




City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Negash Hassen</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Community Involvement Commission</i>		Position Title: <i>Commission Selected 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 type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Commission Selected</i>	Term of Position: * 6/1/2026 to 5/31/2028 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>	
Residential Neighborhood: <i>High Point</i>	Zip Code: <i>98126</i>	Contact Phone No.: <i>Business phone # - NOT personal phone #</i>
Background: <i>My name is Negash Hassen, and I am a community engagement and outreach professional with extensive experience serving immigrant, refugee, and multicultural communities in Seattle. I currently work at Neighborhood House as an Employment Case Manager and Community Outreach Specialist, providing employment coaching, digital literacy support, and individualized guidance while conducting outreach to connect underrepresented communities with vital resources. Previously, I served as a Community Connector with the Seattle Housing Authority, strengthening resident participation in policy and planning efforts, and I currently support the City of Seattle as a Community Liaison and Second Language Community Safety Ambassador, offering multilingual outreach, interpretation, and emergency preparedness education in Amharic and Oromo. I hold a master's in Human Geography from the University of Oslo and a Bachelor's in Geography from the University of Addis Ababa, and I am deeply committed to equity, language access, and community empowerment.</i>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): Signature:  <small>Heidi Morisset (03/25/2026 13:04:27 PDT)</small> Email: heidimoriss@gmail.com Date Signed (appointed):		Appointing Signatory: <i>Heidi Morisset</i> <i>Co-Chair Community Involvement Commission</i>

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

NEGASH HASSEN



QUALIFICATIONS

- **Provide employment case management to immigrant and refugee clients as part of the Family Resource Center at Neighborhood House**
- **Experienced in English to Amharic/Oromo interpretation and translation**
- **Excellent customer service and communication skills**
- **High school teaching background**
- **Strong organizational and detail orientation, with recent experience coordinating workforce services at Neighborhood House**
- **Proficient in MS Office Suite, Outlook, and internet tools**
- **Effective team player with independent work capabilities**

EXPERIENCE

Family Resource Center Employment Case Manager

Neighborhood House – High Point, West Seattle, WA | Sept 2024 – Present

Provide employment case management to immigrant and refugee clients. Conduct intakes, identify barriers, and support job readiness. Collaborate with ESL instructors and partners. Maintain case notes and assist with outreach and workforce planning.

Community Connector

Seattle Housing Authority, Seattle, WA | Mar 2023 – Dec 2024

- **Acted as liaison between residents and housing authorities**
- **Organized events, workshops, and surveys to engage community members**
- **Advocated for residents in housing policy and planning**
- **Collaborated with stakeholders and monitored policy impact**

Community Liaison

City of Seattle | Aug 2023 – Present (Independent Contractor)

- **Conduct outreach and advise on City engagement plans**
- **Facilitate workshops and provide translation/interpretation services**
- **Support advisory committees and City communication efforts**

Community Builder Assistant

Seattle Housing Authority, Seattle, WA | Sept 2022 – Feb 2023

- **Provided cultural and language support for community events**
- **Offered case management and coordinated with service providers**
- **Promoted social cohesion and supported community initiatives**

Second Language Community Safety Ambassador (On Call)

City of Seattle Office of Emergency Management | Aug 2022 – Present

- **Delivered training on disaster preparedness and health topics in Amharic/Oromo**

Director

Anole Self-Help Association, Oslo, Norway | Dec 2016 – Dec 2021, Dec 2014 – Dec 2016

- **Led programs for Ethiopian refugees in Norway focusing on education, technology, and health**
- **Supervised staff and managed organizational budgets**
- **Secured funding and cultivated stakeholder relationships**

Land and Energy Resources Development Bureau, Ethiopia | 1996 – 2000

- **Served as senior advisor on environmental and water resource policy**

EDUCATION

Master's Degree, Human Geography

University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway

Bachelor of Arts Degree, Geography

University of Addis Ababa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Community Involvement Commission

Sixteen Members: Pursuant to Ordinance 125192, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 2-year terms.

- 7 City Council-appointed
- 7 Mayor-appointed
- 2 Other Appointing Authority-appointed (specify): Commission-selected

Roster:*Updated 4/9/2026

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
			1.	City Council District 1 Member		6/1/26	5/31/28		City Council
6	F	2	2.	City Council District 2 Member	Chelsea Affleck	6/1/25	5/31/27	1	City Council
6	M	3	3.	City Council District 3 Member	Timothy Turner	6/1/24	5/31/26	1	City Council
			4.	City Council District 4 Member		6/1/25	5/31/27		City Council
4	M	5	5.	City Council District 5 Member	Gabriel de los Angeles	6/1/24	5/31/26	1	City Council
			6.	City Council District 6 Member		6/1/25	5/31/27		City Council
3	M	7	7.	City Council District 7 Member	Julio Perez	6/1/24	5/31/26	1	City Council
8	F	3	8.	At-Large Member	Nada Ramadan	6/1/25	5/31/27	1	Mayor
2	F	3	9.	At-Large Member	Rachelle Olden	6/1/24	5/31/26	1	Mayor
	O	7	10.	At-Large Member	Jalen Smith	6/1/25	5/31/27	1	Mayor
			11.	At-Large Member		6/1/26	5/31/28		Mayor
6	F	5	12.	At-Large Member	Elise Herwig	6/1/25	5/31/27	1	Mayor
4	F	5	13.	At-Large Member	Heidi Morisset	6/1/24	5/31/26	1	Mayor
4	F	3	14.	Get Engaged Member	Kamryn Yanchick	9/1/25	8/31/26	1	Mayor
	F	7	15.	Commission-Selected Member	Olivia Barlow	6/1/25	5/31/27	1	Commission
2	M	2	16.	Commission-Selected Member	Negash Hassen	6/1/26	5/31/28	1	Commission

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

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			(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/ Unknown	Caucasian/ Non-Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern	Multiracial
Mayor		5		1		1		2		1		1	
Council	3	1					1	1		2			
Other	1	1				1			2				
Total	4	7		1		2	1	3	2	3		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.