




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Rokea Jones</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle Women's Commission</i>		Position Title: <i>Member</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment <i>OR</i> <input checked="" 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: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Date Appointed: <i>8/8/2017</i>	Term of Position: * <i>7/2/2017</i> to <i>7/1/2019</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Central Area Neighborhood District</i>	Zip Code: <i>98144</i>	Contact Phone No.:
Background: Rokea Jones is an educator, organizer and advocate. She has experience working with women and families in the areas of health, life skills and social justice. Rokea is a recent graduate of the Puget Sound Sage Community Leadership Institute and is a Community Liaison to the HALA Community Focus Group. Prior to this, she worked as a Behavioral Specialist at Hopeful Hands, Chef Educator with Community Kitchens and Rainier Valley Eats and was Program Coordinator and Educator with the Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative. Rokea obtained her Bachelor of Liberal Arts with a Focus on Health and Human Development, Statistics and Sciences from The Evergreen State College.		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 		Appointing Signatory: <i>Councilmember Lisa Herbold</i> <i>Seattle City Council</i>

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

Rokea Jones

Educator...Organizer...Advocacy...Outreach

EXPERIENCE

HALA Focus Group, Seattle, WA — *Community Liaison*

April 2016 - PRESENT

The Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda (HALA) is a multi-pronged strategy for addressing the housing affordability crisis in Seattle. I was appointed to the Hala focus group to provide input to the Mayor's office in making final decisions for affordable housing in Seattle. As a focus group member it is my responsibility to meet with local community representatives from across the city to evaluate zoning options and draft a proposal for implementation

Hopeful Hands, Seattle, WA — *Behavior Specialist*

september 2014 - June 2016

Provided one on one for support for disabled youth and youth with challenging behavior. Aid youth in a school setting through daily tasks and expectations. Create safe environment. Track behaviors and triggers. Set goals for improved outcomes. Create systems that reward desired behavior and build confidence. Maintain communication with care team including other health care professionals, educators and family. Trained and most experienced working with youth on the autistic spectrum.

Community Kitchens Northwest, Seattle, WA — *Chef Educator*

May 2011 - June 2013

Community Kitchens is a Seattle Tilth program designed to empower people with the tools they need to eat well every day by sharing cooking skills, nutrition knowledge and food traditions. We engage up to 10 people in the process of creating a menu and preparations which then fed 100 to 150 people from the local surrounding community, my location was the Rainier Valley.

Rainier Valley Eats, Seattle, WA — *Chef educator*

Fall 2012

Rainier Valley Eats partners with Seattle Tilth, Public Health and The YMCA to promote more growing, sharing and cooking amongst youth in the Rainier Valley and surrounding areas. I lead the site at Cleveland high school, providing a cooking class in with Cleveland's after school program which was designed to keep youth in engaged during the hours they were likely to engage in "at risk" behaviors. My students learned life skills, and the professional skills that could allow them to look for work in the food industry. As well as nutrition knowledge and exploration of food traditions.

SKILLS

Please be advised that this resume does not reflect all of my work/skill set as an Industry trained Chef

As well as other skills such as

Public/Media speaking

Resource mapping/sourcing

My chef resume is available upon request or please ask during interview

LANGUAGES

English, basic ASL

**Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative, Seattle, WA—*Program
Coordinator/Educator***

Summer 2009

The Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative (SYVPI) was launched in 2009 as a partnership between the City of Seattle and several community-based organizations designed to reduce youth violence in Seattle. Myself in partnership with other community organizers, educators and Entrepreneurs created the S.T.A.R.T.S. (Students Taking Agriculture 'Round The Streets). S.T.A.R.T.S. was a multi pronged food justice program focused on Media, entrepreneurship, kitchen skills, food literacy. I helped to design curriculum and coordinate the program. Created a network of community partnerships to support our curriculum. Taught youth kitchen safety and kitchen skills, Ran Icebreakers and community building exercises to ensure trust and respect in our group. Lead the youth in critical thinking exercises. Researched literature and documentaries used to provided analysis of the themes of our curriculum engaged Youth in their community with local urban farms/green spaces, other local entrepreneurs and neighborhood walks to examine themes of food literacy in their community.

**Open Arms Perinatal Services, Seattle, WA — *Volunteer Outreach
Birth Doula***

November 2006-2008

I served women of color often of low economic backgrounds from the third trimester through birth and until a baby is about six to eight weeks old. My services included prenatal support and parenting education, continuous emotional and physical support throughout labor and delivery, hospital patient advocacy and assistance in early postpartum. I was responsible for maintaining confidential case notes to track program outcomes.

EDUCATION

The Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA — *B.A. Liberal Arts*

September 2002 - June 2006

Focus in Health and human development, Statistics, Sciences

Ventures, Seattle, WA — *Certificate of Completion*

Fall 2014

Business and Financial literacy Training

**Puget Sound Sage Community leadership Institute, Seattle, WA —
*Certificate of Completion***

March 2016

Community Fellowship program for proficiency in the process and skills needed for participation in government board/commission and Community Leadership. CLI trains and places advocates from low-income communities and communities of color to move an equity agenda on strategic local and regional boards/commissions.

PROJECTS

United Hood Movement —

A community lead organization to support marginalized peoples including civic engagement, Advocacy, Outreach, community organizing and linking people with much needed resources.

Seattle Women's Commission

JULY 2017

21 Members: Pursuant to SMC 3.14.920, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 2-year terms:

- 9 City Council-appointed
- 10 Mayor-appointed
- 2 Other Appointing Authority-appointed: Commission-appointed

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
	F		1.	Member	Vacant	7/02/15	7/01/17	1	Mayor
2	F		2.	Member	Teresa Springer	7/02/16	7/01/18	2	Mayor
	F		3.	Member	Vacant	7/02/15	7/01/17	2	Mayor
9	F	7	4.	Member	Loida C. Erhard	7/02/16	7/01/18	2	Mayor
2	F		5.	Member	Tracey Whitten	7/02/15	7/01/17	2	Mayor
6	F		6.	Member	Erica J. Soelling	7/02/15	7/01/17	1	Mayor
			7.	Member	Tara Cookson	7/02/15	7/01/18	1	Mayor
6	F		8.	Member	Morgan R. Beach	7/02/15	7/01/18	2	Mayor
	F		9.	Member	Vacant	7/02/15	7/01/17	2	Mayor
9	F		10.	Member	Idabelle Fosse	7/02/15	7/01/18	1	City Council
1	F		11.	Member	K.Min Pease	7/02/17	7/01/19	1	City Council
	F		12.	Member	Vacant	7/02/15	7/01/17	2	City Council
			13.	Member	Xochitl Makovich	7/02/16	7/01/18	1	City Council
2	F		14.	Member	Mergitu Argo	7/02/16	7/01/18	3	City Council
	F		15.	Member	Vacant	7/02/15	7/01/17	2	City Council
2	F		16.	Member	Rokea Jones	7/02/17	7/01/19	1	City Council
5	F		17.	Member	Ruchika Tulshyan	7/02/16	7/01/18	1	City Council
2	F		18.	Member	Lakeisha Jackson	7/02/16	7/01/18	2	City Council
6	F		19.	Member	Michele Maureen Frix	7/02/16	7/01/18	3	Commission
	F		20.	Member	Vacant	7/02/15	7/01/17	1	Commission
			21.	Get Engaged	Jacquelyn Kurdas	9/01/16	8/31/17	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	Caucasian/ Non- Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	0	6			0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	1
Council	0	7			1	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
Comm	0	1			0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Total	0	14			0	5		0	1	4	0	0	2

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

Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.