



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Tatiwyat Buck		
Board/Commission Name: Seattle Youth Commission		Position Title: Commissioner
<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: * 9/1/2021 to 8/31/2023 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>	
Residential Neighborhood: Downtown	Zip Code: 98104	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: <p>It would be an honor to represent diverse Indigenous students in Seattle. I want to connect and lead with other dedicated youth leaders from diverse cultures and experiences across Seattle. Connection has been an important value that my father always talks about, so I would like to understand common concerns and learn diverse perspectives on the Seattle government's issues. I think that it's an excellent opportunity to demonstrate that youth are leading now, and providing substantial representation for youth voices is essential. I want to be a part of it as an at-large commissioner position. I have overcome many barriers in my life, such as being a full scholarship recipient at the Northwest School. I want to continue building my capacity as a leader and advocate.</p> <p>I have been inspired by the leadership of my mentor, Dr. Andrea Garcia, Board Member of We Are Healers. This initiative encourages young Native leaders to pursue careers to become health professionals and leaders. In addition, her dedication and mentorship as a Mayoral Appointee in Los Angeles are teaching me to be humble, grounded, and engaged.</p>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date Signed (appointed): 3/16/2022	Appointing Signatory: <i>Bruce A. Harrell</i> <i>Mayor of Seattle</i>	

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

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Q1

Name

Tatiwyat Buck

Q2

Please provide your contact information.

Street Address

[REDACTED]

City, State

[REDACTED]

Zip Code

[REDACTED]

Phone Number

[REDACTED]

Email Address

[REDACTED]

Q3

What is your age?

14

Q4

Tell us where you go to school.

School Name

Northwest School

Grade Level

rising 9th grader

Q5

Why do you want to become a member of the Seattle Youth Commission?

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Q6

What are the issues in your community that you are passionate about and why?

Access to quality education, affordable housing, healthy foods, and quality healthcare is important to me. I am recently overcoming a multi-year battle with anemia and understand how my population is at higher risk for health issues. Access to competitive sports is difficult for low-income players; there is still no guarantee that I will continue with my soccer club team year after year because of the cost of play. My family barely makes it month to month in our apartment to ensure I can attend NW school, and my parents make sure I get high-quality organic produce and foods to support my health and wellbeing. My family and community suffer from the worst of health disparities, and we have the lowest number of healthcare workers in advanced health professions. I am inspired to become a healthcare leader and advocate to help change our current health system. I am also passionate about raising awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, environmental justice, and advocating for higher or equal pay for women.

Q7

What do you hope to gain from this experience?

Experience leading in new environments with new people is inspiring to me. However, learning about city government, how it functions, decisions are made, governance structures, and how money is used is still a little mysterious to me. I want to get a closer experience to learn more about how people collaborate and work together. Learning student leader perspectives from different educational institutions will be helpful for me to continue and grow my lens.

Supporting engagement of more diverse voices and experiences to the Seattle Youth Commission and with the Mayor and City Council is something I would like to help grow. The leadership of Indigenous female leaders inspires me. It is a unique time that Native candidates and representatives in Seattle are running. Deb Haaland, Sharice Davids, Debra Lekanoff, and Paulett Jordan inspire me to demonstrate leadership at the National and State levels. I want to be a part of leadership, so I often ask myself how I can lead? How can I contribute?

Q8

What do you think makes your perspective unique to others?

I am a Native student (Indigenous), an enrolled member of the Yakama Nation, Wanapum Tribe, and an ancestry from the Puyallup tribe. In most of the spaces that I participate and lead-in, I find myself the only Indigenous or Tribal person. I am active in many areas and understand and expect to be the token Indigenous participant leader. I come from a Tribal perspective wherein the broader society, including education and media, is the ongoing erasure of Native American people and narratives. I have diverse life experiences and family and friend relationships, both urban and rural, and attended public and private schools. My leadership strengths include listening, reflection, and taking action.

Q9

The City of Seattle's Race and Social Justice Initiative advances racial equity in city government and the community. What are your ideas about applying race and social justice principles as a Seattle Youth Commissioner?

Seattle students' civic learning programs can be a leadership development and pathway program for the Seattle Youth Commission. Building community, connection on deeper levels, and healing are essential practices for applying race and social justice principles. Knowing each other and our experiences as Seattle Youth Commission members, relationship building is the foundation for leading in racial equity work in city government and community. We have to model what racial equity work looks like, working through complex histories, conversations, truths, reconciliation, healing, and then model and lead this for the City of Seattle. I think it's vitally important to ensure substantial representation of the people most impacted by the inequalities and inequities.

Page 3: Interviews

Q10

Yes

Seattle Youth Commission interviews will be scheduled in July. Will you be able to attend a phone or virtual interview during this time?

Page 4: References

Q11

Reference #1

Name	Patsy Whitefoot
Phone	██████████
Email	████████████████████

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Reference #2

Name	Jenny Cooper
Phone	██████████
Email	████████████████████

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Reference #3

Name

Teo Rank

Phone

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Seattle Youth Commission

15 Members: Pursuant to Ordinance 125029, 15 members subject to City Council confirmation, 2-year terms:

- 7 City Council- Appointed
- 8 Mayoral- Appointed

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
3/4	F	3	1.	Member At-Large	Tatiwyat Buck	9/01/2021	8/31/2023	1	Mayor
9	F	5	2.	Member At-Large	Ahana Roy	9/01/2021	8/31/2023	1	Mayor
1	F	2	3.	District #2	Phi Tran	9/01/2021	8/31/2023	1	City Council
1	F	2	4.	Member At-Large	Pauline Adonis	9/01/2021	8/31/2023	1	Mayor
1	F	5	5.	District #4	Katherine Kang	9/01/2020	8/31/2022	2	City Council
9	F	5	6.	Member At-Large	Nyla Moxley	9/01/2021	8/31/2023	1	Mayor
6	F	5	7.	District #6	Eleanor Cename	9/01/2020	8/31/2022	1	Mayor
6/8	F	4	8.	Member At-Large	Joelle Vedovatti	9/01/2021	8/31/2023	1	Mayor
1	M	5	9.	Member At-Large	Julian Chong	9/01/2021	8/31/2023	1	City Council
1	M	1	10.	Member At-Large	Kevin Jackson Hu	9/01/2021	8/31/2022	2	City Council
9	F	5	11.	District #5	Samara Wijesekera	9/01/2021	8/31/2023	1	City Council
2	F	5	12.	District #7	Kayla Haile	9/01/2021	8/31/2023	1	City Council
3	M	2	13.	District #1	Diego Escame-Hedger	9/01/2021	8/31/2023	1	City Council
6	F	4	14.	Member At-Large	Caroline Carter	9/01/2021	8/31/2023	1	Mayor
2	M	2	15.	District #3	Lincoln Hilliard Wilmore	9/01/2021	8/31/2023	1	Mayor

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

					(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
	Male	Female	Transgender	NB/ O/ U	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other	Caucasian/ Non-Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	1	7			0	1	1	1		3		1	2
Council	3	4			4	1	1	0		0		0	1
Other													
Total													

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.