
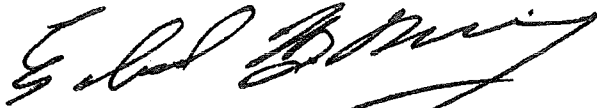




## City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Farhiya Mohamed</i>		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> <i>Immigrant and Refugee Commission</i>		<b>Position Title:</b> <i>Member</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		<b>Council Confirmation required?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Appointing Authority:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	<b>Date Appointed:</b> <i>4/27/16</i>	<b>Term of Position: *</b> <i>1/31/2016<sup>2/1/16</sup> to 1/31/2018</i>
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>District 2</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> <i>98108</i>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> 
<b>Background:</b> <p>Farhiya has over 10 years of experience working with Seattle's immigrant and refugee communities. She has experience working for community organizations such as ReWA and Southwest Youth and Family Services. She has worked as a community organizer and educator to help women victims of domestic violence and human trafficking in immigrant and refugee communities. She has also worked to provide environmental health education to the Somali community. She is fluent in Somali and is currently pursuing a Masters in Social Work at University of Washington.</p>		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b> 		<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <i>Edward B. Murray</i> <i>Mayor of Seattle</i>

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# Farhiya Mohamed

Education	2014 graduate	University of Washington	Seattle, WA
	<i>Masters of Social Work</i>		
	2010 Graduate	The Evergreen State College	Tacoma, WA
Languages and Fluency	<i>Bachelors of Liberal Arts – Human/Social Services Administration.</i>		
	2006 – 2008	Seattle Central Community College	Seattle, WA
	<i>Associate of Arts and Applied Sciences in Social and Human Services</i>		
Experience	Oral/Spoken and Written Competency/Fluency in English & Somali.		
	2006 – Present	Southwest Youth & Family Services	Seattle, WA
	<b>Somali Family Advocate</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Perform intakes, assessments, identify resources, provide referrals and assistance to support Somali families, e.g., housing, social services, education/schools, health, mental health, employment and job training, emergency food, family and individual counseling, and parent education</li><li>Provide information and referrals to ESL classes, legal, and immigration assistance</li><li>Document and maintain client files and records</li></ul>		
	<i>Facilitate trainings/educational sessions for Somali women</i>		
	1999 – 2016	Refugee Women's Alliance (ReWA)	Seattle, WA
	<b>Bilingual/Bicultural Somali Domestic Violence Advocate</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Perform intake, assessments, provide counseling and case management services, assistance and referrals to social services, health and medical resources/services, employment and job training, emergency food, family and individual counseling, and parent education</li><li>Document and maintain client files and records</li><li>Provide information and referrals to ESL classes, legal and immigration assistance</li><li>Provide legal/court advocacy for refugee and immigrant women</li><li>Represent ReWA Domestic Violence team at community meetings, local and national conferences</li></ul>		
	<b>Community Organizer &amp; Educator</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Collaborate with other social service providers to provide community education forums</li><li>Facilitate trainings and provide information to health/mental health care providers and community members regarding domestic violence and sexual assault for refugee and immigrant females</li><li>Facilitate and train social service and health/mental health and other providers and community members regarding human trafficking issues for refugee and immigrant females</li></ul>		
	<b>Community Research Partnerships</b>		
	<i>"Cultural Issues Affecting Domestic Violence Service Utilization in Ethnic and Hard to Reach Populations" and "We can help each other": Social support and life skills development for D.V. survivors</i>		
	Research Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Pilot test and conduct interviews with East African women in native languages according to survey/research protocols; Document responses to surveys and interviews</li><li>Provide interpretation and translation services/support for qualitative interviews with research staff</li><li>Design and develop curriculum for support groups</li><li>Plan, coordinate and co-facilitate support groups according to research protocols</li><li>Assist with preparation of and co-presentation of findings at local and national conferences</li></ul>	
2002 – 2008:		Environmental Coalition of South Seattle	Seattle, WA
<b>Environmental Community Outreach/Educator – Somali Community</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Provide environmental health education to refugees and immigrants regarding green homes, safe disposal of household hazardous wastes and promoting safe alternatives</li><li>Facilitate education sessions regarding green home, recycling, water and power conservation</li><li>Assist staff to identify culturally appropriate service delivery strategies for immigrants</li></ul>			
2008-2010:		Neighborhood House	Seattle, WA
<b>Research Consultant – Bilingual/Bicultural Focus Group Facilitator</b>			
<i>Co-facilitate focus group sessions with East African adults/parents</i>			
<i>Provide interpretation services for focus groups with East African adults</i>			

**2007 – Present:** Steering Committee Member, Public Health – Seattle & King County  
Facilitate focus groups with Somali Women

