


**City of Seattle
Notice of Appointment**

Name: Dori C. Cahn		<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Appointment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legislative Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Agency Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Council <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Constituency
Residential Neighborhood: Madrona	Zip Code: 98122	Contact Phone No.:
Appointed to: Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission		Date of Appointment: 2/1/2015
Authority (Ord., Res.): Ordinance 122441 Ordinance 123822		Term of Office: From: Confirmation To: 2/1/2017
Comments: <p>Dori Cahn has worked with immigrants and refugees in the Seattle area for many years, as a teacher and writer, and as a community activist. As a teacher of adult ESL and ABE learners, her students have come from all over the world. Through them she has learned a lot about what it means to come to the U.S. and start over, sometimes with literally nothing, and overcoming challenges way beyond learning language and understanding cultural norms. She has advocated for immigrants' rights, working with immigrant/refugee communities and community organizations, and writing about immigrant/refugee issues.</p> <p>When the U.S. began deporting Cambodian refugees back to Cambodia ten years ago, Dori was deeply involved in communicating with affected families about their legal and political options, and helped organize individuals to advocate for their community that was already struggling with poverty, low graduation rates, and family breakdowns. Dori was awed and honored by the efforts of so many members of that community. She still believes deportation of former refugees is a failure of U.S. policy and she continues to engage with this issue.</p> <p>In her role as an educator and advocate, Dori has worked with the Wing Luke Museum to create exhibits about deportation and refugee experiences, with the goal of educating all members of the Seattle area community about the challenges faced by those among us who were not born here. She is currently working on gathering oral histories of people who had experiences at the former Immigration Building on Airport Way from 1932 to 2004. She anticipates that these stories will tell us much about the society we have become and how we got here.</p> <p>Dori earned degrees from the University of Washington and the University of Michigan, as well as certifications in writing and teaching ESL from the University of Washington and Seattle University, respectively.</p>		
Authorizing Signature: 		Name and Title of Officer Making Appointments: Councilmember Bruce Harrell Public Safety, Civil Rights, and Technology Committee

Dori C. Cahn

Seattle, WA 98122

Owner, Haiku Communications

Writing, Editing, and Research Services, 2003- present

Self-employed freelance writer and editor, specializing in social justice issues.

Selected Publications:

"Letter From Phnom Penh: Thoughts From the Front Lines of the War on Immigrants" (with J. Stansell), Z Magazine, October 2003.

"From Refugee to Deportee: How U.S. Immigration Law Failed the Cambodian Community" (with J. Stansell), in Race, Culture, Psychology, B: Law, Barrett and George, eds., 2005, Sage Publications.

from The International Examiner ("The Newspaper of the Northwest Asian American Communities"):

- *"SE-SPAN: Encouraging Seniors to Exercise"*; March 15-April 4, 2006, Volume 33, number 6.
- *"Families and Legal Residents Affected by Immigration Bills"*; May 3-16, 2006, volume 33, number 9; reprinted in New America Media, May 13, 2006.
- *"'Sentenced Home': SIFF Looks at Deportation of Cambodian Americans"*; June 7-20, 2006, volume 33, number 11.
- *"Eroding Immigrant Rights: Commit a Misdemeanor, Get Deported"*; March 21-April 3, 2007, volume 34, number 6.
- *"When 'Permanent' Means Temporary: Navigating the Language of Immigration"*; May 2-15, 2007, volume 34, number 10.
- *"Advocates Rally for Immigrant Rights"*; June 6-19, 2007, volume 34, number 11.
- *"U.S. and Vietnam Need to Rethink Deportation"* (with Jay Stansell); February 6-19, 2008, volume 35, number 3; reprinted in New America Media, February 16, 2008.
- IE Community Voice Award Winners: *"Many Uch: From Jailhouse Lawyer to Community Activist"*; May 7-20, 2008, volume 35, number 9.

- *"Up for Grabs: The White House"*; October 15-November 4, 2008, volume 35, number 20.
- *"2008: The Year in Review"*; December 17-January 6, 2009, volume 35, number 24.
- *"The Trade of Asia's Girls"*; March 18-March 31, 2009, volume 36, number 6; reprinted in New America Media, March 26, 2009.
- *"Behind the Curtains"*; March 18-March 31, 2009, volume 36, number 6.
- *"The Aftermath of Deportation"*; May 6-May 19, 2009, volume 36, number 9.
- *"Courage Beyond Their Years: For 'Lost' Refugee Children, 'Education is Their Mother and Father'"*; November 18-December 1, 2009, volume 36, number 22; reprinted in Bhutan News.
- *"An Uphill Battle: A Soldier's Mental Health"*; December 16-January 5, 2010, volume 36, number 24.

"A Day in the Life"; Home Care InSight Magazine, Fall 2011.

"UW Professor Seeds Social Change in Cambodia"; Seattle Globalist, March 26, 2012.

"A New Life, A New Career"; Home Care InSight Magazine, Fall 2012.

Oral History:

- "Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) Building Project"; Wing Luke Museum of the Asian American Experience, 2012 -present: interviews of immigrant experiences between 1932 and 2004.
- Children's Institute for Learning Differences (CHILD), 2010-2011: interviews and creation of written materials documenting the history of a unique special education school and institute.

