




# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> <i>Deepa Sivarajan</i>		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> <i>Green New Deal Oversight Board</i>		<b>Position Title:</b> <i>Member</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		<b>City Council Confirmation required?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Appointing Authority:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Green New Deal Oversight Board</i>		<b>Term of Position: *</b> 5/1/2022 <b>to</b> 4/30/2025  <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>Capitol Hill</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> <b>98108</b>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Background:</b> Deepa Sivarajan is currently the Washington Policy Manager for Climate Solutions where she develops policies for local governments and institutions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from buildings, with a current focus on decarbonizing the built environment. She works within coalitions such as Shift Zero and with statewide and community partners including Stand.Earth, Front & Centered, Sierra Club, NW Energy Coalition, Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility, Mazaska Talks, Washington Environmental Council, citizens for a Healthy Bar, Sunrise Tacoma, People for Climate Action, 250 Seattle, and more. Through coordination with the Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) and the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE), she helped advocate for the passage of the strong commercial energy code this year that eliminates most fossil fuel usage in new commercial and large multifamily buildings. She also advocated for the Seattle Public School Board to pass a clean energy resolution that commits the district to operating with 100% clean energy by 2040, along with a strong coalition of students, educators, parents and other environmental advocates.		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b>  <b>Date Signed (appointed):</b>		<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> <i>Kshama Sawant</i> <i>Seattle City Councilmember</i>

## Deepa Sivarajan

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### EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

#### **Climate Solutions**

*Washington Policy Manager*

July 2020 to present

*Seattle, WA*

- Develops policies for local governments and institutions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from buildings, with a current focus on decarbonizing the built environment
- Works closely with local elected officials and staff, as well as the Climate Solutions field team, to advocate for such policies, provide resources and education for governments, and uplift community voices
- Convenes stakeholder groups to inform policy decisions, including local and regional elected officials and staff, climate advocates, environmental justice organizations, labor, and more
- Creates written materials to spread awareness and educate public and grassroots about building decarbonization, including blog entries, fliers, memos, and social media
- Works within coalitions such as Shift Zero and with statewide and community partners including Stand.Earth, Front & Centered, Sierra Club, NW Energy Coalition, Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility, Mazaska Talks, Washington Environmental Council, Citizens for a Healthy Bay, Sunrise Tacoma, People for Climate Action, 350 Seattle, and more

#### **EnviroIssues**

*Project Manager*

February 2017 to July 2020

*Seattle, WA*

- Managed outreach for capital and planning projects with public agencies in western Washington by developing and implementing communications strategies and public engagement programs
- Worked extensively with public sector clients focusing on transportation and urban planning, including Seattle Department of Transportation, Seattle Office of the Waterfront & Civic Projects, Washington State Transportation Commission, Kitsap Transit, City of Sammamish, Washington State Ferries, and more
- Oversaw staff on projects and managed project budgets, scopes, schedules, and deliverables
- Collected community feedback from stakeholder committees, surveys, community meetings, online engagement, and more; analyzes results and advises clients on incorporating input into public planning
- Developed informational materials including web content, social media, brochures, and more
- Served as liaison to media outlets; wrote press releases and produced press events to announce milestones
- Produced two to four large-scale public events and 20-30 smaller briefings or stakeholder meetings per year
- Received two promotions within three years to grow from Project Coordinator to Project Manager

#### **The Sierra Club**

*Associate Organizing Representative*

July 2013 to August 2014

*Seattle, WA*

- Led field organizing for the Wild Olympics Campaign; represented Sierra Club within coalition of conservation organizations working to secure protections for forests and rivers in the Olympic Peninsula
- Managed volunteers from local Sierra Club chapter to gather petition signatures and raise awareness
- Secured campaign endorsements from 14 new local businesses, organizations, and community leaders
- Organized and held 12 large outreach events to gather support; tabled at 23 festivals and fairs

#### **Organizing for America Washington**

*Campaign Staffer/Field Organizer*

May to November 2012

*South King County, WA*

- Led get-out-the-vote efforts for President Obama's reelection in Washington's 30<sup>th</sup> Legislative District
- Recruited, trained, and managed three volunteer teams with over 40 regular volunteers
- Coordinated with community leaders in Federal Way, Auburn, Algona, Des Moines, and Pacific
- Planned and held seven volunteer trainings, 11 rallies, and over 100 phone banks and canvasses

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## INTERSHIP EXPERIENCE

**The National Women's Law Center**  
*Communications Intern*

January to May 2012  
*Washington D.C.*

- Led project to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the passage of Title IX, focusing on women in STEM
- Researched and interviewed women who had personal stories about how Title IX affected their lives

