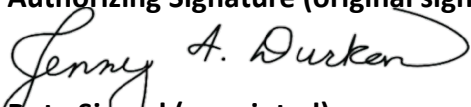




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Deepa Sivarajan</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners</i>		Position Title: <i>Commissioner</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: * 4/1/2021 to 3/31/2024 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Capitol Hill/Stevens</i>	Zip Code: <i>98112</i>	Contact Phone No.:
Background: <i>Deepa is queer South Asian-American woman, born and raised in West Seattle. She currently works for EnviroIssues, specializing in public outreach and communications consulting for local governments. Deepa has a Master's in climate change studies, and she has previously worked as an organizer for electoral and environmental campaigns in the Puget Sound region.</i> <i>She is passionate about environmental justice, which aims to address the disproportionate effect of environmental degradation on communities of color and low-income communities. Deepa envisions a bigger role for environmental justice (EJ) advocacy in queer and trans activist spaces, centering the voices and needs of QTPOC.</i> <i>She has been an asset on Park District Oversight Committee and we look forward to continuing to benefit from her abilities, on the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners, to integrate environmental justice perspectives into policy, particularly in making recommendations on homelessness, displacement, and LGBTQ community spaces.</i>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature):  Date Signed (appointed): 9/2/2021		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.

Deepa Sivarajan



EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Climate Solutions

Washington Policy Manager

July 2020 to present

Seattle, WA

- Develops policies for local governments and institutions to reduce community-wide greenhouse gas emissions, with a current focus on decarbonizing the built environment
- Works closely with local elected officials and staff, as well as the Climate Solutions field team, to advocate for such policies, provide resources and education for governments, and uplift community voices
- Convenes stakeholder groups to inform policy decisions, including local and regional elected officials and staff, climate advocates, environmental justice organizations, labor unions, and more
- Creates written materials to spread awareness and educate public and grassroots about building decarbonization, including blog entries, fliers, memos, and social media
- Works within coalitions such as Shift Zero, and with statewide and community partners including Stand.Earth, Front & Centered, Sierra Club, NW Energy Coalition, Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility, Mazaska Talks, Washington Environmental Council, Citizens for a Healthy Bay, Sunrise Tacoma, People for Climate Action, 350 Seattle, Puget Sound Sage, and more

EnviroIssues

Project Manager

February 2017 to July 2020

Seattle, WA

- Managed outreach for capital and planning projects with public agencies in western Washington by developing and implementing communications strategies and public engagement programs
- Worked extensively with public sector clients focusing on transportation and urban planning, including Seattle Department of Transportation, Seattle Office of the Waterfront & Civic Projects, Washington State Transportation Commission, Kitsap Transit, City of Sammamish, Washington State Ferries, and more
- Oversaw staff on projects and managed project budgets, scopes, schedules, and deliverables
- Collected community feedback from stakeholder committees, surveys, community meetings, online engagement, and more; analyzed results and advised clients on incorporating input into public planning
- Developed informational materials including web content, social media, brochures, and more
- Served as liaison to media outlets; wrote press releases and coordinated press events
- Produced two to four large-scale public events and 20-30 smaller briefings or stakeholder meetings per year
- Received two promotions within three years to grow from Project Coordinator to Project Manager

The Sierra Club

Associate Organizing Representative

July 2013 to August 2014

Seattle, WA

- Led field organizing for the Wild Olympics Campaign; represented Sierra Club within coalition of conservation organizations working to secure protections for forests and rivers in the Olympic Peninsula
- Managed volunteers from local Sierra Club chapter to gather petition signatures and raise awareness
- Secured campaign endorsements from 14 new local businesses, organizations, and community leaders
- Organized and held 12 large outreach events to gather support; tabled at 23 festivals and fairs

Organizing for America Washington

Campaign Staffer/Field Organizer

May to November 2012

South King County, WA

- Led get-out-the-vote efforts for President Obama's reelection in Washington's 30th Legislative District
- Recruited, trained, and managed three volunteer teams with over 40 regular volunteers
- Coordinated with community leaders in Federal Way, Auburn, Algona, Des Moines, and Pacific
- Planned and held seven volunteer trainings, 11 rallies, and over 100 phone banks and canvasses

INTERSHIPS

The National Women's Law Center

Communications Intern

January to May 2012

Washington D.C.

- Led project to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the passage of Title IX, focusing on women in STEM
- Researched and interviewed women who had personal stories about how Title IX affected their lives

Office of U.S. Senator Patty Murray

Legislative Intern

September to December 2011

Washington D.C.

- Assisted Legislative Aide in charge of immigration issues; wrote memos on policy briefings
- Led tours of the Capitol building for visitors from Washington state; answered constituent phone calls

Office of U.S. Senator Patty Murray

Outreach Intern

June to August 2011

Seattle, WA

- Worked with community leaders and local business owners on issues related to immigration and health care
- Assisted the King County Outreach Director with scheduling, drafting emails, and making phone calls

Washington Conservation Voters

Communications Intern

June to August 2009

Seattle, WA

- Filmed and interviewed candidates for municipal positions on their environmental platforms
- Created a website to track candidates and positions; generated interest for primary election on social media

EDUCATION

Columbia University

- M.A. in Climate & Society

Awarded October 19, 2016

New York, NY

Georgetown University

- B.A. in Government and Women's & Gender Studies

Awarded May 19, 2012

Washington D.C.

RELEVANT LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

Green New Deal Oversight Committee – Member

July 2021 to present

Seattle Parks District Oversight Committee – Member

July 2019 to present

Northwest Abortion Access Fund – Funding Hotline Advocate

July 2019 to present

Tasveer – Co-Producer of Tasveer South Asian LitFest

January to December 2020

Seattle LGBTQ Commission – Commissioner and Secretary

January 2018 to October 2020

SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Certification from International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) in Planning & Techniques
- Graduate coursework in climate statistics, climate policy and law, climate management and adaptation, environmental justice, public health and climate change, and water resources and climate change
- Working proficiency in Spanish

BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

15 Members: Pursuant to *Ordinance 126380*, *all* members subject to City Council confirmation, **3**-year terms:

- **7** City Council-appointed
- **8** Mayor-appointed
- **#** Other Appointing Authority-appointed (specify):

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
6	F	5	1.	At-Large	Jessica Farmer	4/1/21	3/31/24	2	Mayor
2	M	5	2.	At-Large	Evan Hundley	4/1/19	3/31/22	2	Mayor
6	F	1	3.	At-Large	Kelly McCaffrey	4/1/19	3/31/22	2	Mayor
			4.	At-Large	Vacant				Mayor
1	F		5.	Get Engaged	Jessica Vu	9/1/20	8/31/21	1	Mayor
1	F	2	6.	Commission Seat	Deepa Sivarajan	4/1/21	3/31/24	2	Mayor
			7.	Commission Seat	Vacant				Mayor
			8.	Commission Seat	Vacant				Mayor
			9.	City Council Dist. 1	Vacant				City Council
1	F	2	10.	City Council Dist. 2	Andréa Akita	4/1/19	3/31/22	2	City Council
1	M	3	11.	City Council Dist. 3	Marlon Dylan Herrera	4/1/21	3/31/24	2	City Council
			12.	City Council Dist. 4	Vacant				City Council
9	M	5	13.	City Council Dist. 5	Sean Watts	4/1/20	3/31/23	2	City Council
			14.	City Council Dist. 6	Vacant				City Council
			15.	City Council Dist. 7	Vacant				City Council

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	1	4			2	1				2			
Council	2	1			2								1
Other													
Total	3	5			4	1				2			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.