




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Sienna Roggeveen</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle Youth Commission</i>		Position Title: <i>Member</i>
<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: * 9/1/2024 to 8/31/2026 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>	
Residential Neighborhood: <i>District 7</i>	Zip Code:	Contact Phone No.:
Background: <i>Sienna is a student at Eastside Preparatory School. When asked why they wish to join the Seattle Youth Commission, Sienna shared, "How do I change the world, mama?" As a kid, my parents told me to make a difference in the world. I thought that meant I had to be the president. I have come to recognize that "changing the world" doesn't necessarily mean inventing flying cars or curing cancer. After discovering a passion for social justice, I realized that, to me, "changing the world" means advocating for others and fighting for racial justice. Throughout my time in social justice programs, I have learned about many social issues and plan to pursue law as a career. I want to be a Seattle Youth Commissioner to connect with city leaders to create and implement solutions, make tangible changes, and help others in my community, specifically in race and social justice initiatives. In addition, I believe this program will equip me with the necessary communication, decision-making, outreach, organizational, surveying, and public speaking skills to support my career in advocacy and strengthen my ability to create change, now and in the future."</i>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date Signed (appointed): <i>08/26/2024</i>	Appointing Signatory: <i>Councilmember Maritza Rivera</i> <i>Seattle City Councilmember</i>	

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

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Respondent

12 Anonymous

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Time to complete

Applicant Contact Information

1. Full name *

Sienna Roggeveen

2. Email *

[REDACTED]

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? *

As a Seattle Youth Commissioner, I would be dedicated to advancing racial equity within the community by organizing forums, workshops, seminars, outreach events, and awareness campaigns that are aimed at both gathering information and educating our community about issues related to social justice issues. I want to ensure that first and foremost, youth voices are heard and involved in decision-making processes.

Throughout my time as a Youth Ambassador at the Gates Foundation, I have spent a lot of time advocating for equitable access to resources and opportunities for all young people, regardless of race. As a Youth Commissioner, I want to implement these ideas. I believe this could include supporting initiatives that provide scholarships, jobs, and leadership opportunities for marginalized youth. Finally, I want to advocate for equity assessments, anti-bias training programs, and policies that promote diversity, equity, and inclusion among staff and decision-makers.

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

During the planning period for the Teen Action Fair in the Youth Ambassador Program, healthcare disparities became one of my personal passions. Over 400 million people in the world do not have access to basic healthcare. That is 400 million people who are denied their fundamental right to live a healthy life; 400 million people who suffer because of their race, economic instability, age, education, or gender. Across the world, people are dying of preventable diseases because of discrimination and lack of representation or financial power.

During the summer of 2023, I applied for and was awarded the Mike Yarrow Peace Fellowship. This fellowship has given me the opportunity to create a year-long project dedicated to advocating for others and fighting to make a change. I have been working to create a website compiling statistics and articles regarding health inequities; my goal is to create change by increasing awareness to support people for whom the healthcare system fails.

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

For the past two years, I applied for and was accepted to the Youth Ambassador Program (YAP) at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. As a Youth Ambassador, I foster inclusion and raise awareness about global issues. In 2023 and 2024, the Youth Ambassadors planned two Teen Action Fairs at the Gates Discovery Center; over 15 non-profit organizations presented a social justice issue, their mission to solve it, and inspired others to get involved. Each year, we hosted over 500 guests and received feedback that the event allowed them to make connections that furthered their mission and strengthened their passion for creating change. Since becoming a Youth Ambassador in 2022, I have utilized my research, organizational, and outreach skills to contact and encourage organizations to come to the table at the events. For the past two years, I have been involved with event marketing; I also helped to choose two participating organizations for a \$5,000 grant each. Through YAP, I have learned about non-profits and the Youth Commission Program would give me an opportunity to expand on what I have learned with real-life work experience in local government.

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.

Eastside Preparatory 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? *

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

					(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
	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.