**Office of U.S. Senator Patty Murray**  
*Outreach and Legislative Intern*

June to December 2011  
*Seattle and Washington D.C.*

- In Seattle, worked with community leaders and small business owners on issues related to immigration
- Assisted the King County Outreach Director with scheduling, drafting emails, and making phone calls
- In D.C., assisted Legislative Aide in charge of immigration issues; wrote memos on policy briefings
- Led tours of the Capitol building for visitors from Washington state; answered constituent phone calls

**Washington Conservation Voters**  
*Communications Intern*

June to August 2009  
*Seattle, WA*

- Filmed and interviewed candidates for municipal positions on their environmental platforms
- Created a website to track candidates and positions; generated interest for primary election on social media

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## EDUCATION

**Columbia University**  
• M.A. in Climate & Society

Awarded October 19, 2016  
*New York, NY*

**Georgetown University**  
• B.A. in Government and Women's & Gender Studies

Awarded May 19, 2012  
*Washington D.C.*

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## RELEVANT LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

**Seattle Parks District Oversight Committee – Member**

July 2019 to present

**Northwest Abortion Access Fund – Funding Hotline Advocate**

July 2019 to present

**Tasveer – Co-Producer of Tasveer South Asian LitFest**

January 2020 to present

**South Asians Building Accountability & Healing – Collective Member**

January 2020 to present

**Seattle LGBTQ Commission – Commissioner and Secretary**

October 2017 to October 2020

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## SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Certification from International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) in Planning & Techniques
- Graduate coursework in climate statistics, climate policy and law, climate management and adaptation, environmental justice, public health and climate change, and water resources and climate change
- Undergraduate coursework in comparative politics, U.S. political systems, international relations, political theory, gender studies, queer theory, development studies, postcolonial theory, critical race theory
- Working proficiency in Spanish; conversational Tamil

# Green New Deal Oversight Board

**19** Members: Pursuant to Ordinance 125926, members subject to City Council confirmation, three-year terms:

- **8** City Council – appointed
- **8** Mayor – appointed
- **3** Other Appointing Authority – appointed: **Green New Deal Oversight Board**

**Roster:**

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
1	F	2	1.	Member	Maria Batayola	5/1/20	4/30/23	1	Mayor
4	M	2	2.	Member	Matt Remle	5/1/20	4/30/23	1	City Council
3	M	1	3.	Member	Tomas Madrigal	5/1/20	4/30/23	1	Mayor
4	F		4.	Member (Tribal Representative)	Rachel Heaton	5/1/20	4/30/23	1	City Council
4	M	1	5.	Member (Tribal Representative)	Ken Workman	5/1/20	4/30/23	1	Mayor
1	F	3	6.	Member (Age 16-25)	Kristina Chu	5/1/20	4/30/23	1	City Council
2	M	3	7.	Member (Age 16-25)	Tyler Valentine	5/1/20	4/30/23	1	Mayor
2	F	n/a	8.	Member	Hibo Sahal	5/1/20	4/30/23	1	Board
2	M	2	9.	Environmental Justice Representative	Dennis Comer	5/1/20	4/30/23	1	Mayor
1	F	4	10.	Environmental Justice Representative	Debolina Banerjee	5/1/22	4/30/25	2	City Council
1	F	2	11.	Environmental Justice Representative	Eunice How	5/1/22	4/30/25	1	Board
1	M	7	12.	Labor Union Representative	Peter Hasegawa	5/1/22	4/30/25	1	Mayor
6	F		13.	Labor Union Representative	Emily J. Myers	5/1/22	4/30/25	2	City Council
	F		14.	Labor Union Representative	Andrea Ornelas	5/1/22	4/30/25	2	City Council
6	M		15.	Labor Union Representative	Keith Weir	5/1/22	4/30/25	2	Mayor
6	F	6	16.	Member	Jess Wallach	5/1/22	4/30/25	2	City Council
6	F	4	17.	Member	Nina A. Olivier	5/1/22	4/30/25	1	Board
1	F	3	18.	Member	Deepa Sivarajan	5/1/22	4/30/25	2	City Council
6	M	5	19.	Workforce Training Representative	Steve Gelb	5/1/22	4/30/25	2	Mayor

**SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART**

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	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
<b>Mayor</b>	7	1			2	2	1	1		2			
<b>Council</b>	1	7			3		1	2		2			
<b>Other</b>		3			1	1				1			
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>			<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>5</b>			

**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.*