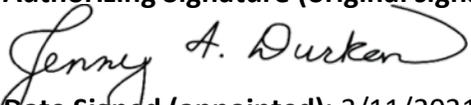




# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

<b>Appointee Name:</b> Ahana Roy		
<b>Board/Commission Name:</b> Seattle Youth Commission		<b>Position Title:</b> Commissioner
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Appointment</b> OR <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Reappointment</b>	<b>City Council Confirmation required?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>Appointing Authority:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> City Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	<b>Term of Position: *</b> 9/1/2019 <b>to</b> 8/31/2021  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>	
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> Olympic Hills	<b>Zip Code:</b> 98125	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Background:</b> <p>I am primarily passionate about fundamental human rights. This includes issues such as racial equality, gender equality, LGBT+ rights, healthcare, and education. I believe in human rights, the fundamental belief that everyone should be treated equally regardless of their circumstances. We may individually be different but in the end, we are all human. In being human, we should have access to the same fundamental human rights such as healthcare and education. However, in the current day and age there is still division. Personally, it makes me upset and enraged that people are unable to access basic human rights such as healthcare or are discriminated for things that they have no control whatsoever, such as the color of their skin. We need to look past the differences as our divergence sets us apart yet brings us together with understanding and collaboration to dismantle these barriers and achieve equality.</p> <p>However, it is seemingly getting harder to achieve this understanding. As I watch the election, I see partisan politics play out and divide us further than we already are. An election where many, including myself, worry about their fundamental human rights. There are people who worry that they can't marry the person they love, families who worry about being reunited, those who worry about control over their own bodies. Those who are not in a position of privilege to ignore it worry about how their lives will change for these next four years and the future beyond them. I say that enough is enough— it is time we come together as a nation, as a community, and understand we all deserve our rights.</p>		
<b>Authorizing Signature (original signature):</b>  <b>Date Signed (appointed):</b> 3/11/2021	<b>Appointing Signatory:</b> Jenny A. Durkan Mayor of Seattle	

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

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**Started:** Wednesday, November 04, 2020 1:39:30 PM  
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**Time Spent:** 02:31:42

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**Q1**

Name

Ahana Roy

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**Q2**

Please provide your contact information.

Street Address

[REDACTED]

City, State

Seattle

Zip Code

[REDACTED]

Phone Number

[REDACTED]

Email Address

[REDACTED]

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**Q3**

What is your age?

16

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**Q4**

Tell us where you go to school.

School Name

Garfield High School

Grade Level

11th

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**Q5**

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

I am passionate about current issues affecting our current livelihoods, especially those affecting younger youth, and see this as a valuable opportunity to get more involved and offer my voice in collaboration with like minded peers who are strongly about advocating for change.

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**Q6**

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

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**Q7**

What do you hope to gain from this experience?

I am hoping to deepen my understanding of issues of concern so that I can do the best I can to help our community in the best way I can. By being able to hear a multiple of perspectives from youth, community, and City leaders I hope to combine these teachings to make myself a more understanding person of others and the world. I'm also excited to have the possibility to work with other people who are equally passionate about making change through projects and advise those in positions of authority towards positive change for everyone.

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**Q8**

What do you think makes your perspective unique to others?

In order to be in the room I am today, my parents have been through a lot. I am grateful to my dad who worked hard to get our family to America with opportunities I may have not been able to access otherwise. Though my parents gave up their close relations with family back home in Bangladesh to be here, their main goal has always been to ensure the success of their children best as they can. For most of my life, even now, I have been torn between two cultures. In the emphasis on education I lost much of my family's culture, for one losing the ability to speak Bengali through language attrition. However, as of late I have come to lean into my family's history and my background. I have been learning our family's tongue and participating in cultural traditions all while embracing my identity as American at the same time. Ultimately I believe that this multicultural perspective has made me more open to other cultures and perspectives. I first encountered diversity in its truest form walking into the doors of Garfield High School. I became surrounded by people coming from all different kinds of backgrounds who frequently started conversations about differences that ultimately brought them together. I learned about distinct cultures and what it was like to struggle with identity. Through these various perspectives I face on a daily basis, I believe that in addition to coming to terms with my identity as an immigrant woman of color I have ultimately become more empathetic, passionate, and understanding of different people and issues both local and across the globe.

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**Q9**

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?

Institutional racism has always been a problem and barrier for many people across America. I believe that it is our personal duty to acknowledge that race is important, that certain groups of people are disadvantaged in society and we have to support them the best way we can in working towards dismantling structural racism. As a Seattle Youth Commissioner it is important to listen to the perspectives of those who are most impacted by these issues and consider the history of structural racism and how it has led to where we are today in order to learn how we can help undo it. Listening to those who have been most impacted can help us curate solutions and develop understanding. Understanding, more than anything, is the most important thing in dismantling structural racism. With collaboration, respect, and an open-mind to learn we can achieve racial equity.

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Page 3: Interviews

**Q10**

SYC interviews will be scheduled for October 12th and 13th. Which of these days are you available? \*Interviews will be held on the phone or another virtual platform.

**Monday, October 12th,**

**Tuesday, October 13th**

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Page 4: References

**Q11**

Reference #1

Name	<b>Betty Cheng</b>
Phone	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]

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**Q12**

Reference #2

Name	<b>Jenny Lee</b>
Phone	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]

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**Q13**

Reference #3

Name	<b>Nicola Frachesen</b>
Phone	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]

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# Seattle Youth Commission

15 Members: Pursuant to Ordinance 125029, 15 members subject to City Council confirmation, 2-year terms:

- 7 City Council- Appointed
- 8 Mayoral- Appointed

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
2	M	2	1.	Member At-Large	Abdiweli Abdi	9/01/2019	8/31/2021	2	Mayor
	F	5	2.	Member At-Large	Ahana Roy	9/01/2019	8/31/2021	1	Mayor
			3.	District #2	Vacant	9/01/2019	8/31/2021		City Council
	F	NA	4.	Member At-Large	Angelica Valenzuela	9/01/2019	8/31/2021	1	Mayor
	F	5	5.	District #4	Katherine Kang	9/01/2020	8/31/2022	2	City Council
	F	2	6.	Member At-Large	Edhil Haid	9/01/2020	8/31/2022	1	Mayor
	F	5	7.	District #6	Eleanor Cename	9/01/2020	8/31/2022	1	Mayor
	F	5	8.	Member At-Large	Elsa Assefa	9/01/2020	8/31/2022	1	Mayor
			9.	Member At-Large	Vacant	9/01/2019	8/31/2021		City Council
	M	1	10.	Member At-Large	Kevin Jackson Hu	9/01/2019	8/31/2021	1	City Council
	F	5	11.	District #5	Samara Wijesekera	9/01/2019	8/31/2021	1	City Council
			12.	District #7	Vacant	9/01/2019	8/31/2021		City Council
	M	2	13.	District #1	Diego Escame-Hedger	9/01/2020	8/31/2022	1	City Council
	F	6	14.	Member At-Large	Leah Scott	9/01/2020	8/31/2022	1	Mayor
	M	2	15.	District #3	Lincoln Hilliard Wilmore	9/01/2020	8/31/2022	1	Mayor

## SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

	SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)		
	Male	Female	Transgender	NB/ O/ U	Asian	Black/ African American	Hispanic/ Latino	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Other	Caucasian/ Non-Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor	2	6											
Council	2	2											
Other													
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>											

### 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.