Museum Exhibit Text:

- *"A Refugee's Journey of Survival and Hope"*; Wing Luke Museum of the Asian American Experience, 2010
- *"Deporting Cambodians"*; Wing Luke Museum of the Asian American Experience, 2009

Organizational Communications:

- Convergence Consulting, Olympia, WA, 2009-2011
- Aerospace Joint Apprenticeship Committee (AJAC), Seattle WA, 2009-2011
- MERIT Foundation, Marysville, WA, 2010-2011

Teaching Experience

- Mentor/Advisor 2008- present
University of Washington School of Social Work! Royal University of Phnom Penh Partnership, Seattle WA and Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Academic support for students and faculty at RUPP Department of Social Work, in partnership with UW School of Social Work
- Asian Counseling and Referral Service, Seattle, WA 2007
Work skills ESL for workplace and pre-employment.
- Seattle Central Community College, Seattle, WA 2006
College Survival Skills: study skills, reading, time management, and goal-setting.
- Highline Community College, Des Moines, WA 2004, 2006
ESL for immigrants and refugees.
- Karol & Setha 2005
(*Knowledge and Reflection on Life ft: Sexuality Through a Holistic Approach*),
Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Advanced English to Cambodian staff of community-based NGO promoting healthy relationships for HIV/AIDS and domestic violence prevention.
- Royal University of Law and Economics, 2005
Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Writing workshops.
- South Seattle Community College, Seattle WA 1998-2002
Instructor and advisor for first generation and low income students; taught "first year college Spanish courses.
- Seattle Goodwill Community Learning Center, Seattle WA 1995-1998
Classroom and small group instruction in Adult Basic Education (ABE) reading, writing, and math for ABE and ESL adult learners.
- Seattle Public Library, Seattle WA 1994-1996
Community outreach to ABE and ESL programs throughout Seattle; instructor, recruiter, and Spanish language translator for family literacy programs.
- The Evergreen State College, Olympia WA 1990-1992
Graduate and undergraduate coordinated studies programs in environmental studies and Latin American studies; task force to develop Latin American studies program.

Education

- Certificate in Non-Fiction Writing University of Washington, Seattle WA
Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) Seattle University

M.L.A. in Environmental Planning University of Washington, Seattle WA
 thesis: "*Cuidar Las Plantas es Hacer Revolucion': Conservation Planning in Nicaragua*"
 B.S. in Natural Resources University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI

Community Work

Garfield High School, Seattle WA 2008-present
 ELL writing and study support.

TOPS K-8 school, Seattle WA 2008-2011
 Newsletter editor, Social Justice Coalition, Planting the Seeds (homelessness immersion project).

Refugee Justice Project, Seattle WA 2007-2008.
 Steering committee member.

Cambodian Women's Association, Seattle WA 2006-2008.
 Board member.

Sentenced Home outreach project 2005-2008.
 Presenter and panelist on deportation documentary.

Returnee Assistance Project (now Return'ee Integration and Support Center), Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Recognition from *Cambodian American Community Coalition of Washington*.

People's Learning Center, Seattle WA.

Pledge of Resistance (Central American solidarity)
 National board member.

South Seattle Neighborhood Group
 Community activities related to neighborhood clean-up, public transportation, and public safety.
following: race, gender and/or ability

IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE COMMISSION

February 2015

15 Members: all subject to City Council confirmation and serve a term of two years, **3 term maximum.**

- 8 appointed by City Council
- 7 appointed by Mayor

D*	G	Position No.	Name	Appointed	Term Ends	Term #	Position	Appointed By
1	M	4	Simon M-S Khin	5/6/13	2/1/17	2	4	Council
1		2					2	Council
4	F	12	Dori C. Cahn	5/6/13	2/1/17	2	12	Council
2	M	8	Mohamed Adan			1	8	Council
1	F	10	Mindy Au	4/30/14	4/30/16	1	10	Council
1	F	14	Veasna A. Hoy	4/30/14	4/30/16	1	14	Council
4	F	6	Kianoush Naficy	4/30/14	4/30/16	1	6	Council
2	F	1	Tsegaba Woldehaimanot	2/11/13	1/31/15	2	1	Mayor
1	F	5	Jennifer Calleja	2/25/13	1/31/15	1	5	Mayor
4	F	7	Roxana Norouzi	2/25/13	1/31/15	1	7	Mayor
2	F	9	Farhiya Mohamed	2/21/14	1/31/16	2	5	Mayor
4	F	11					11	Mayor
4	F	3	Michele E. Ramirez	4/21/14	4/30/16	1	3	Mayor
2	F	15	Riddhi Mukhopadehyay	4/21/14	4/30/16	1	15	Mayor
2	M	13					13	Mayor

*Diversity

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)			
	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	Asian-American	African	Hispanic Latin@	Middle Eastern	Other**	Caucasian
Mayor	0	6	2	0	1	2	2	1	0	0
Council	2	4	1	0	3	2	0	1	0	1
Other Bodies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2	10	3	0	4	4	2	2	0	1

**Other includes diversity in any of the following: race, gender and/or ability