



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Oliver Anderson-Sanford</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle Youth Commission</i>		Position Title: <i>City Council District #7</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input 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:	Date Appointed: <i>1/16/18</i>	Term of Position: * <i>9/1/2017</i> to <i>8/31/2019</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Capitol Hill</i>	Zip Code: <i>98199</i>	Contact Phone No.: <i>N/A</i>
Background: <p>Oliver Anderson-Sanford (Magnolia, District 7) (The Center School) (Age: 15) Oliver is a member of the Associated Student Body and is passionate about homelessness, environmental equity and fiscal management in education. Oliver is a member of the National Model United Nations (NMUN) where he won the outstanding delegate award for his work on food security and mental healthcare in the battlefield for Libya. He is a member of the LGTQ community, and believes that taking ideas from both sides of the aisle is the key to building a better community for us all, no matter creed, color, or economic status.</p>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 	Appointing Signatory: <i>Sally Bagshaw</i> <i>Councilmember</i>	

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



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SEATTLE YOUTH COMMISSION

Seattle Youth Commission 2017-18 Application

Contact Information:

Name	Oliver Anderson-Sanford
Street Address	[REDACTED]
City and Zip Code	[REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
E-Mail Address	[REDACTED]
School	The Center School
Grade	[REDACTED]
Age	[REDACTED]

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

Teens make up a large proportion of our city's population, but we aren't always represented in government. Yes, we have student run programs like Student Senate (ASB) but these only reach so far into the lives of teens across Seattle. For me, something like the Seattle Youth Commission represents the next step in providing teens a voice in our government -- I would very much like to be part of taking that step. Joining the Seattle Youth Commission would mean being able to have a larger voice in the process of lawmaking in our community, and helping the government of Seattle communicate directly with teenagers directly affected by it's policy. Communication and representation are two ideals that are indivisible from a functioning democracy.

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

Seattle is a complicated city, we are diverse, wealthy, and have a thriving artistic community. Yet one of our major downfalls is how we use our wealth. Take schools as an example. Some of our neighborhoods have schools that are in the throes of a funding deficit while also having to care for vulnerable populations. A specific example being The Center School, which I personally attend. Center is a choice school with some of the greatest artistic talent, strongest social justice programs, and highest LGBT populations (that's me!) that I have ever seen in a government institution, but the school district refuses to fund some of our most needed teachers and programs. Should it not be the job of our schools to foster young people and encourage them to do great things? If the government doesn't fund schools like Center how are they supposed to accomplish that? Another issue that I care deeply about is our housing market, living in Magnolia it feels like houses are being sold every day for millions, even when some families must live under bridges because they've been priced out of a home they might have been able to afford ten years ago.

What do you hope to gain from this experience?

I am already involved in student government, but even at the student level it has taken me to places I could never have imagined. Being part of a legislative body, even as small as ASB has been an absolutely transformative experience for me. Representing other teenagers in a real government is something that would be supremely gratifying. Being a part of Seattle Youth Council would also give me a chance to learn about how, and why our city works the way it does. From bus passes in schools to reduced cost breakfast in the morning our city has helped teens in a multitude of ways, and being a part of that (no matter how small) would help me in achieving something for all teenagers in Seattle.

What do you think makes your perspective unique to others?

Many people in Seattle are unaware of the problems in our schools, from funding deficits to principals mismanaging departments. I have seen both these things firsthand. I am part of the LGBT community, but unlike some in my community I don't immediately jump to extremes regarding the issues facing us. It is my belief that pragmatism is the key to solving social issues, not hatred and extremism towards those with differing opinions. Furthermore I am neither liberal or conservative, the idea of having to choose one philosophy and adhere to every single one of it's ideals (no matter their effectiveness) is alien to me. I believe that taking ideas from both sides of the aisle is the key to building a better community for us all, no matter creed, color, or economic status.

Interviews will be scheduled on Mondays & Wednesdays from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Which of these days are you available? **There will be an opportunity to join interview via Skype.*

- Monday
- Wednesday

Additional comments:

I am looking forward to your response regarding my application to the Seattle Youth Commission. Thank you for allowing students to have a voice in our government.

References

Please include the name, phone number and email of two adult and one youth reference who we can talk with about your background and experiences.

Reference #1

Name	Alessandro Scilletta
Phone	[REDACTED]
E-Mail	[REDACTED]

Reference #2

Name	Andrew Bell
Phone	[REDACTED]
E-Mail	[REDACTED]

Reference #3

Name	Sarita Bradshaw
Phone	[REDACTED]
E-Mail	[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 Mayor-appointed

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	M	4	1.	Member At Large	Gavin Fortenberry	09/01/17	08/31/19	1	Mayor
9	F	3	2.	Member At Large	Ziah Daily	09/01/16	08/31/19	2	Mayor
2	F	2	3.	District #2	Aliya Adan	09/01/17	08/31/19	1	City Council
3	M	3	4.	Member At-Large	Omar Robles	09/01/17	08/31/19	1	Mayor
9	M	4	5.	District #4	Carter J. Sylvia	09/01/16	08/31/18	2	City Council
1	F	5	6.	Member At-Large	Catherine Zhu	09/01/16	08/31/18	2	Mayor
6	T	6	7.	District #6	James Mounts	09/01/16	08/31/18	2	Mayor
5	F	6	8.	Member At-Large	Dhani Srinivasan	09/01/16	08/31/18	2	Mayor
6	F	5	9.	Member At-Large	Dylan Clauson	09/01/17	08/31/19	1	City Council
6	M	1	10.	Member At-Large	Ben Fryer	09/01/17	08/31/19	1	City Council
2	F	5	11.	District #5	Blaine Aweke	09/01/16	08/31/18	2	City Council
9	M	7	12.	District #7	Oliver Anderson-Sanford	09/01/17	08/31/19	1	City Council
3	F	5	13.	District #1	Clarissa Perez	09/01/16	08/31/18	2	City Council
2	F	2	14.	Member At-Large	Victoria Johnson	09/01/16	08/31/18	2	Mayor
2	F	3	15.	District #3	Leila Adams	09/01/16	08/31/18	2	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	2	5	1		1	2	1		1	2			1
Council	3	4				2	1			2			2
Other													
Total	5	9	1		1	4	2		1	4			3

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.