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Research Experience - Continued	<b>2004: Community Environmental Health Assessment In Washington State</b> ▪ Environmental Justice Needs Assessment	Seattle, WA
	<b>2000 – 2001: Public Health – Seattle &amp; King County</b> <b>Research Consultant – Bilingual/Bicultural Focus Group Facilitator and Interviewer</b> Co-facilitate (4) focus group sessions, interpret for East African adults/parents Translate surveys and other research protocols Assist with interpretation of data, analysis, preparation of presentations and manuscripts ▪ Co-present findings at local and national conferences	Seattle, WA
Scholarship, Awards, and Special Recognition	<b>2009: Jackie Robinson Scholarship Award.</b> The Evergreen State College, Tacoma, WA. <b>2009-2010: Evergreen Scholarship/Awards - Cultural Diversity Scholarship</b> <b>2008-2009: Evergreen Scholarship/Awards - Cultural Diversity Scholarship</b> <b>2003: Special Recognition Award for Community Research to ReWA's DV Advocate Team,</b> Public Health – Seattle & King County	
Volunteer Community Service, Memberships and Associations	<b>2007 – Present:</b> Steering Committee Member, Public Health – Seattle & King County Research Project - Focus Groups with Somali Women <b>2006 – Present:</b> Vice Chair, African Community Network, Seattle/King County, WA <b>1999 – Present:</b> Member, African Community Network, Seattle/King County, WA <b>2006:</b> Advisory Group Member, Safe and Bright Futures Project. Public Health – Seattle & King County (PHSKC) and King County Community Partners <b>2004-2005:</b> Volunteer, Tukwila Somali Family Safety DV Taskforce, Tukwila, WA <b>2002 – Present :</b> Volunteer, Environmental Justice Coalition of South/west Seattle, Seattle, WA <b>2002:</b> Volunteer Committee BrenMar Scholarship, Women's Funding Alliance, Seattle, WA <b>2000 – Present: Volunteer:</b> Women's Programs; Somali Community Services, Seattle, WA	
Trainings	<b>1997 – 2005:</b> Sexual Assault Training. Washington State Sexual Assault Coalition. Annual Training. <b>1997 – 2005:</b> Conflict Resolution Skills Training. <b>2000:</b> Focus group facilitator training. Public Health – Seattle & King County's Epidemiology, Planning and Evaluation Unit. Promoting Assets Across Cultures (PAAC) Project - Seattle Partners for Healthy Communities.	
Presentations	<b>2008:</b> "Building Relationships with Refugee and Immigrant Parents and Families: From Theories to Practice," Workshop presentation at: SOAR's Fourth Annual Putting the Pieces Together ; Tukwila, WA. <b>2007:</b> Sharing Our Stories: Creating Partnerships and Mobilizing East African Communities to Address HIV/AIDS. Accepted for Panel Presentation at: Ethiopian Community Development Council's (ECDC) 2007 Conference: In Pursuit of Life, Liberty, Happiness; Washington, D.C. <b>2004:</b> Social Work Practice with Communities/Community-Based Organizations. Presentation for University of Washington's School of Social Work – BSW Human Behavior & Social Environment Course. <b>2003:</b> Promising Practices: Somali Children and Families. BRYCS Roundtable Meeting "Foster Care at a Cultural Crossroads: Refugee Children in the Public Foster Care System," Washington, DC. <b>2002:</b> Domestic Violence in East African Communities in Seattle/King County. Presentation at Ethiopian Community Development Council's (ECDC) Eighth Annual National Conference. Washington, D.C. <b>2001:</b> Promoting Interethnic Community Relationships. Presented at Ethiopian Community Development Council's (ECDC) African Refugee National Conference. Washington, D.C.	
Publications	<b>2004:</b> Sapano, R. and Mohamed, F. <i>Speaking the Unspoken: The Perspective of the Muslim Faith.</i> In Connections: A Bi-Annual Publication of the Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs, 5(2):32-38. <b>2002:</b> Okayama Dopke, C. <i>Creating Partnerships with Faith Communities to End Sexual Violence.</i> Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs. (Provided written contributions as part of community taskforce).	

# Seattle 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	Pos. No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
1	M	N/A	1.	Member	John Mark Galang	1/25/17	1/31/19	1	Council
1	F	6	2.	Member	Jessica Yu	1/25/17	1/31/19	1	Council
			3.	Member		2/1/17	1/31/19		Mayor
3	F		4.	Member	Jeniffer Calleja	2/1/17	1/31/19	2	Mayor
6	F		5.	Member	Dori C. Cahn	2/23/15	7/31/17	2	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.	Member		2/1/16	1/31/18		Council
2	F		9.	Member	Isatou Jallow	8/3/15	1/31/18	1	Council
2	F	2	10.	Member	Farhiya Mohamed	2/1/16	1/31/18	2	Mayor
3	F	7	11.	Member	Michele E. Ramirez	4/30/16	1/31/18	2	Mayor
8	F	3	12.	Member	Kianoush Naficy	4/30/16	7/31/18	2	Council
1	F	7	13.	Member	Riddhi Mukhopadhyay	4/30/16	7/31/18	2	Mayor
3	M	2	14.	Member	Kiwai Lai	8/1/16	7/31/18	1	Council
5	F	1	15.	Get- Engaged	Alexey Kuznetsov	9/1/16	8/31/17	1	Mayor

## SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

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	Caucasian/ Non- Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	1	5			1	1	4		1				
Council	3	4			3	1						1	
Other										1			
Total	4	9			4	2	4		1	1		1	

## Key:

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

*Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.*