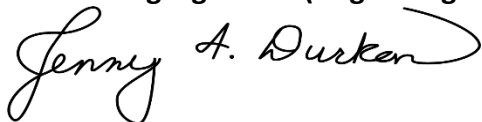




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

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| Appointee Name: <i>Debra Kahn</i> | | |
| Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board</i> | | Position Title: <i>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: <i>4/3/2020</i> | Term of Position: * <i>4/1/2020</i> to <i>3/31/2022</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving the remainder of a vacant position</i> |
| Residential Neighborhood: <i>Greenwood</i> | Zip Code: <i>98133</i> | Contact Phone No.: <i>N/A</i> |
| Background: <i>Debra is a deaf/blind woman who is currently looking for housing in the City of Seattle. She has lived in Seattle for five years and is currently the President of the Washington State DeafBlind Citizens. She is an avid transit rider and passionate about improving sidewalk presence and conditions and crossing improvements for people with mobility issues.</i> | | |
| Authorizing Signature (original signature):  | Appointing Signatory: <i>Jenny A. Durkan</i> <i>Mayor of Seattle</i> | |

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

Objective

To contribute and volunteer for the Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board

Summary

- Highly motivated to help improve the lives of the Deaf Blind community members
- Previous experience in advocacy and provided presentations to educate others
- Very detail oriented with good organizational skills
- Excellent communication skills

Career History

Lighthouse for the Blind, Seattle, WA

September 2018 - present

- Teaching basic conversational American Sign Language to the Lighthouse employees (both hearing blind individuals or hearing sighted individuals)

Washington Sensory Disability Services, Washington State

September 2018 – June 2019

- Involved with the DeafBlind Project team with the focus on DeafBlind children in the school system, parents of DeafBlind children, and professionals working with DeafBlind children.
- Provided peer support and recommendations on how to address accessibility issues in school and home settings for DeafBlind children

DeafBlind Service Center, Seattle WA

January 2015 – May 2018

- Worked as the Support Service Provider (SSP) Coordinator serving all of Washington State's DeafBlind consumers needing SSP services
- Recruited and provided training to newly applied SSPs
- Coordinated the matchup between the DeafBlind consumer and SSP based on preferred communication modes
- Resolve any issues that arises between the DB consumer and the SSP
- Processed invoices submitted by the subcontracted SSPs for payment by DBSC
- Submitted monthly reports to the Executive Director

DeafBlind Service Center (DBSC) Seattle, WA serving the Yakima area

February 2009 – December 2014

- Worked as Communication Facilitator (CF) Coordinator for local Yakima DeafBlind individuals
- Primary focus on setting up CF services based on DB consumer's requests and monthly/quarterly reports to DBSC
- Previously served as SSP Consultant to coordinate SSP training, recruit potential candidates to work as SSPs, educate organizations/businesses about SSP services and the DB's needs for SSP and accessibility

Yakima Valley Community College Yakima, WA

October 2009 – December 2014

- Tutor college level ASL students

SouthEastern Washington Service Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (SEWSCDHH) Yakima, WA

January 2006 – April 2008

- Worked as Community Advocate, Interim Director, and Assistant Director
- Primary focus were on meeting contract requirements by the Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in which we provide case management, education and training, accommodation technical assistance, outreach, communication access network, and interpreting services for the deaf, hard of hearing and deaf blind community members.
- Prepared monthly reports
- Developed an understanding of the budget, including but not limited to payroll, travel, and other expenses.
- Composed quarterly newsletters

Education

DeafBlind Interpreting and Resources Center
 Western Oregon University, Monmouth OR
 January 2020 (one week)
 - DeafBlind Mentoring Training

Yakima Valley Community College, Yakima WA
 September 2011 – June 2013
 ▪ Associates in Business
 ▪ President's List

Gallaudet University, Washington, DC
 August 1980 – May 1985
 ▪ Bachelors in Psychology
 ▪ Dean's List

Volunteer Experience

Washington State DeafBlind Citizens, Inc – previously served 4 years as Treasurer and currently serving as President of the organization (2016- present)

Disability Rights of Washington as well as Rooted in Rights – involved on a panel and in a video project (2018-2019)

Involved on a Wayfinding Forum panel (February 2020)

Yakima Valley Association of the Deaf serving as Treasurer for 5 years (Member 2006 – 2014)

Your Name

Address, phone, fax, email

Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board

11 Members: Pursuant to *Resolution 29532*, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 2-year terms;

1 Get-Engaged Member: Pursuant to *Ordinance 120325*, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 1-year terms:

- 5 City Council-appointed
- 7 Mayor-appointed
- 0 Other Appointing Authority-appointed (specify):

Roster:

| *D | **G | RD | Position No. | Position Title | Name | Term Begin Date | Term End Date | Term # | Appointed By |
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| 5 | M | 3 | 1. | Member | Beau Morton | 4/1/18 | 3/31/20 | 2 | Council |
| 6 | M | 3 | 2. | Member | David Seater | 4/1/19 | 3/31/21 | 1 | Council |
| | | | 3. | Member | VACANT | | | 1 | Council |
| 6 | F | 3 | 4. | Member | Anna Letitia Zivarts | 4/1/19 | 3/31/21 | 2 | Council |
| 2 | F | 2 | 5. | Member | Han-Jung Ko | 4/1/19 | 3/31/21 | 2 | Council |
| 1 | M | 2 | 6. | Member | Chaitanya Sharma | 4/1/18 | 3/31/20 | 1 | Mayor |
| 6 | F | 3 | 7. | Member | Carol Kachadoorian | 4/1/19 | 3/31/21 | 1 | Mayor |
| | F | 7 | 8. | Member | Bianca Johnson | 4/1/20 | 3/31/22 | 1 | Mayor |
| | F | | 9. | Member | Debra Kahn | 4/1/20 | 3/31/22 | 1 | Mayor |
| 6 | F | 5 | 10. | Member | Maria Sumner | 4/1/19 | 3/31/21 | 1 | Mayor |
| | F | 4 | 11. | Member | Esti Mintz | 4/1/20 | 3/31/22 | 1 | Mayor |
| | F | | 12. | Get-Engaged Member | Emily Meltzer | 9/1/19 | 8/31/20 | 1 | Mayor |

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) | | | | |
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| | Men | Women | Transgender | Other/ Unknown | Asian | Black/ African American | Hispanic/ Latino | American Indian/ Alaska Native | Other (Specification Optional) | Caucasian/ Non- Hispanic | Pacific Islander | Middle Eastern | Multiracial |
| Mayor | 1 | 6 | | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Council | 2 | 3 | | | | 1 | | | 1 | 3 | | | |
| Other | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 3 | 9 | | | 1 | 1 | | | 2 | 7 | | | |

Key:

- *D List the corresponding *Diversity Chart* number (1 through 9)
- **G List *gender*, M = Male, F= Female, T= Transgender, U= Unknown, O= Other
- RD Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A

Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.