




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Julian Chong		
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Term of Position: * 9/1/2021 to 8/31/2023 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>	
Residential Neighborhood: Haller Lake	Zip Code: 98133	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: 1. Why do you want to become a member of the Seattle Youth Commission? The Seattle Youth Commission seems like a great way for me to make a difference inside the Seattle community. Often as a kid, it feels like your opinion is irrelevant and something to be ignored. However, this organization has been created especially to let the youth of Seattle make their voices heard and make them feel like they matter. 2. What are the issues in your community that you are passionate about and why? The main issue I am passionate about in my community is food security for the needy. I love food. I love eating it, I love cooking it, and I love baking it. I find learning about food from different cultures fascinating, a small snapshot of the culture of a country. Food is a basic human need, but the effects of Covid-19 on Seattle's food security is palpable. During my school vacations, I have been volunteering through Food Lifeline to provide food to the needy and I recently participated in the World Food Prize Foundation's Virtual Youth Institute, where I wrote a lengthy research paper on the food security in Libya. Based on my personal experience in both of these activities, I know that Covid has decreased food stability around the globe and thus drastically increased the amount of families reliant on food donation services. Having personally experienced this issue and knowing that it's gotten even worse fairly recently, I feel like a change has to be made soon. 3. What do you hope to gain from this experience? I hope to gain insight on how to create a well oiled team that can work together towards a common goal. I believe that everyone can bring something to a team, and that it's always important to listen to the ideas of others. By participating in the Seattle Youth Commission, I'll learn a lot about teamwork, working together with others, compromising when disagreements occur, and overcoming obstacles as a team, instead of just by myself.		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date Signed (appointed): 03/16/2022	Appointing Signatory: Tammy J. Morales Chair of the Neighborhoods, Education, Civil Rights, & Culture Committee	

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

Please answer each of the following questions:

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4. What do you think makes your perspective unique to others?

I've had to move a lot throughout my life. I spent my childhood in Derby, England to Asian parents, lived in South Carolina for some years before moving to Washington state. From this, I've learned two important things: the world is a big, big place; and that the world is made up of people, not places. When I say the world is big, I mean that literally. Whenever I moved, I always found myself astonished at all the differences and quirks each place would have. Even now, I find out new things about Seattle all the time. This big world has a lot of different people in it, and with that comes a lot of different cultures and opinions, things that I consider myself lucky to have experienced many of. This brings me to my second point, that the world is made of people. Whenever I moved, I never really found myself missing the physical location. Instead, I missed all the people I had met and befriended over the years, all those interactions I had, all the memories I had made with them. To me, features and landmarks don't define a place, people do. How they talk, how they act, what they eat, what they believe in and what they dream of. Every place has a different person, and every person has a different story to tell, something they can contribute to the world.

5. 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?

I support the application of race and social justice principles as a Seattle Youth Commissioner.

Due to the rise in Asian hate crimes across the nation following Covid-19, I think now is a crucial time for Seattle to establish and enforce racial equality in the city. I believe that no one should be disadvantaged because of their race, and I certainly believe that no one should have to live in fear because of their race. Likewise, I believe in equality and fairness. Everyone should be allowed to make their voice be heard, and while it's ok to disagree with other people's opinions, people should always have the power to say what they believe in.

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
3/4	F	3	1.	Member At-Large	Tatiwyat Buck	9/01/2021	8/31/2023	1	Mayor
9	F	5	2.	Member At-Large	Ahana Roy	9/01/2021	8/31/2023	1	Mayor
1	F	2	3.	District #2	Phi Tran	9/01/2021	8/31/2023	1	City Council
1	F	2	4.	Member At-Large	Pauline Adonis	9/01/2021	8/31/2023	1	Mayor
1	F	5	5.	District #4	Katherine Kang	9/01/2020	8/31/2022	2	City Council
9	F	5	6.	Member At-Large	Nyla Moxley	9/01/2021	8/31/2023	1	Mayor
6	F	5	7.	District #6	Eleanor Cename	9/01/2020	8/31/2022	1	Mayor
6/8	F	4	8.	Member At-Large	Joelle Vedovatti	9/01/2021	8/31/2023	1	Mayor
1	M	5	9.	Member At-Large	Julian Chong	9/01/2021	8/31/2023	1	City Council
1	M	1	10.	Member At-Large	Kevin Jackson Hu	9/01/2021	8/31/2022	2	City Council
9	F	5	11.	District #5	Samara Wijesekera	9/01/2021	8/31/2023	1	City Council
2	F	5	12.	District #7	Kayla Haile	9/01/2021	8/31/2023	1	City Council
3	M	2	13.	District #1	Diego Escame-Hedger	9/01/2021	8/31/2023	1	City Council
6	F	4	14.	Member At-Large	Caroline Carter	9/01/2021	8/31/2023	1	Mayor
2	M	2	15.	District #3	Lincoln Hilliard Wilmore	9/01/2021	8/31/2023	1	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	1	7			0	1	1	1		3		1	2
Council	3	4			4	1	1	0		0		0	1
Other													
Total													

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.