



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Ben Fryer</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle Youth Commission</i>		Position Title: <i>At-large member</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 type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Date Appointed: <i>9/1/2017</i>	Term of Position: * <i>9/1/2017</i> to <i>8/31/2019</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>West Seattle</i>	Zip Code: <i>98116</i>	Contact Phone No.: <i>N/A</i>
Background: <i>Ben is an 11th grader at West Seattle High School. He is most interested in fairness and transportation. He plays basketball and is concerned that some of his friends are sometimes treated differently by police and teachers. He wants to work with the City to make sure everyone is treated fairly. He also wants to work with other young people around the City to learn from them and help them understand West Seattle issues.</i>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 	Appointing Signatory: <i>Edward B. Murray</i> <i>Mayor</i>	

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



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Seattle Youth Commission 2017-18 Application

Contact Information:

Name	Ben Fryer
Street Address	[REDACTED]
City and Zip Code	[REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
E-Mail Address	[REDACTED]
School	West Seattle High School
Grade	going to be in 11th grade
Age	16

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

I am interested in serving my community and I want to bring West Seattle issues to the Commission. Youth are impacted by many city laws, like curfews and places we can hang out and play basketball or listen to music. Most of all, we are impacted by the bus system. We use the bus to get around, go to school, and get to jobs. We need buses to be safe and on time. I see myself as a voice for West Seattle, bringing the unique perspective of young adults who go to West Seattle and Sealth.

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

I am most interested in fairness and transportation. We live separate from the rest of the city. To get around, young adults take the bus. That's why I was really happy that Metro was reducing fares for youth in the summer. However, we could be doing a lot more because without transportation we have no way to get around or to get downtown. As for fairness, I play basketball with a lot of people from West Seattle, including late night at SWAC in the summer. They serve food at SWAC and it's a great thing. It brings a lot of people together and I have made a lot of friends, some from Somalia and Syria and other countries. I know that they are sometimes treated differently by police and teachers and that's wrong. I want to work with the city to make sure everyone is treated fairly, especially now that Trump is dividing everyone.

What do you hope to gain from this experience?

I want to work with other young people from around the city to learn from them and help them understand West Seattle issues. I also want to work with other people on the commission to set goals and get something done. It doesn't have to directly benefit West Seattle only, but I want to make sure the whole city is more fair and young people have more options to get around.

What do you think makes your perspective unique to others?

I don't think my perspective is any more unique. I think that a lot of people at West Seattle and Se

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SYC interviews will be scheduled for August 7 & 9 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Which of these days are you available? **There will be an opportunity to join interview via Skype.*

- Monday, August 7
- Wednesday, August 9

Additional comments:

Thank you for this opportunity. I really think the youth commission is a great idea and I wo

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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	Keffrey Fazio
Phone	[REDACTED]
E-Mail	[REDACTED]

Reference #2

Name	Tom Waller
Phone	[REDACTED]
E-Mail	[REDACTED]

Reference #3

Name	Abdulio Mohamed
Phone	[REDACTED]
E-Mail	[REDACTED]

To whom it may concern,

My name is Ben Fryer. I go to West Seattle High School and I am going into eleventh grade. I play basketball for my school and work multiple jobs. I like to shoot hoops with my friends and listen to trending music. I consider myself very hard working and passionate about issues that affect Seattle.

I want to be on the Seattle Youth Commission because I think there are some important problems that could be an easy fix with a strong voice on the Seattle Youth Commission. I believe that being on the Youth Commission will give me a chance to represent West Seattle, a place I feel is underrepresented. For example, West Seattle is separated from opportunities and fun activities that take place in the city of Seattle. I think that transit and the bus system should be free for youths. I have lots of experience taking the bus and I know bus fare can add up fast. I also have ideas benefitting youth in the long term. Sixteen and seventeen year olds should get a special advisory ballot for city elections. I think that would be a cool way to get kids in the habit of voting. I feel that I bring a hardworking skill set and passion for my ideas.

I hope to gain knowledge of how local government works. It's a topic that interests me and I think this is a perfect program to get some first hand experience. I also think that I can impact my community for the better through this program. The Youth Commission also gives me an opportunity to meet new people and get to know the issues they are going through.

Thank you, Ben Fryer

Seattle Youth Commission

15 Members: Pursuant to Ordinance 123251, all 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.	At-Large Member	Gavin Fortenberry	9/1/17	8/31/19	1	Mayor
9	F	3	2.	At-Large Member	Ziah Daily	9/1/17	8/31/19	2	Mayor
2	F	2	3.	City Council District #2	Aliya Adan	9/1/17	8/31/19	1	Council
1	F	4	4.	At-Large Member	Deepthi Chandra	9/1/17	8/31/19	1	Mayor
9	M	4	5.	City Council District #4	Carter Sylvia	9/1/16	8/31/18	1	Council
1	F	5	6.	At-Large Member	Catherine Zhu	9/1/16	8/31/18	1	Mayor
6	T	6	7.	City Council District #6	James Mounts	9/1/16	8/31/18	1	Mayor
1	F	6	8.	At-Large Member	Dhani Srinivasan	9/1/16	8/31/18	1	Mayor
6	F	5	9.	At-Large Member	Dylan Clauson	9/1/17	8/31/19	1	Council
6	M	1	10.	At-Large Member	Ben Fryer	9/1/17	8/31/19	1	Council
2	F	5	11.	City Council District #5	Blaine Aweke	9/1/17	8/31/19	1	Council
			12.	City Council District #7		9/1/16	8/31/18		Council
3	F	5	13.	City Council District #1	Clarissa Perez	9/1/16	8/31/18	1	Council
2	F	2	14.	At-Large Member	Victoria Johnson	9/1/16	8/31/18	1	Mayor
2	F	3	15.	City Council District #3	Leila Adams	9/1/16	8/31/18	1	Mayor

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

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	Men	Women	Transgender	Unknown / Other	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other	Caucasian/ Non-Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	1	6	1		3	2				2			1
Council	2	4				2	1			2			1
Other													
TOTAL	3	10	1		3	4	1			4			1

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.