



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Abdirahman Yusuf		
Board/Commission Name: Equitable Development Initiative Advisory Board		Position Title: Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		City Council Confirmation required? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Fill in appointing authority		Term of Position: * 3/1/2023 to 2/28/2026 <input type="checkbox"/> Serving remaining term of a vacant position
Residential Neighborhood: Seatac	Zip Code: 98188	Contact Phone No.:
Background: I have five years of experience working as an advocate and a community organizer for local community-based organizations. I am also an active community member and would love the chance to give back by lending my advisory skills to an board such as the Equitable Development Initiative. I am highly experienced in community advocacy and organizing and education focused on low-income, immigrant, and communities of color in nonprofit and public sector settings on issues of education, civic engagement, affordable housing, land use policy, community based participatory planning and racial justice in policy making. I believe my skills and experienced would benefit the Equitable Development Initiatives Advisory Board.		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date Signed (appointed): November 27, 2023		Appointing Signatory: Daniel Strauss District 6 Councilmember

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

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KEY SKILLS

External Engagement: Community organizing and education focused on low-income, immigrant, and communities of color in nonprofit and public sector settings on issues of education, civic engagement, affordable housing, land use policy, community based participatory planning and racial justice in policy making.

Advocacy: Experienced Advocacy Coordinator who has strong lobbying and organizational skills. Adept at arranging educating the public on a cause and rallying support from community.

Policy Analysis: Consistently applies a values-based, solution-oriented approach to policy analysis and social change, with an emphasis on balancing the big picture perspective and attention to critical technical details.

Program Management: Identifies program outcomes and consistently exceeds goals through delegating and communicating in creative ways that build on individual strengths while advancing overall objectives. Expertise in campaign organizing strategies, cultural proficiency assessment, social justice analysis, and capacity building.

EXPERIENCE

Puget Sound Sage

Equitable Development Organizer August 2018 - Present

- Organized and facilitated Graham Street steering committee with 5-7 members, comprised of local leaders to shape the process and goals for participatory planning at Graham Street.
- Developed and managed leadership of Graham Street community action team (CAT) to serve as advocate for planning process and longer term campaign.
- Lead and support the training of the CAT for the Graham Street community listening sessions
- Coordinated with staff team responsible for leading participatory planning process at Graham Street.
- Managed and delegated outreach to residents, businesses, and community institutions.
- Developed champions for the Climate Resilient Cultural Hub at Graham Street.
- Served as ambassador and spokesperson for the participatory planning process at Graham Street in external events (conferences, influential audiences, etc.).
- Promoted participatory planning process and resulting plan through coordinated communications strategy.

Puget Sound Sage

Land Justice Campaign Organizer September 2017– May 2019

- Worked successfully with Sage to push Sound Transit Board's elected officials to re-define 'developable' to include creative development strategies.
- Helped acquire developable parcels around proposed light rail stations to maximize equitable development.
- Successfully spearheaded efforts to lobby Sound Transit to sell land for reduced price for affordable housing.
- Campaigned ST3 to preserve cultural/ community institutions, religious institutions, local businesses, and gathering spaces.
- Worked in partnership with local organizations and Public Policy team on the strategy for building more affordable housing.

Somali Health Board, August 2016—September 2017

Program Director Provides overall vision and direction for the organization's equitable Transit Oriented Development program.

- Developed and maintained key relationships with political, community, public sector, and funders.
 - Provided strategy and vision for the East African political awakening project Coalition that includes East African Community Services, Companion Athletics, Somali Health Board and CARE Center.
 - Developed and implements organization's programs.
 - Assessed community needs and ensured program objectives.
 - Re-presented Somali Health Board in meetings with policy-makers, regulators elected officials and other relevant stakeholders.
 - Identified, monitored, and analyzed policy issues affecting the Somali Community of Seattle.
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SEIU Local 6

Community Coordination Organizer, Seattle, WA, August 2015 - May 2016

- Advocated for safer working conditions.
- Developed strong, accountable relationships with other progressive unions.
- Trained worker leaders to testify about healthcare, secure scheduling and affordable housing campaigns.
- Developed and implemented training programs for new organizers.
- Built relationships with community based organizations and faith groups to support internal and external of SEIU 6's worker justice campaigns.
- Identified and developed new union leaders

VOLUNTEER AND INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

Internal Organizer, Interfaith Economic Justice Coalition Seattle, WA, January 2014–June 2015

- Served as primary liaison to assigned local Interfaith Committees.
- Provided technical assistance to existing local Interfaith Committees.
- Coordinated calls, video conferences, and meetings among affiliates.
- Lead the development and implementation of local campaign strategies.

Internship, Irish Center For Human Rights

Hague, Netherlands January 2013 – December 2013

- Studied the history of international justice.
- Firsthand studied of the major international tribunals.
- interacted daily with court and human rights professionals in an academic and social settings.
- Researched and published Beyond the Hague: The Challenges of International Justice.

Fellow, Puget Sound Sage Community Leadership Institute

Seattle, WA October 2016 – March 2017

- Trained to move an equity agenda on strategic local and regional boards and commissions.
- Trained on affordable housing, transportation justice, economic Justice, climate justice, and land use planning.
- Learned parliamentary procedures and municipal budgeting

EDUCATION

B.A in Politics, Philosophy and Economics, University of Washington, 2015

Associates of Arts, Highline Community College, 2013

Equitable Development Initiative Advisory Board

13 Members: Pursuant to *Ordinance 119887*, *all* members subject to City Council confirmation.

- a) Initial members in positions 3, 6, 9, 12, and 13 shall be members of the Equitable Development Initiative's Interim Advisory Board as of the effective date of this ordinance
 - b) The initial terms for positions 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 13 shall be one year
 - c) The initial terms for positions 2, 5, 7, 9, 11, and 12 shall be two years
 - d) All subsequent terms shall be for three years. With the exception of initial positions 3, 6, 9, 12, and 13 no member shall serve more than two consecutive three-year terms
- **3** City Council-appointed
 - **3** Mayor-appointed
 - **7** Other Appointing Authority-appointed (specify): Initial appointments by Interim Advisory Board, subsequent appointments by Advisory Board

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
			1.	Member	Denise Perez Lally	3/1/2022	2/28/2025	1	Mayor
			2.	Member	Evelyn Allen	3/1/2023	2/28/2026	2	Mayor
			3.	Member	John Rodriguez	3/1/2022	2/28/2025	1	Mayor
			4.	Member	Lindsay Goes Behind	3/1/2022	2/28/2025	1	City Council
			5.	Member	Abdirahman Yusuf	3/1/2023	2/28/2026	2	City Council
			6.	Member	Kaleb Germinaro	3/1/2022	2/28/2024	1	City Council
			7.	Member	Mark R. Jones	3/1/2022	2/28/2025	2	Board
			8.	Member	Jamie Madden	3/1/2022	2/28/2024	1	Board
			9.	Member	Willard Brown	3/1/2021	2/28/2023	2	Board
			10.	Member	Diana Paredes	3/1/2022	2/28/2025	1	Board
			11.	Member	Quanlin Hu	3/1/2022	2/28/2024	2	Board
			12.	Member	Jennell Hicks	3/1/2023	2/28/2026	2	Board
			13.	Member	Sophia Benalfew	3/1/2022	2/28/2025	1	Board

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

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	Male	Female	LGBTQ/ Transgender	NB/ O/ U	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other	Caucasian/ Non- Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	1	2	1			1	1						1
Council	2	1				2		1					
Other	4	3		1	1	4	1			1			
Total	6	7											

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. 3