



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Ankita Patel		
Board/Commission Name: Immigrant and Refugee Commission		Position Title: Member
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment <i>OR</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	Date Appointed: 10/5/2018	Term of Position: * 8/1/2017 2018 to 7/31/2019 1/31/20  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: District 2	Zip Code:	Contact Phone No.: 
Background: <p>Ankita is dedicated to elevating and transforming the social and economic status of immigrants and refugees so that they can create bold visions for change and see their progressive impact in the world.</p> <p>As an Indian-Zambian immigrant, she navigated the U.S. immigration system in order to study and work in the United States. Ankita moved to California in 1999 to attend college and then to Seattle in 2004 to attend Seattle University School of Law. She then pursued a career with the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence on a work visa, and has since dedicated her career to advancing immigrant rights and women's rights. She has over 10 years of experience influencing policies, addressing systemic gaps, and optimizing and scaling programs for immigrant communities. She brings strong leadership, team-building and relationship skills that have helped her successfully build collaborative cross-sector partnerships and engage closely with communities to improve systems and create safe, thriving environments.</p>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 	Appointing Signatory: M. Lorena González Councilmember, Position 9	

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

ANKITA PATEL

Program Manager with 10+ years of experience engaging with immigrant communities and diverse organizations to advance racial and economic equity. Skilled at creating and launching new programs and initiatives, developing trusting and respectful cross-sector relationships, and improving internal systems and engaging with communities of color and immigrant communities. Key skills include:

- **Community Engagement**
 - **Racial and Gender Equity Frameworks**
 - **Program and Project Management**
 - **Cross-Sector Partnership Development**
 - **Systems and Policy Change**
 - **Knowledge Management**
 - **New Program Launch**
 - **Grantmaking and Portfolio Management**
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PROGRAM MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

WASHINGTON STATE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Seattle, WA

Membership-based organization that advances public policy, supports and educates members on systems change, and leads cutting-edge programs that influence the domestic violence field.

Program Manager - Immigrant Justice

2017 - Current

Launched and spearheaded Immigrant Justice program to address racial and economic inequities that immigrants face by advancing public policy, fostering cross-sector partnerships, and creating new content.

- Led all program design from vision and strategy to resource deployment and evaluation, expanding program delivery and impact from 8 to 100+ organizations working with immigrant victims of domestic violence.
- Advocated for statewide and county-level immigration policy change by providing expertise through written analysis and oral testimony on systemic gaps, harmful effects on communities, and the potential to increase immigrant communities' access to life-saving services, resulting in the passage of new legislation including HB-1022, the "U-Visa" Bill, and the King County Immigration Ordinance.
- Provided training, technical assistance and consultation to 80-100 immigrant justice organizations nationwide, including ASISTA, the Asian Pacific Institute on Gender Based Violence, and the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, to address anti-immigrant policies and practices with racial and gender equity frameworks.
- Developed strategy to increase the access and reach of the Coalition's programming and events and led staff teams to plan content; resulted in improved operations, ability to attract high-profile speakers from social justice movements, and an increase in annual conference registrations by 42% over a 2 year period.

Program Manager - Crossing Borders (Migrant Farmworker Justice)

2013 - 2016

Designed and optimized nationally-recognized migrant farmworker justice program by raising mission-aligned grant capital and strengthening national and statewide cross-sector relationships.

- Overhauled English-only program programming by hiring and mentoring Spanish-speaking staff, producing Spanish media and resources, and building relationships with national Latino/a led organizations; resulting program was nationally recognized as a model to increase access to historically marginalized communities.
- Awarded Federal and State grants of over \$1M to dramatically scale program from 1,000 to over 6,000 victims served by demonstrating understanding of the private agricultural industry, providing analysis on the intersection of domestic and sexual violence and local economic growth, and proposing solutions to increase access to services.
- Improved grants process by creating efficient organizational infrastructure and systems, staffing, and budgeting, resulting in Coalition's ability to support programs to provide grant reports with increased accuracy.

Program Specialist - Fatality Review and Policy

2008 - 2013

Used qualitative and quantitative methods to provide policy and practice solutions on pressing systemic issues in WA state

- Analyzed unique data that cast light on the higher statistical likelihood of fatalities within marginalized communities, resulting in increased public funding to marginalized communities.

- Created county-level changes to address systemic gaps deterring victims to report domestic violence in over 10 counties by facilitating solutions-based analysis/conversations across sectors, and providing trainings to over 100 businesses, city and county government officials, and advocates.

