



# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> Danani Hassan		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> Seattle Youth Commission		<b>Position Title:</b> <i>Commissioner</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Appointment</b> OR <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Reappointment</b>		<b>Council Confirmation required?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Appointing Authority:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	<b>Date Appointed:</b> 7/30/2019	<b>Term of Position: *</b> 9/1/2019 to <i>8/31/21 an</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> Rainier Vista	<b>Zip Code:</b> 98108	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Background:</b>  <i>Danani is a 9<sup>th</sup> grader attending Franklin High School and is part of the University of Washington's Upward Bound Program. Danani's parents are immigrants from Ethiopia, and he was born in Kenya. His personal lived experience makes him very passionate about serving underrepresented communities and ensuring youth voices are part of City decision making processes. Danani is interested in neighborhood public safety and creating more college preparation and leadership development programs for youth.</i>		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b> 		<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <i>Council member Bagshaw</i>

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

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**Collector:** Web Link 1 (Web Link)  
**Started:** Tuesday, May 14, 2019 8:57:38 AM  
**Last Modified:** Tuesday, May 14, 2019 10:24:55 AM  
**Time Spent:** 01:27:17

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**Q1 Name**

Danani Hassan

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**Q2 Please provide your contact information.**

Street Address	[REDACTED]
City, State	Seattle
Zip Code	98108
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Email Address	[REDACTED]

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**Q3 What is your age?**

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**Q4 Tell us where you go to school.**

School Name	Franklin High School
Grade Level	9

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**Q5 Why do you want to become a member of the Seattle Youth Commission?**

I reside in a neighborhood where I cannot play at my local park because it is not safe anymore. In my Rainier Vista neighborhood many kids that play at the park end up being part of a gang, and since I don't want to be part of the gang, they bully me into joining it. To make sure I don't get mixed with bad people, I don't go outside to play in the park, even though I enjoy playing freebee, soccer and basketball. I want to see if I can help make our park a safe place where everybody that wants to enjoy the park can enjoy the park without the being scared of being pressured to join a gang, or worse even be part of kids that engage in criminalizing activities.

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**Q6** What are the issues in your community that you are passionate about and why?

In addition to making parks safe, I am interested in bringing in activities that are helpful to my community. For example, I love video games, so I want to help video games to be available at my community center. In addition, I am interested in working on projects that will prepare kids for college or work. It would be great if during the summer time, many programs become available to Rainier Vista youth that will help them go to college, or help them get a job during summer. Lastly, I would like to work on the homeless issue.

**Q7** What do you hope to gain from this experience?

I hope to collaborate with other like minded youth in Seattle to build long lasting relationship that's based on making our City a good place to live. I look forward to receiving hands-on experience in the public sector and learn how to cultivate the youth voice in city policy. I am looking forward to learning ways I can bring career based programs to my community. I look forward to learning the different city of Seattle departments that effect the Seattle Youth, and I can help them support in make equitable decision when it comes to providing the City services.

**Q8** What do you think makes your perspective unique to others?

I am a child of an immigrant. My parents are from Ethiopia, and I was born in Kenya. I live in a neighborhood where crime is high, where some youth are scared to go to the local park because bad things happen at the park. I think I will bring a unique perspective the Seattle Youth Commission because of my bilingual background and I live in a neighborhood that is mostly effected by high crime. I come from an underrepresented community, but I love Avengers movies, video games, and play freebee. As a ninth grade, I have straight A and I want to study rocks in college

**Q9** The City of Seattle's Race and Social Justice Initiative advances racial equity in city government and the community. What are your ideas about applying race and social justice principles as a Seattle Youth Commissioner?

I think that race and social justice is created to eliminate racism, sexism and other discriminatory practices in government or in businesses. It is well documented that sometimes a government system is set up to help a certain race or gender, and not help typically blacks and women. I am glad the City of the Seattle put in place the "City of Seattle's Race and Social Justice Initiative. My ideas to apply race and social just principles to the Seattle Youth Commission is to increase knowledge on the intersection of poverty, class, and race. I think it will be great to provide an authentic support, trust-based relationships with communities and each other.

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**Q10** SYC interviews will be scheduled for July 9 and July 11 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Which of these days are you available? \*There will be an opportunity to join interview via Skype. **Tuesday, July 9**

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**Q11** Reference #1

Name **Jamal Hussein**  
Phone   
Email 

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**Q12 Reference #2**

Name **Ismael Mathly**  
Phone [REDACTED]  
Email [REDACTED]

**Q13 Reference #3**

Name **Alaina Boyle**  
Phone [REDACTED]  
Email [REDACTED]

# Seattle Youth Commission

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

- 7 City Council- Appointed
- 8 Mayoral- Appointed

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
2	M	2	1.	Member At-Large	Abdiweli Abdi	9/01/2018	8/31/2020	2	Mayor
2	M	4	2.	Member At-Large	Jordan Howard	9/01/2018	8/31/2020	2	Mayor
		2	3.	District #2	Danani Hassan	9/01/2019	8/31/2021	1	Council
9	F	4	4.	Member At-Large	Wanjiku Hopps	9/01/2018	8/31/2020	2	Mayor
1	F	5	5.	District #4	Katherine Kang	9/01/2018	8/31/2020	2	City Council
1	M	2	6.	Member At-Large	Gian-Nicholos Rosario	9/01/2018	8/31/2020	2	Mayor
6	F	6	7.	District #6	Madison Jackson-Hite	9/01/2018	8/31/2020	2	Mayor
5	F	6	8.	Member At-Large	Rosy Allen	9/01/2018	8/31/2020	2	Mayor
		1	9.	Member At-Large	Nephtalie Gonzales	9/01/2019	8/31/2021	1	City Council
		1	10.	Member At-Large	Kevin Jackson Hu	9/01/2019	8/31/2021	1	City Council
			11.	District #5					City Council
		7	12.	District #7	Parisa Harvey	9/01/2019	8/31/2021	1	City Council
6	M	1	13.	District #1	Henry Irving Engel	9/01/2018	8/31/2020	2	City Council
6	F	3	14.	Member At-Large	Chloe Rubin	9/01/2018	8/31/2020	2	Mayor
1	F	2	15.	District #3	Linda Phan	9/01/2018	8/31/2020	2	Mayor

## SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

	(1)		(2)		(3)		(4)		(5)		(6)		(7)		(8)		(9)	
	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																		
Council																		
Other																		
Total																		

### 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.*