



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Gavin Fortenberry		
Board/Commission Name: Seattle Youth Commission		Position Title: At-large member
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Date Appointed: 8/28/2017	Term of Position: * 9/1/2017 to 8/31/2019
Residential Neighborhood: Ravenna	Zip Code: 98115	Contact Phone No.: N/A
Background: <i>Gavin is an 11th grader at Roosevelt High School. He cares about the future of Seattle and wants to make sure we are doing the best we can to talk about issues and widespread awareness of issues that Seattle faces. One issue he is passionate about is eliminating homelessness and youth homelessness. He is also passionate about creating environments where people of all races, religions, ethnicities, genders and sexual orientations are treated equally and fairly. He is passionate about teen access to healthcare and believes that all high schools in Seattle should have free health services available to students like at his school. Gavin has had many surgeries and surviving these experiences has made him more empathetic to others' pain and makes him want to stand up and fight for others.</i>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 		Appointing Signatory: Edward B. Murray Mayor of Seattle

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

Seattle Youth Commission 2017-18 Application

Contact Information:

Name	Gavin Fortenberry
Street Address	[REDACTED]
City and Zip Code	[REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
E-Mail Address	[REDACTED]
School	Roosevelt High School
Grade	11th
Age	16

Why do you want to become a member of the Seattle Youth Commission?

I want to become a member of the Seattle Youth Commission because I think it is a great opportunity to get involved in my community and positively contribute to the development of Seattle. I care about the future of this city and the future of my generation and want to make sure we are doing the best we can to talk about issues and widespread awareness of issues our city faces with the hopes that more people may want to do something about them. Over the last few years I have become more aware of the issues this city faces and have wanted to get involved and do something to help, but have not been sure where to start. I believe becoming a Youth Commissioner is a great place for me to begin.

What are the issues in your community that you are passionate about and why?

Another issue in my community that I am passionate about is creating environments where people of all races, religions, ethnicities, genders, and sexual orientations are treated equally and fairly. I am passionate about this because I have many teenage friends who, especially since the recent presidential election, have been treated horribly by their peers simply because of the way they look or who they love. So whether it be in schools, restaurants, community centers, or even public transportation, I believe something can be done to make sure all are treated fairly and equally.

Another issue I am passionate about is teen access to healthcare. I am passionate about this because I have seen many of my classmates and friends really benefit from the services my school offers in our teen health center, such as counseling, the implementation of birth control,

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What do you think makes your perspective unique to others?

I think what makes my perspective unique to others is that I have experienced hardships that most have not. Because of various birth defects, I have had over 10 surgeries (I've lost count) some of which nearly killing me. Through these events I have had to overcome an immense amount of physical pain and have endured a lot of recovery time, which made me confident in my ability to work hard because I have been forced to work hard to recover on a number of occasions. Most importantly, overcoming and surviving these experiences has made me more empathetic to others' pain and has made me want to stand up and fight for those who don't necessarily have control over challenging circumstances affecting their lives, just like I have had to do for myself.

SYC interviews will be scheduled for August 7 & 9 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Which of these

Seattle Youth Commission

15 Members: Pursuant to Ordinance 123251, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 2-year terms:

- 7 City Council-appointed
- 8 Mayor-appointed

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	M	4	1.	At-Large Member	Gavin Fortenberry	9/1/17	8/31/19	1	Mayor
9	F	3	2.	At-Large Member	Ziah Daily	9/1/17	8/31/19	2	Mayor
2	F	2	3.	City Council District #2	Aliya Adan	9/1/17	8/31/19	1	Council
			4.	At-Large Member		9/1/17	8/31/19		Mayor
9	M	4	5.	City Council District #4	Carter Sylvia	9/1/16	8/31/18	1	Council
1	F	5	6.	At-Large Member	Catherine Zhu	9/1/16	8/31/18	1	Mayor
6	T	6	7.	City Council District #6	James Mounts	9/1/16	8/31/18	1	Mayor
1	F	6	8.	At-Large Member	Dhani Srinivasan	9/1/16	8/31/18	1	Mayor
6	F	5	9.	At-Large Member	Dylan Clauson	9/1/17	8/31/19	1	Council
6	M	1	10.	At-Large Member	Ben Fryer	9/1/17	8/31/19	1	Council
2	F	5	11.	City Council District #5	Blaine Aweke	9/1/17	8/31/19	1	Council
			12.	City Council District #7		9/1/16	8/31/18		Council
3	F	5	13.	City Council District #1	Clarissa Perez	9/1/16	8/31/18	1	Council
2	F	2	14.	At-Large Member	Victoria Johnson	9/1/16	8/31/18	1	Mayor
2	F	3	15.	City Council District #3	Leila Adams	9/1/16	8/31/18	1	Mayor

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)				
	Men	Women	Transgender	Unknown / Other	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other	Caucasian/ Non-Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	1	6	1		3	2				2			1
Council	2	4				2	1			2			1
Other													
TOTAL	3	10	1		3	4	1			4			1

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.