




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Elsa Assefa		
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: Lake City	Zip Code: 98125	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: Instead of me writing about them, I have chosen to let their words speak for themselves: “Poverty, crime rate, and the black lives matter movement are leading issues that I am passionate about. I want to end poverty and be able to walk or drive somewhere without seeing a homeless person. Every time I do, I hope that they find somewhere warm to sleep at night and have food in their stomachs. The crime rate is very high in my community, and I want it to be lowered. I think crime is useless because there is a system for someone to get by without having to resort to crime. I think there should be more incentives in place to reduce the crime rate. I am passionate regarding the black lives matter movement because I am black. I have experienced racial injustice in my pass, and I am sure I will experience it in my future. I want there to be true equality for a person of color in my community.”		
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

Elsa

Q2

Please provide your contact information.

Street Address

[REDACTED]

City, State

Seattle, WA

Zip Code

[REDACTED]

Phone Number

[REDACTED]

Email Address

[REDACTED]

Q3

What is your age?

16

Q4

Tell us where you go to school.

School Name

Nathan Hale High School

Grade Level

11th

Q5

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

I want to become a Youth Commission to help support my community and give my political input. I want to have a say in my community that can greatly impact it since I am one of the many youths in my community.

Q6

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

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Q7

What do you hope to gain from this experience?

I hope to gain more knowledge in all aspects of life and more political understanding. With this opportunity, I want to find secure ways to help my community and transfer those same skills to others. While being in a politically correct place to help advancement in my community.

Q8

What do you think makes your perspective unique to others?

I think my perspective is unique because I have lived through the very lows of my community. I watched and help my mother bring us up from the place we were to the place we are now. With my experience, I see the change that is needed in my community, and I know my voice comes from a place of experience and not a thought.

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?

It's important to apply race because, it brings different kinds of representation of different kinds of culture around our community. It always bring more perspective of how things are being perceived inside different homes.

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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:

These date already passed but, I'm available any day of the week for interviews. Wednesdays, Mondays and thursdays work best.

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Q11

Reference #1

Name	Zoe Levenson
Phone	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]

Q12

Reference #2

Name	Eyeru
Phone	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]

Q13

Reference #3

Name	Mark Mendez
Phone	N/A
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.