



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Maria Sumner</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board</i>		Position Title: <i>Member (Position 10)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment <i>OR</i> <input checked="" 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	Term of Position: * 4/1/2021 to 3/31/2023 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>	
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Lake City</i>	Zip Code: 98125	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: <i>Maria has lived in Seattle for five years and currently resides in Lake City. Her professional background is in tech at Facebook where she propels teams forward to meet their intended goals. She is active in her local community and is passionate about improving conditions for pedestrians through improvements such as pedestrian plazas.</i>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 	Appointing Signatory: <i>Jenny A. Durkan</i> <i>Mayor</i>	

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

MARIA SUMNER

WORK & EDUCATION

FACEBOOK - Redmond, WA (*Currently remote*)

- **Aug 2017 - Present**
- Technical Program Manager - Developing Natural Language Understanding technology for Conversational AI at Facebook by leading several cross-functional teams and programs for product and research outcomes

OZLO - Seattle, WA

- **June 2016-July 2017**
- Research scientist at a small AI start up developing a natural language interface for search

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON - Seattle, WA

- **September 2015- September 2016**
- MS in Computational Linguistics

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA - Iowa City, IA

- **September 2013 - September 2015**
- MA in Linguistics

JAPAN EXCHANGE & TEACHING (JET) PROGRAMME - Fujishiro, Japan

- **July 2010-July 2012**
- High School TESOL Teacher

TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY Kirksville, MO

- **August 2010-2016**
- BS in Mathematics, Summa cum laude
- Minors in Linguistics and Spanish

HONORS, LANGUAGES, AND AWARDS

Proficient in Japanese, Indonesian, Spanish

Critical Language Scholarship June-August 2014

- Studied the Indonesian language in Malang, East Java, Indonesia for ten weeks in an immersive setting through a U.S. State Department program

Phi Beta Kappa

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board (March 2020 - Present)

Volunteer Community Team Lead - Elizabeth Warren campaign for President (Present)

- Host phone banks and canvassing

Linguists in Tech (Cofounder) - A not-for-profit professional development group based in Seattle to network and share knowledge across the industry (Present)

Girls on the Run - Coach for 4 seasons in Iowa and Missouri (2013-2015)

Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board

12 Members: Pursuant to Resolution 29532 and Ordinance 120325, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms, Get Engaged Member, 1-year term:

- 7 Mayor- appointed
- 5 City Council - appointed

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	F	2	1.	Member	Jennifer Lehman	4/1/20	3/31/22	1	City Council
6	M	3	2.	Member	David Seater	4/1/19	3/31/21	2	City Council
			3.	Member	Emily Mannetti	4/1/20	3/31/22	1	City Council
6	F	2	4.	Member	Anna L. Zivarts	4/1/19	3/31/21	2	City Council
1	F	6	5.	Member	Han-Jung Ko	4/1/21	3/31/23	2	City Council
6	F	7	6.	Member	Emily Davis	4/1/20	3/31/22	1	Mayor
			7.	Member	Vacant	4/1/19	3/31/21	1	Mayor
	F	7	8.	Member	Bianca Johnson	4/1/20	3/31/22	1	Mayor
1	F	1	9.	Member	Akshali Gandhi	4/1/20	3/31/22	1	Mayor
6	F	5	10.	Member	Maria Sumner	4/1/21	3/31/23	1	Mayor
8	F	4	11.	Member	Etsi Mintz	4/1/20	3/31/22	1	Mayor
6	M	3	12.	Get Engaged Member	Ori Brian	9/1/20	8/31/21	1	Mayor

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

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