




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Aicha Sinha-Khan		
Board/Commission Name: Seattle Youth Commission		Position Title: Member
<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: Fill in appointing authority		Term of Position: * 9/1/2024 to 8/31/2026 <input type="checkbox"/> Serving remaining term of a vacant position
Residential Neighborhood: District 5	Zip Code:	Contact Phone No.:
Background: Aicha is a student at Lakeside School. When asked why they want to join the Seattle Youth Commission they shared, "As a Seattle Youth Commissioner, I hope to make meaningful change in my community as well as advance my knowledge about politics and the law. As someone who belongs to multiple marginalized communities, I really want to be an advocate for those without a voice, and being a Seattle Youth Commissioner would mean that I get to use my voice to make a difference, which is often hard for people my age to do. I also have a lot of ideas that I am really passionate about that I would like to see realized. As for what I hope to gain as a Seattle Youth Commissioner, I really want to become a lawyer and help people as I learn more about the systems in governments, and how they affect me. I also am looking forward to collaborating with like minded teenagers who share a similar passion for politics and government."		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date Signed (appointed): 08/26/2024		Appointing Signatory: Councilmember Maritza Rivera Seattle City Councilmember

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

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Respondent

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Anonymous

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Time to complete

Applicant Contact Information

1. Full name *

Aicha Sinha-Khan

2. Email *

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Short Answer Questions

Please limit your responses to 100-150 words for each question.

3. Please share about your interest in becoming a youth commissioner. What interest you in this role and what do you hope gain from the experience as a Seattle Youth Commissioner? *

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4. 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? *

It's no secret that underserved communities in Seattle tend to be those of families of color, and as a brown teenager, I'd like to work to advance opportunities for teens in the city. This would range from making after school activities, especially those that aren't considered 'important', such as art, to be made more readily available. Extracurriculars are becoming more and more necessary for students to have good applications for college, and college is becoming indispensable to the modern worker in America. Plus, extracurriculars increase opportunities for students to learn and connect with other students their age. This is just one specific example I have about working to consider lower-income and marginalized communities as a Youth Commissioner. Others include improving the quality of school lunches, and actually hosting more meetings and open listening sessions where we could get in contact with teens and find out more about what they need.

5. What issues or current events in your community are you passionate about and why? *

Issues I am passionate about in my community include equal access and opportunity, systemic oppression and increasing political advocacy and engagement rates among teenagers. As a queer person of color who immigrated to America a few years ago, I know all too well the disparities in access and opportunities that communities face in Seattle today, and this knowledge has only been further proven by my classmates at the private school I attend. We are a privileged set of people, and have numerous opportunities that schools even a few miles away don't, yet I see no action taken among them to advocate for any political issues. It's for these reasons that I am also passionate about starting programs that help increase youth engagement in politics - especially in the wake of tumultuous current events such as climate change, the overturning of Roe vs. Wade, and the various wars, it's important that we mobilize the next generation of voters as early as we can.

6. What project have you worked on that you are most proud of? Please describe this project and what contributions you made. *

At school, I am part of the Leadership team for the South Asian Affinity Group (SAAG). Over this last year, we have achieved monumental strides towards achieving our goals. We successfully hosted an AAPI month assembly, and helped educate the school about traditional South Asian culture and traditions with decorations and infographics in the student center during special months like Ramadan and days like Holi. I'm very proud of all my group has accomplished this year, and I am proud of all the work I put into organizing the events, coordinating with other members of the leadership team, and making PowerPoints for our bimonthly meetings. I'm super excited to continue this as my high school career plows on!

7. The Seattle Youth Commission has five sub-committees. If selected, which committee are you most interested in joining? *

- ☐ Health & Human Service
- ☒ Civil Rights & Immigration
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Economic Development
- ☐ Executive Committee (Co-Chairs)

Demographic Information

8. Seattle Youth Commissioners must be between the ages of 13-19. Please indicate your age below. *

- ☐ 13 years of age
- ☐ 14 years of age
- ☒ 15 years of age
- ☐ 16 years of age
- ☐ 17 years of age
- ☐ 18 years of age
- ☐ 19 years of age

9. Seattle Youth Commissioners must live or go to school in Seattle. Please indicate which district you live or attend school in.

Find your district by entering an address at: <https://www.seattle.gov/council/meet-the-council/find-your-district-and-councilmembers> *

- ☐ District 1
- ☐ District 2
- ☐ District 3
- ☐ District 4
- ☒ District 5
- ☐ District 6
- ☐ District 7

10. Choose select all that apply to you. *

- ☒ I am a student
- ☐ I work full-time
- ☐ I work part-time
- ☐ I am not employed

11. If you are attending school, what is the name of the school that you currently attend.

Lakeside School

12. Please select the race or ethnicity identifiers that best describe you: *

- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☒ Asian or Asian American
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Hispanic or Latine
- ☐ Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander
- ☐ White
- ☐ I decline to answer this question
- ☐ Other

13. What is the primary language spoken in your home? *

English, Hindi

Application Certification

14. I certify that the above application information is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the information I provided is subject to public records request unless it is specifically exempt from the Washington State Public Records Act. *

- ☒ Yes, I certify this application
- ☐ No, I do not certify this application

Seattle Youth Commission

Fifteen Members: Pursuant to [Ordinance 125029](#), all members subject to City Council confirmation for two-year terms:

- 7 City Council-appointed
- 8 Mayor-appointed

Roster: Updated 9/1/2024

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
1;4	U	1	1	District 1	Max Tagsip	9/1/24	8/31/26	1	City Council
3;4	U	2	2	District 2	Catherine Enriquez	9/1/24	8/31/26	1	City Council
1;5	U	3	3	District 3	Harrison Sumner	9/1/24	8/31/26	1	City Council
5	U	4	4	District 4	Penelope Harrington	9/1/24	8/31/26	1	City Council
1	U	5	5	District 5	Aicha Sinha-Khan	9/1/24	8/31/26	1	City Council
1	U	6	6	District 6	Sabi Yoon	9/1/24	8/31/26	1	City Council
1;5	U	7	7	District 7	Sienna Roggeveen	9/1/24	8/31/26	1	City Council
1	U	2	8	At-Large	Bill Chen	9/1/24	8/31/26	1	Mayor
5	U	4	9	At-Large	Caleb Goldberg	9/1/24	8/31/26	1	Mayor
3	U	4	10	At-Large	Mohini Kaplan	9/1/24	8/31/26	1	Mayor
1	U	5	11	At-Large	Daniel Le	9/1/24	8/31/26	1	Mayor
5	U	5	12	At-Large	Anya Peterson	9/1/24	8/31/26	1	Mayor
1	U	6	13	At-Large	Lila Fu	9/1/24	8/31/26	1	Mayor
3	U	7	14	At-Large	Juliana Ariza	9/1/24	8/31/26	1	Mayor
1	U	7	15	At-Large	Saniata Salva	9/1/24	8/31/26	1	Mayor

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

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	Male	Female	Transgender	NB/ 2S / U	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Caucasian/ Non-Hispanic	Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern
Mayor				8	4		2		2		
Council				7	5		1	2	3		
Total				15	9		3	2	5		

Key:

***D** List the corresponding *Diversity Chart* number (1 through 7)

****G** List *gender*, **M**= Male, **F**= Female, **T**= Transgender, **NB**= Non-Binary **2S**= Two Spirit **U**= Unknown

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

Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.