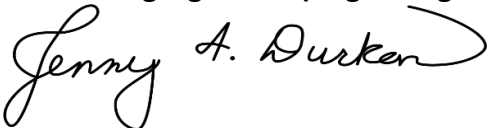




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Elena Arakaki</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Urban Forestry Commission</i>		Position Title: <i>Get Engaged</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		City Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> City Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>		Term of Position: * 9/1/2020 to 8/31/2021 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Lower Queen Anne</i>	Zip Code: <i>98119</i>	Contact Phone No.: <i>Business phone # - NOT personal phone #</i>
Background: <p>Elena is the Urban to Wild Coordinator at the Wilderness Society. In this role she authored a study on equitable transit access to parks and has cultivated partnerships to support efforts for equitable access to green space in King County.</p> <p>She is interested in civic engagement and learning about Seattle's decision-making process to participate and support shaping the future of Seattle. She will be applying to grad school in the fall for a dual degree in Urban Planning and Public Health to explore the social determinants of health and the environment which can be strongly influenced by local policies.</p> <p>Elena's educational and work experiences in park advocacy, future goals in planning and public health, and passion for a more equitable and livable Seattle would be a contribution to the UFC.</p> <p>She is being appointed for a term ending August 31, 2021.</p>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date Signed (appointed): 9/22/20		Appointing Signatory: <i>Mayor Jenny A. Durkan</i> <i>Seattle Mayor</i>

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

Elena Arakaki

Education

- Whitman College** – Walla Walla, WA May 2018
Bachelor of Arts in Sociology-Environmental Studies | Minor in Spanish GPA: 3.85
- Senior thesis: “Justice in the Park: A Critical Pluralist Approach to Seattle’s Public Green Spaces”
- CIEE Alicante Liberal Arts** – Alicante, Spain Jan 2017-May 2017
- University of Washington Honors College** – Seattle, WA Sept 2014-Jun 2015
- Dean’s List (Fall, Winter, Spring) GPA: 3.95

Work Experience

- The Wilderness Society—Urban to Wild Coordinator (Seattle, WA)** Feb 2019—Present
- Authored study on equitable transit access to parks in King County and disseminated findings to local government staff and partners; advocated for increased transit options to green spaces
 - Researched and helped design transit to parks study in Albuquerque, NM, adapted to the local context
 - Cultivated and managed relationships with partners engaged in King County’s transit to trails service called Trailhead Direct for the past three seasons, accepted King County’s Green Globe Award for “Leader in Access to the Outdoors”
 - Participated in coalitions (Recreate Responsibly, Leafline Trails) with a shared goal of increasing equitable access to nature
- The Wilderness Society—Urban to Wild Intern (Seattle, WA)** Jun 2018—Feb 2019
- Conducted outreach at 18 events countywide to promote Trailhead Direct, engaging with over 1,200 community members
 - Coordinated financial and gear support for underserved community groups wishing to plan a trip using Trailhead Direct
 - Selected to testify on behalf of The Wilderness Society at King County Council hearing in support of the Land Conservation Initiative, emphasizing the value of equity it upholds
- Whitman College Off-Campus Studies—Student Intern (Walla Walla, WA)** Sept 2017—May 2018
- Represented off-campus studies during informational events for students and parents
 - Assured positive Facebook presence, composed daily posts about students abroad or upcoming events
- Urban Land Institute Northwest—Intern (Seattle, WA)** Jun—Aug 2017
- Developed survey to assess quality of professional program for future improvement
 - Composed regular and relevant social media posts on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn

Presentations

- Presenter at Washington GIS Conference May 2019
 - Shared findings of The Wilderness Society’s transit to parks study
- Presenter at 2018 Pacific Sociological Association Conference April 2018
 - Prepared oral presentation based on thesis research for undergraduate roundtable discussion
- Panelist at Whitman College Power & Privilege Symposium April 2018
 - Improved public speaking skills by presenting in front of 95 attendees about the role of environmental justice in the Environmental Studies curriculum at Whitman College

Awards

- First place winner of 2018 APA Sustainable Communities Division Student Essay Contest
- Member of Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society

Relevant Skills and Language

- Communicates well with diverse groups
- Highly organized
- Performs well to deadlines
- Spanish: advanced proficiency (reading, writing), working proficiency (speaking, comprehension)

Urban Forestry Commission

9-22-20v2

13 Members: Pursuant to SMC 3.14.920, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms:

- 6 City Council-appointed
- 6 Mayor-appointed
- 1 Commission-appointed

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	F	6	1.	Wildlife Biologist	Julia Michalak	4/1/20	3/31/23	1	Council
6	NB	2	2.	Urban Ecologist	Elby Jones	4/1/20	3/31/23	1	Mayor
6	M	6	3.	Natural Resource Agency or University Representative	Weston Brinkley	4/1/19	3/31/22	1	Council
6	F	6	4.	Hydrologist or Similar Professional	Sarah Rehder	4/1/18	3/31/21	1	Mayor
6	M	4	5.	Arborist	Stuart Niven	4/1/18	3/31/21	1	Council
6	M	5	6.	Landscape Architect	Michael Walton	4/1/18	3/31/21	1	Mayor
6	M	3	7.	NGO Representative	Joshua N. Morris	14/1/19	3/31/22	1	Council
6	M		8.	Development Community or Utility Representative	Vacant	4/1/19	3/31/22	1	Mayor
6	M	n/a	9.	Economist, Financial Analyst, Realtor, or Similar Professional	Blake Voorhees	4/1/20	3/31/23	1	Commission
9	F	7	10.	Get Engaged Member	Elena Arakaki	9/1/20	8/31/21	1	Mayor
6	M	5	11.	Environmental Justice Rep.	Whitman Bouton	4/1/18	3/31/21	1	Council
6	F	7	12	Public Health Rep.	Jessica Jones	4/1/18	3/31/21	1	Mayor
2	F	6	13	Community/Neighborhood Rep.	Shari Selch	4/1/18	3/31/21	1	Council

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

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	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	3		Non-Binary						4			1
Council	4	1				1				4			
Other	1									1			
Total	6	4		1		1				9			1

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.