




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Saniata Salva</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 type="checkbox"/> City Council <input checked="" 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>Sanita is a student at Middle College High School. When asked why they would like to join the Seattle Youth Commission, Saniata shared, "I want to be a Seattle Youth Commissioner to experience working in government and discover more about careers in helping communities across the city. I'm interested in a government job relating to criminal psychology and criminology, so this opportunity will help me learn more about the different systems in government. I'll learn more about work being done on important issues like crime, homelessness, and access to education. This role will allow me to work with others who are also passionate about creating change and have similar goals. I want to grow as a leader to support communities of color in Seattle and connect more with the smaller communities I'm a part of like my school. This role will also help me expand my public speaking skills. Being a youth commissioner will let me act on issues that I care about and create change in places that are important for Seattle's youth."</i>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 		Appointing Signatory: <i>Bruce A. Harrell</i> <i>Mayor of Seattle</i>
Date Signed (appointed): <i>08/26/2024</i>		

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

View results

Respondent

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Anonymous

01:48

Time to complete

Applicant Contact Information

1. Full name *

Saniata Linnaea Salva

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? *

I strongly believe that the inclusion of underrepresented communities is important in helping communities effectively. Historically, people of color have not been heard by the government or have had the opportunities to have roles in the government. Applying race and social justice principles to me means including all perspectives. This will help people look at issues from different points of view leading to more effective changes being created and implemented. I also think it's important to acknowledge that people's cultures and backgrounds affect how they think and what they value. Acknowledging this helps people understand why others think the way they do leading to more collaborative and productive changes.

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

I care about affordable and sustainable transportation because climate change and wildlife conservation are important to me. Even though Seattle is an urban city, there are forests and other wildlife nearby that are affected by pollution and climate change. I want to learn more about how the city creates and improves sustainable transportation and what youth can do to help. I also care about homelessness and having public and free resources for people who are homeless. Homelessness is something I witness every day on my bus ride to school, so I want to find ways I can help effectively. For example, I want to help create more centers where homeless people can take showers and have basic access to hygiene products and other necessities.

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

For my biology class, I created a video about the importance of Seattle's tree canopy and how neighborhoods with communities of color have low tree coverage levels. I'm proud of this project because I was able to find an intersection between climate change and racial justice, two issues that are important to me. I also chose a topic I didn't know about before, so I had to do detailed research for accurate information. This project also challenged me because I had to include scientific data along with my footage of trees in different neighborhoods. I also edited and organized it into one aesthetic and cohesive video.

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.

Middle College High 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

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.