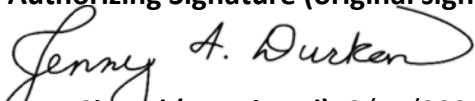




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Lincoln Hilliard Wilmore		
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:	Term of Position: * 9/1/2020 to 8/31/2022 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>	
Residential Neighborhood: Rainier Valley	Zip Code: 98118	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: Instead of me writing about them, I have chosen to let their words speak for themselves: “The issues in my community that I feel passionate about are: Uplifting African American History ⇒ Teaching Americans the importance of our African American history is truly something it lacks. Our history has been erased, altered, and diluted in American history, resulting in our lack of culture, family, and the importance of belonging. Despite all of our many trials and tribulations, We Are Amazing, and that's the truth! Uplifting and teaching myself and others of our rich history is my passion. Gun Violence ⇒ Unfortunately, the increase of gun violence in my community is becoming way too familiar and impacts everyone. Increasing activities and resources for all to explore their interests is an excellent answer to our community's increase in gun violence. Inequalities of the education system ⇒ Rainier Beach High School is exceptionally diverse, with 45.% African Americans, 26.7% Asian, and 13.8% Hispanic. Yet, they are one of the worst-funded schools. The district considers Rainier Beach to have high equity needs; approx.1% of their students come from low-income homes and 15% experience homelessness. Additionally, 25% receive English-language learner services. Yet, RB operates on a budget of approx \$8.4 million, which equates to less than 1% of the district's overall \$1.4 billion budget. This is an urgent issue to address. All students deserve the rights to quality education; there must be a change.”		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date Signed (appointed): 3/11/2021	Appointing Signatory: Jenny A. Durkan Mayor of Seattle	

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

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Q1

Name

Lincoln Hilliard Wilmore

Q2

Please provide your contact information.

Street Address

[REDACTED]

City, State

Seattle, Washington

Zip Code

[REDACTED]

Phone Number

[REDACTED]

Email Address

[REDACTED]

Q3

What is your age?

15

Q4

Tell us where you go to school.

School Name

Lakeside High School

Grade Level

9

Q5

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

Two years ago, I was invited by Ms. Allyn Ruth from the DON to recite one of my poems during the DON Black History Month program. I was super excited, nervous, and anxious for this moment; I practiced and re-practiced my poem for perfection, "Being Black in America" was a pivotal and impactful experience. After the program, I had the opportunity to meet many of the DON staff, and Director Andres Mantilla congratulated me. He shared with me the prospects of joining SYC, and I believe now is my time to contribute and become involved.

As a young African American teenager, I realize the importance of my voice, presence, and perspectives. As Aaron Burr said in Hamilton, "I want to be in the room where it happens." Becoming a member of the SYC would be a perfect fit for me.

Q6

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

The issues in my community that I feel passionate about are:

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Q7

What do you hope to gain from this experience?

I hope to expand my public speaking and collaboration skills and form relationships with city officials to better understand the governing process.

Q8

What do you think makes your perspective unique to others?

I come from a vast family that migrated from the South to the Pacific Northwest in the 1940s. Our family still holds to our deep Southern morals and values of a strong spiritual foundation, family first, academic excellence, and the importance of healthy community connections.

My parents are very community-oriented. They are involved in our church, many organizations, and founders of a grass-roots non-profit organization that serves King County and the Rainier Beach Community called "Fathers and Sons Together (FAST)." My older brother is a Computer Science graduate and the Global Managing Web Business Director at a thriving Seattle software company that serves churches worldwide.

My family's commitment to serving others shapes my unique perspectives and viewpoints. I have served as the FAST Youth Advisory Board president and the youth leader at my church. I have served on my school's Youth Advisory Board, the Student Council, and a member of my African American Affinity Group. I have served a 2-year term as the Senior Patrol Leader of the only African American Eagle Scout Boy Scout Troop in Washington State - serving the Rainier Beach community. All of which makes me profoundly aware of who I am, aware of the obstacles that face me, and provides me the determination I need to succeed. I am on course to receive my eagle scout this year; I enjoy writing and would love to be an author. I am developing my brand called "We Are Amazing" to promote and uplift African American greatness. I have a lot of great friends, and I play video games. I love pepperoni pizza. I play varsity basketball, and select baseball, a member of the Red-Tailed Hawks/Black Pilots Association Flying Club, and I want to attend a great college, and so much more. I will bring all of my various interests to the SYC.

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?

Applying race and social justice principles as a Seattle Youth Commissioner involves the collaboration of bright minds of all perspectives to address the racist and hateful systematic designs. To change Race and Social Justice systems and allow BIPOC opportunities to change their lives and futures, we must first learn the truth about our country's history and be taught to respect and appreciate everyone's contributions.

African Americans have always made good and valuable contributions to our society. This is extremely important and has been known for many years that it is hard for children to learn in schools and spaces when they feel undervalued, unimportant, and unsafe. Our founding ideals of liberty and equality were false when they were written. Black Americans fought to make them true. Without this struggle, America would have no democracy at all.

African Americans are typically sought after for their powerful bodies before their influential minds. I have experienced this. When people see me, a 6'+, 250lb, athletic built black male, they often respond, "you could be a professional football or basketball player." But rarely do I hear, "your mind is brilliant, you should pursue law, the medical field or computer science," as they unknowingly minimize our potential and limit those that look like me to a ball before a pen or a pencil.

In conclusion, as RSJI aims to address race-based disparities, I believe it starts with changing our community's imagery and mindset.

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Q10

SYC interviews will be scheduled for October 12th and 13th. Which of these days are you available? *Interviews will be held on the phone or another virtual platform.

Monday, October 12th,

Additional Comments:

Please clarify, this form lists October 12th and 13th. You mean November, correct?

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Q11

Reference #1

Name **Michael Charles**

Phone [REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

Q12

Reference #2

Name **Robert Blackwell**

Phone [REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

Q13

Reference #3

Name **Omari Brown (youth)**

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
2	M	2	1.	Member At-Large	Abdiweli Abdi	9/01/2019	8/31/2021	2	Mayor
	F	5	2.	Member At-Large	Ahana Roy	9/01/2019	8/31/2021	1	Mayor
			3.	District #2	Vacant	9/01/2019	8/31/2021		City Council
	F	NA	4.	Member At-Large	Angelica Valenzuela	9/01/2019	8/31/2021	1	Mayor
	F	5	5.	District #4	Katherine Kang	9/01/2020	8/31/2022	2	City Council
	F	2	6.	Member At-Large	Edhil Haid	9/01/2020	8/31/2022	1	Mayor
	F	5	7.	District #6	Eleanor Cename	9/01/2020	8/31/2022	1	Mayor
	F	5	8.	Member At-Large	Elsa Assefa	9/01/2020	8/31/2022	1	Mayor
			9.	Member At-Large	Vacant	9/01/2019	8/31/2021		City Council
	M	1	10.	Member At-Large	Kevin Jackson Hu	9/01/2019	8/31/2021	1	City Council
	F	5	11.	District #5	Samara Wijesekera	9/01/2019	8/31/2021	1	City Council
			12.	District #7	Vacant	9/01/2019	8/31/2021		City Council
	M	2	13.	District #1	Diego Escame-Hedger	9/01/2020	8/31/2022	1	City Council
	F	6	14.	Member At-Large	Leah Scott	9/01/2020	8/31/2022	1	Mayor
	M	2	15.	District #3	Lincoln Hilliard Wilmore	9/01/2020	8/31/2022	1	Mayor

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

	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	2	6											
Council	2	2											
Other													
Total	3	9											

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.