




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Debolina Banerjee</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Green New Deal Oversight Board</i>		Position Title: <i>Environmental Justice Representative</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		City Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Green New Deal Oversight Board</i>		Term of Position: * 5/1/2022 to 4/30/2025 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>University District</i>	Zip Code: 98105	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: Driven by the value that the path to an ideal Green New Deal can be achieved by following principles of Just Transition, Debolina Banerjee played a key role in the core GND coalition group that advocated for Seattle’s GND resolution and oversight in 2019. Debolina rallied for GND principles to center the needs and voices of environmental justice communities, and helped write the resolution and ordinance. As an organizer with Puget Sound Sage, Debolina has supported a Green New Deal for Seattle because they believe that it can serve as a visionary and multi-issue policy that can build bold steps to end Seattle’s climate pollution, commit to transitioning to a fully renewable energy grid, create safe living wage jobs, affordable housing, affordable and accessible public transportation, community-controlled development and corporate accountability. Debolina believes that we are in unprecedented times with a pandemic raging in the world, the consequences of climate change looming upon us and a nation politically divided on racial and economic justice values. As an Oversight Board member, Debolina intends to use her skills and experience in organizing, research and policy analysis to push for decisions that can lead us towards the goal of achieving racially just and equitable outcomes on climate and environment in Seattle, and create rooted and resilient communities in the face of climate change. As a longtime climate and economic justice advocate, and as a new mom, Debolina is committed to channel her energy in building a future that we are proud to pass on to our future generations.		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date Signed (appointed):		Appointing Signatory: <i>Kshama Sawant</i> <i>Seattle City Councilmember</i>

Debolina Banerjee



Debolina is the Climate Justice Policy Analyst at Puget Sound Sage. Her responsibilities include research-based analysis of climate policies, campaign support on climate justice issues, and building power within Sage's local and statewide climate coalitions.

Debolina played a key role in some of Sage's major climate campaigns and policy-advocacy like the WA State Initiative 1631, WA State Environmental Disparities mapping project, City of Seattle Green New Deal resolution and ordinance to name a few. Most recently she co-authored Sage's latest community-based-research report Powering the Transition that highlights how the low-income communities of color in South Seattle and South King County perceive energy policies and are impacted by them.

Her research experience spans across various climate issues, namely energy, transit-oriented development, displacement, and environmental impact on low-income communities and communities of color.

She is a current member of the King County Climate Equity Taskforce and recently completed her term at the City of Seattle Environmental Justice Committee where she was a member since 2017.

An immigrant from India, Debolina is also a volunteer with Association for India's Development where she has been involved since 2009 at various chapters in India and the USA. She maintains strong ties with grassroots activists and marginalized communities in India through her work in organizing for social justice around food, sustainable agriculture, clean environment, community development and women's empowerment.

Debolina holds a Master's degree in Applied Environmental Studies in Planning from the University of Waterloo and a Master's Degree in City Planning from the Indian Institute of Technology.

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

			(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	7	1			2	2	1	1		2			
Council	1	7			3		1	2		2			
Other		3			1	1				1			
Total	8	11			6	3	2	3		5			

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.