




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Naseem A. Ghazanfari</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle Women's Commission</i>		Position Title: <i>Member</i>
<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: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>		Term of Position: * <i>7/2/24</i> to <i>7/1/26</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>First Hill</i>	Zip Code: <i>98115</i>	Contact Phone No.: <i>Business phone # - NOT personal phone #</i>
Background: As a physician and activist, Naseem is passionate about enhancing both health and quality of life while giving back to the community. As a professional immigrant woman deeply committed to human and women's rights. She believes she can contribute valuable perspectives to our city through her personal and professional connections. She lives and works across multiple cities in the greater Seattle area and interacting with individuals from diverse backgrounds. Her collaborations with local artists and activists have further inspired her to contribute to the well-being of our beautiful city.		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date Signed (appointed): April 16th, 2025		Appointing Signatory: <i>Mayor Bruce Harrell</i> <i>City of Seattle Mayor</i>

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BACKGROUND

As a board-certified cardiologist and passionate advocate for women's rights and human rights, particularly those of immigrant women, I am eager to contribute to Seattle's Boards and Commissions. With my expertise in healthcare and my experience as an immigrant woman from Iran, I seek to empower underserved communities by advocating for gender equality, improving healthcare access, and promoting cultural exchange. I am committed to fostering connections among immigrant women and ensuring their voices are heard in the city's decision-making processes.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Cardiologist

Kaiser Permanente — WA

2020–Present

Skagit Regional Health — Mount Vernon, WA

2018–2020

- Lead comprehensive cardiovascular care, specializing in heart failure, valvular diseases, and structural heart conditions.
- Collaborate with interdisciplinary teams to promote preventative care and heart disease awareness, especially among female patients.

EDUCATION

- **Cardiovascular Fellowship**

University of Cincinnati Medical Center/College of Medicine — Cincinnati, OH

2015–2018

- **Heart Failure And Transplant Fellowship**

University of Cincinnati Medical Center/College of Medicine — Cincinnati, OH

2014–2015

- **Internal Medicine Residency**

Southern Illinois University — Springfield, IL

2011–2013



- **Medical School**
Shiraz University of Medical Sciences — Shiraz, Iran
2008

ADVOCACY & LEADERSHIP

- **Co-Founder & President**
Iranian Women's Institute for Life and Liberty (I-WILL) — Seattle, WA
2023–Present
 - Co-founded I-WILL to raise awareness about the challenges faced by immigrant women, focusing on issues such as gender apartheid, healthcare disparities, and cultural integration.
 - Leading initiatives to empower immigrant women through educational events, community-building activities, and creating a platform for cultural expression through art and storytelling.
 - Organized and hosted expert panels and discussions on critical topics like gender inequality, and civic engagement, providing a supportive network for immigrant women.
 - Developing programs to foster connections among immigrant women, helping them navigate challenges and seize opportunities in their adopted country.
- Involved in multiple initiatives involving immigrant communities, working with Uranian activists in WA as well as Iranian activists across the United States and Canada in a network comprised of 90 entities, advocating for world peace and promoting Human Rights

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & VOLUNTEER WORK

- **I-WILL Outreach Initiatives:** Active involvement in organizing community events, supporting immigrant women through education and creating spaces for women to connect and share their stories.
- **Free Cardiology Care At Safe Harbor Clinic:** Four years of volunteering at Safe Harbor clinic, providing care to uninsured and underinsured population as a cardiologist as well as performing echocardiography
- **Member, National Organization of Women, Seattle :** Including presentation on Woman Life Freedom
- **Former Member:** National Women's Political Caucus of Washington

BOARD CERTIFICATIONS & LICENSURE



- **Board Certified in Cardiovascular Disease** — American Board of Internal Medicine, 2018
- **Board Certified in Echocardiography** — National Board of Echocardiography, 2018
- **Board Certified in Internal Medicine** — American Board of Internal Medicine, 2014
- **Washington State Medical License**
- **Federal DEA Certification**



Seattle Women's Commission

April 2025

21 Members: Pursuant to SMC 3.14.920, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 2-year terms, except for the Get Engaged member who will serve a 1-year term pursuant to SMC 3.51:

- 8 City Council-appointed
- 9 Mayor-appointed -plus one Get Engaged.
- 4 Other Appointing Authority-appointed: Commission-appointed

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
			1.	Member	VACANT				Mayor
			2.	Member	VACANT				Mayor
	F		3.	Member	Hannah Glover	7/02/24	7/01/26	1	Mayor
	F		4.	Member	Naseem A. Ghazanfari	7/02/24	7/01/26	1	Mayor
			5.	Member	VACANT				Mayor
			6.	Member	VACANT				Mayor
	F		7.	Member	Eunji Han	7/02/24	7/01/26	1	Mayor
	F		8.	Member	Krystal Guerrero	7/02/24	7/01/26	2	Commission
			9.	Member	VACANT				Mayor
			10.	Member	VACANT				City Council
	F		11.	Member	Emily Rose Barr	7/02/23	7/01/25	1	City Council
	F		12.	Member	Mariah Rivera	7/02/23	7/01/25	1	City Council
	F		13.	Member	Vinati Mamidala	7/02/24	7/01/26	2	City Council
	F		14.	Member	Talley Mills	7/02/24	7/01/26	1	City Council
	F		15.	Member	Jennifer Tran	7/02/23	7/01/25	1	City Council
	F		16.	Member	Kate Faoro Wright	7/02/23	7/01/25	1	City Council
	F		17.	Member	Nardos Tola	7/02/24	7/01/26	1	Commission
	F		18.	Member	Amanda DeFisher	7/02/24	7/01/26	1	City Council
	F		19.	Member	Whitney Nakamura	7/02/24	7/01/26	3	Commission
	F		20.	Member	Julie Chu	7/02/23	7/01/25	1	Commission
	F		21.	Get Engaged	Sonia Hitchcock	9/01/24	8/31/25	1	Mayor

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

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	Men	Women	Transgender	Unknown	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other	Caucasian/ Non-Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Comm	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Key:

*D List the corresponding Diversity Chart number (1 through 9)

**G List gender, M = Male, F= Female, T= Transgender, U= Unknown

RD Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A

Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.

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