



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Deepa Sivarajan</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle LGBTQ Commission</i>		Position Title: <i>Commission Member</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Date Appointed: 12/10/2019 <i>11/26/2019 ma</i>	Term of Position: * 11/1/2019 to 10/31/2021 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Capitol Hill</i>	Zip Code: <i>98112</i>	Contact Phone No.:
Background: <i>Deepa is queer South Asian-American woman, born and raised in West Seattle. She currently works for EnviroIssues, specializing in public outreach and communications consulting for local governments. Deepa has a Master's in climate change studies, and she has previously worked as an organizer for electoral and environmental campaigns in the Puget Sound region. She is passionate about environmental justice, which aims to address the disproportionate effect of environmental degradation on communities of color and low-income communities. Deepa envisions a bigger role for environmental justice advocacy in queer and trans activist spaces, centering the voices and needs of QTPOC. She hopes that her work with the commission will further her interest in integrating EJ perspectives into policy, particularly in making recommendations on homelessness, displacement, and LGBTQ community spaces. Deepa is currently the secretary of the Seattle LGBTQ Commission, and she also serves as a member of the Seattle Parks District Oversight Committee.</i>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 		Appointing Signatory: <i>Councilmember Lisa Herbold</i> <i>Seattle City Council</i>

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

Deepa Sivarajan

EDUCATION

Columbia University

- M.A. in Climate & Society

New York, NY

Awarded October 19, 2016

Georgetown University

- B.A. in Government and Women's & Gender Studies
- *Magna Cum Laude*

Washington D.C.

Awarded May 19, 2012

WORK EXPERIENCE

EnviroIssues

Project Coordinator

Associate I

Associate II

- Supports strategic communications, messaging development, and public outreach operations for 4 capital projects with public transportation agencies in western Washington
- Serves as a project manager by managing 3-6 staff, project budgets and scopes, and deliverables
- Produces reports, analyses of public feedback, press releases, and informational materials
- Organizes and produces 2 to 4 public meetings per year; represents clients at 20 – 30 public briefings, stakeholder interviews, outreach events and festivals per year

Seattle, WA

February to December 2017

January 2018 to June 2019

July 2019 to present

The Sierra Club

Associate Organizing Representative

- Served as field organizer for the Wild Olympics Campaign; gathered 400 petition signatures
- Secured endorsements from 14 new local businesses, organizations, and community leaders
- Organized and held 12 large outreach events to gather support; tabled at 23 festivals and fairs

Seattle, WA

July 2013 to August 2014

Organizing for America Washington

Campaign Staffer/Field Organizer

- Led all get out the vote efforts for President Obama in Washington's 30th Legislative District
- Recruited, trained, and managed over 40 regular volunteers; coordinated with community leaders
- Planned and held 7 volunteer trainings, 11 rallies, and over 100 phone banks and canvasses

King County, WA

May to November 2012

INTERNSHIPS

- **The National Women's Law Center** – Communications Intern, *January to May 2012*
 - **Office of U.S. Senator Patty Murray** – Outreach and Legislative Intern, *June to December 2011*
 - **Washington Conservation Voters** – Communications Intern – Seattle, WA, *June to August 2009*
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AFFILIATIONS

- **Seattle LGBTQ Commission** – Commissioner & Secretary, *January 2018 to present*
 - **Seattle Parks District Oversight Committee** – Commissioner, *July 2019 to present*
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SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Working proficiency in Spanish; conversational Tamil
- Certification from International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) in Planning & Techniques

Seattle Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Commission December 2019

21 Members: Pursuant to *SMC 3.14.920*, all members subject to City Council confirmation,
2-year terms:

- 8 City Council-appointed
- 9 Mayor-appointed
- 4 Other Appointing Authority-appointed: Commission-appointed

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
			1.	Member	Juan C. Rodriguez	5/1/19	4/30/21	1	City Council
			2.	Member	Katrina M. Sanford	5/1/19	4/30/21	2	Mayor
			3.	Member	Byram Simpson	5/1/19	4/30/21	2	City Council
			4.	Member	Latosha Correll	5/1/19	4/30/21	2	Mayor
			5.	Member	VACANT	5/1/19	4/30/21	1	City Council
			6.	Member	Manuel Venegas	11/1/19	10/31/21	4	Mayor
			7.	Member	Kari Lerum	11/1/19	10/31/21	2	Commission
			8.	Member	Steven Pray	11/1/19	10/31/21	1	Mayor
			9.	Member	Wayne A. Rocque	5/1/18	4/30/20	1	City Council
			10.	Member	DeAunte Damper	5/1/18	4/30/20	1	Mayor
			11.	Member	Joseph Suttner	5/1/18	4/30/20	1	City Council
			12.	Member	Brett Pepowski	5/1/18	4/30/20	1	Mayor
			13.	Member	Michael B. Garrett	11/1/18	10/31/20	1	City Council
			14.	Member	Ryan Bush	11/1/18	10/31/20	1	Mayor
			15.	Member	Deepa Sivarajan	11/1/19	10/31/21	2	City Council
			16.	Get Engaged	Nathaniel Higby	9/1/19	8/31/20	1	Mayor
			17.	Member	Annabelle Backman	5/1/18	4/30/20	1	City Council
			18.	Member	Christopher Brown	11/1/17	10/31/19	1	Mayor
			19.	Member	Victor Loo	11/1/19	10/31/21	1	Commission
			20.	Member	Sabel Roizen	5/1/18	4/30/20	1	Commission
			21.	Member	Jessi Murray	5/1/18	4/30/20	1	Commission

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

	(1)		(2)		(3)		(4)		(5)		(6)		(7)		(8)		(9)	
	Men	Women	Transgender	Unknown	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other	Caucasian/ Non- Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial					
Mayor	4	5				2	2		1	5			2					
Council	3	1	1		2		1	1	1	1			1					
Comm	1	2			1					3								
Total	8	8	1		3	2	3	1	2	9			3					

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.