impacting various diverse cultures and communities.</p>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 		Appointing Signatory: <i>Jenny A. Durkan</i> <i>Mayor of Seattle</i>

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*Term begin and end date is fixed and tied to the position and not appointment date.



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Seattle Youth Commission 2017-18 Application

Contact Information:

Name	Ava Allard
Street Address	[REDACTED]
City and Zip Code	[REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
E-Mail Address	[REDACTED]
School	Lakeside Upper School
Grade	9
Age	15

Why do you want to become a member of the Seattle Youth Commission?

I want to become a member of the Seattle Youth Commission because I see issues that teens face in my community and I want to take action and do something to not only improve my community but to make a lasting impression. Teenagers don't often get the opportunity to voice their opinions and views on current issues in Seattle, but I think that there should be more chances for teens to speak up about their opinions. I have been a part of the Seattle community for the majority of my life and I think it is time for me to support the city that has shaped me. It is the time that I give back.

What are the issues in your community that you are passionate about and why?

As in all cities, there will inevitably be issues. In Lake City, the issues that face our town are ubiquitous to the rest of Seattle. We suffer heavily from homelessness and illegal drug use, and we are not doing as much as we can to fix it. There is an open community space in the middle of Lake City which is a designated public land. It has turned into a place where all the homeless congregate. This to me is a constant reminder that we can not continue to ignore this issue. Often when I look at my community I wish that I saw more positive, safe, and healthy places for teens to hang out.

What do you hope to gain from this experience?

From taking part in the Seattle Youth Commission I hope to learn more about government and the process in which changes are made in our city. I want to take action to make a difference in my community and help my neighborhood. I see problems that are stopping my community from growing and thriving and I don't want to just stand by. I'd like to continue to expand my knowledge about the different cultures in Seattle and build a better awareness of the unique issues each culture faces. I also know this is a great opportunity to meet new people who share the same interests and drive as me.

What do you think makes your perspective unique to others?

Two years ago I moved from Mercer Island to Lake City. It was a sudden and big change for me but I grew to love my new town. Seeing Lake City after living on Mercer Island for 13 years I immediately noticed so many things that I never expected to live in the middle of. Mercer Island was secluded and groomed and for a long time I thought that the whole world was like this, I thought everybody had white picket fences and properly trained dogs. I moved, and everything I had believed was proved wrong. Not every town is clean and a strong community. I know this and have seen both sides. I have seen a perfect manicured community and I have seen a newly assembled community. I am ready to take what I know and make an impression on Lake City. I know what it means for a community to be strong and I am ready to bring those aspects to my home.

Interviews will be scheduled on Mondays & Wednesdays from 4:00 -- 6:00 pm. Which of these days are you available? **There will be an opportunity to join interview via Skype.*

- Monday
- Wednesday

Additional comments:

Seattle Youth Commission

15 Members: Pursuant to Ordinance 125029, 15 members subject to City Council confirmation, 2-year terms:

- 7 City Council-appointed
- 8 Mayor-appointed

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	M	4	1.	Member At Large	Gavin Fortenberry	09/01/17	08/31/19	1	Mayor
9	F	3	2.	Member At Large	Ziah Daily	09/01/16	08/31/19	2	Mayor
2	F	2	3.	District #2	Aliya Adan	09/01/17	08/31/19	1	City Council
6	F	5	4.	Member At-Large	Ava Allard	09/01/17	08/31/19	1	Mayor
9	M	4	5.	District #4	Carter J. Sylvia	09/01/16	08/31/18	2	City Council
1	F	5	6.	Member At-Large	Catherine Zhu	09/01/16	08/31/18	2	Mayor
6	T	6	7.	District #6	James Mounts	09/01/16	08/31/18	2	Mayor
5	F	6	8.	Member At-Large	Dhani Srinivasan	09/01/16	08/31/18	2	Mayor
6	F	5	9.	Member At-Large	Dylan Clauson	09/01/17	08/31/19	1	City Council
6	M	1	10.	Member At-Large	Ben Fryer	09/01/17	08/31/19	1	City Council
2	F	5	11.	District #5	Blaine Aweke	09/01/17	08/31/19	2	City Council
9	M	7	12.	District #7	Oliver Anderson-Sanford	09/01/17	08/31/19	1	City Council
3	F	5	13.	District #1	Clarissa Perez	09/01/16	08/31/18	2	City Council
2	F	2	14.	Member At-Large	Victoria Johnson	09/01/16	08/31/18	2	Mayor
2	F	3	15.	District #3	Leila Adams	09/01/16	08/31/18	2	Mayor

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

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	Male	Female	Transgender	NB/ O/ U	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other	Caucasian/ Non-Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	1	6	1		1	2			1	3			1
Council	3	4				2	1			2			2
Other													
Total	4	10	1		1	4	2		1	5			3

Key:

*D List the corresponding *Diversity Chart* number (1 through 9)

**G List *gender*, M= Male, F= Female, T= Transgender, NB= Non-Binary O= Other U= Unknown

RD Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A

Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.