



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

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Appointee Name: <i>Farhiya Mohamed</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Immigrant and Refugee Commission</i>		Position Title: <i>Member</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" 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: 10/1/2018 <i>10/3/2018</i> <i>ELP</i>	Term of Position: * 2/1/2018 to 1/31/2020 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Beacon Hill</i>	Zip Code: <i>98108</i>	Contact Phone No.: <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div>
Background: <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>		
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.

Farhiya Mohamed

Education	2014 graduate University of Washington <i>Masters of Social Work</i>	Seattle, WA
	2010 Graduate The Evergreen State College <i>Bachelors of Liberal Arts – Human/Social Services Administration.</i>	Tacoma, WA
	2006 – 2008 Seattle Central Community College <i>Associate of Arts and Applied Sciences in Social and Human Services</i>	Seattle, WA
Languages and Fluency	Oral/Spoken and Written Competency/Fluency in English & Somali.	
Experience	2006 – Present Southwest Youth & Family Services Somali Family Advocate <ul style="list-style-type: none">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 educationProvide information and referrals to ESL classes, legal, and immigration assistanceDocument and maintain client files and records <i>Facilitate trainings/educational sessions for Somali women</i>	Seattle, WA
	1999 – 2016 Refugee Women’s Alliance (ReWA) Bilingual/Bicultural Somali Domestic Violence Advocate <ul style="list-style-type: none">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 educationDocument and maintain client files and recordsProvide information and referrals to ESL classes, legal and immigration assistanceProvide legal/court advocacy for refugee and immigrant womenRepresent ReWA Domestic Violence team at community meetings, local and national conferences Community Organizer & Educator <ul style="list-style-type: none">Collaborate with other social service providers to provide community education forumsFacilitate trainings and provide information to health/mental health care providers and community members regarding domestic violence and sexual assault for refugee and immigrant femalesFacilitate and train social service and health/mental health and other providers and community members regarding human trafficking issues for refugee and immigrant females Community Research Partnerships <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> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Pilot test and conduct interviews with East African women in native languages according to survey/research protocols; Document responses to surveys and interviewsProvide interpretation and translation services/support for qualitative interviews with research staffDesign and develop curriculum for support groupsPlan, coordinate and co-facilitate support groups according to research protocolsAssist with preparation of and co-presentation of findings at local and national conferences	Seattle, WA
	2002 –2008: Environmental Coalition of South Seattle Environmental Community Outreach/Educator – Somali Community <ul style="list-style-type: none">Provide environmental health education to refugees and immigrants regarding green homes, safe disposal of household hazardous wastes and promoting safe alternativesFacilitate education sessions regarding green home, recycling, water and power conservationAssist staff to identify culturally appropriate service delivery strategies for immigrants	Seattle, WA
Research Experience	2008-2010: Neighborhood House Research Consultant – Bilingual/Bicultural Focus Group Facilitator <i>Co-facilitate focus group sessions with East African adults/parents</i> <i>Provide interpretation services for focus groups with East African adults</i>	Seattle, WA

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

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Research Experience - Continued	2004: Community Environmental Health Assessment In Washington State ▪ Environmental Justice Needs Assessment Seattle, WA
	2000 – 2001: Public Health – Seattle & King County <i>Research Consultant – Bilingual/Bicultural Focus Group Facilitator and Interviewer</i> 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	2009: Jackie Robinson Scholarship Award. The Evergreen State College, Tacoma, WA. 2009-2010: Evergreen Scholarship/Awards - Cultural Diversity Scholarship 2008-2009: Evergreen Scholarship/Awards - Cultural Diversity Scholarship 2003: Special Recognition Award for Community Research to ReWA's DV Advocate Team, Public Health – Seattle & King County
Volunteer Community Service, Memberships and Associations	2007 – Present: Steering Committee Member, Public Health – Seattle & King County Research Project - Focus Groups with Somali Women 2006 – Present: Vice Chair, African Community Network, Seattle/King County, WA 1999 – Present: Member, African Community Network, Seattle/King County, WA 2006: Advisory Group Member, Safe and Bright Futures Project. Public Health – Seattle & King County (PHSKC) and King County Community Partners 2004-2005: Volunteer, Tukwila Somali Family Safety DV Taskforce, Tukwila, WA 2002 – Present : Volunteer, Environmental Justice Coalition of South/west Seattle, Seattle, WA 2002: Volunteer Committee BrenMar Scholarship, Women's Funding Alliance, Seattle, WA 2000 – Present: Volunteer: Women's Programs; Somali Community Services, Seattle, WA
Trainings	1997 – 2005: Sexual Assault Training. Washington State Sexual Assault Coalition. Annual Training. 1997 – 2005: Conflict Resolution Skills Training. 2000: 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	2008: "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. 2007: 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. 2004: Social Work Practice with Communities/Community-Based Organizations. Presentation for University of Washington's School of Social Work – BSW Human Behavior & Social Environment Course. 2003: 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. 2002: 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. 2001: Promoting Interethnic Community Relationships. Presented at Ethiopian Community Development Council's (ECDC) African Refugee National Conference. Washington, D.C.
Publications	2004: 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. 2002: 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).

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