MOVING WORLDS INSTITUTE

Seattle, WA

Social Impact Consultant

2017

Selected for a competitive Global Social Impact fellowship for experienced professionals to further develop global leadership, design thinking, shared-value, and social enterprise skills through highly skilled service projects.

- Launched social enterprise arm of Zambian Governance Foundation; conducted market research and created organizational development plans for staff training and skill-building and marketing strategies for products and services.
- Assessed legal and business risks for Mintor, a South African social enterprise, by improving legal agreements with stakeholders and creating risk-assessment tools to negotiate risks with beneficiaries.
- Designed objectives, goals, and facilitator's guide for the inaugural Accelerating Social Transformation certification course at the University of Washington, resulting in 100% satisfaction scores from participants.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

- **Northwest Immigrant Rights Project**, Pro Bono Attorney, 2008 - 2009
- **International Rescue Committee**, Pro Bono Attorney, 2007 - 2009
- **API Chaya**, Community Advisor, 2005 - 2009

EDUCATION

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Seattle, WA

Juris Doctor, Focus: International Human Rights

May 2007

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY

Hayward, CA

B.S. Computer Science and Philosophy Minor

May 2004

PUBLICATIONS

- Patel, Ankita, "[Back to the Drawing Board: Rethinking Protections Available to Victims of Trafficking](#)," Seattle Journal for Social Justice: Vol. 9: Iss. 2, Article 7 (2011).
- Fawcett, Jake, Patel, Ankita & Starr, Kelly, "[Now That We Know: Findings and Recommendations of the Washington Domestic Violence Fatality Review](#)," Seattle, Washington (2008).

LANGUAGES

- Native Gujarati
- Conversational Hindi

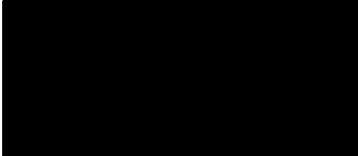
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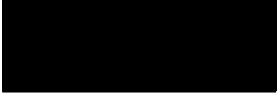
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Police Practices and Immigration Counsel
American Civil Liberties Union of Washington



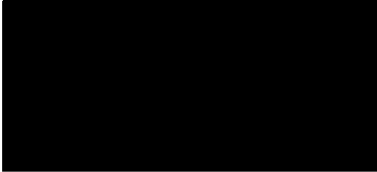
Grace Huang

Policy Director
Asian Pacific Institute on Gender Based Violence
Seattle Office



Ye-Ting Woo

Assistant United States Attorney
U.S. Attorney's Office



Immigrant and Refugee Commission

15 Members: Pursuant to *Ordinances 12822 and 120345 and SMC 3.14.545*, [all] members subject to City Council confirmation, [14 [have 2-year terms, (1) Get Engage Member has 1 year term:

- 7 City Council-appointed
- 8 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
1	F	6	1.	Member	Maya Babla Appiah	2/1/17	1/31/19	1	Council
1	F	6	2.	Member	Jessica Yu	2/1/17	1/31/19	1	Council
2	F	1	3.	Member	Medhanit A. Abebe	2/1/17	1/31/19	1	Mayor
3	F	1	4.	Member	Jeniffer Calleja	2/1/17	1/31/19	2	Mayor
1	F	7	5.	Member	Shelani Vanniasinkam	8/1/17	7/31/19	1	Council
3	M	5	6.	Member	Luis Ortega	8/1/17	7/31/19	2	Mayor
3	F	3	7.	Member	Marilena Morales	8/1/17	7/31/19	2	Mayor
8	F	4	8.	Member	Naheed Aaftaab	2/1/18	1/31/20	1	Council
3	F	5	9.	Member	Maria Zepeda Flores	2/1/18	1/31/20	1	Council
2	F	2	10.	Member	Farhiya Mohamed	2/1/18	1/31/20	2	Mayor
5	M	3	11.	Member	Eric Holzapfel	2/1/18	1/31/20	1	Mayor
3	F	5	12.	Member	Vanesa Gutierrez	8/1/18	1/31/20	1	Council
1	F	7	13.	Member	Riddhi Mukhopadhyay	8/1/18	7/31/20	2	Mayor
9	F	2	14.	Member	Ankita Patel	8/1/18	1/31/20	1	Council
1	M	2	15.	Get Engaged Member	Johnson Nguyen	9/1/18	8/31/19	1	Mayor

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

	(1)		(2)		(3)		(4)		(5)		(6)		(7)		(8)		(9)	
	Men	Women	Transgender	Unknown	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other (Specification Optional)	Caucasian/ Non- Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial					
Mayor	3	5			2	2	4											
Council	0	7			3		2									1		1
Other																		
Total	3	12			5	2	6									1		1

Key:

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