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The City of Seattle – Legislative Department

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Appointment of Vera Njuguna as member, Seattle Women's Commission, for a term of confirmation to September 1, 2010.

Committee Action:

Date	Recommendation	Vote


Related Legislation File: _____

Date Introduced and Referred: 8.3.09	To: (committee): Full Council
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Date of Final Action: 8-17-09	Disposition: Confirmed

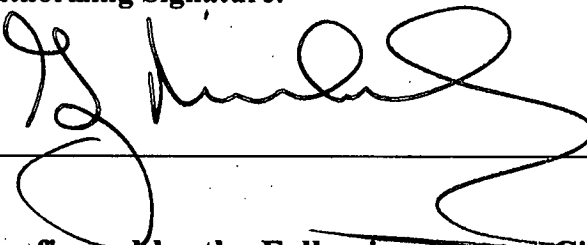

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Full Council Action:

Date	Decision	Vote
8-17-09	Confirmed	9-0

7-27-09
Date Filed with City Clerk

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**City of Seattle
Notice of Appointment**

Name: Vera Maureen Njuguna		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Agency Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Council <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Constituency
Residential Neighborhood: South Seattle	Zip Code: 98126	Contact Phone No.: 206-382-5005
Appointed to: Women's Commission Commission Member		Date of Appointment: August 17, 2009
Authority (Ord., Res.): #114897 (Get Engaged Program)		Term of Office: 1 Year From: Confirmation To: September 1st, 2010
Comments: New Appointment: Get Engaged Young Adult Position		
Authorizing Signature: 		Name and Title of Officer Making Appointments: Greg Nickels Mayor
Confirmed by the Following Vote at City Council		
In Favor: 9	Against: 0	Date: 8-17-09
Attested by: 		Title:



SEATTLE WOMEN'S COMMISSION

July, 2009

21 Commission members:

- 9 Appointed by Mayor, confirmed by City Council, 2-year terms
- 9 Appointed by City Council, 2-year terms
- 2 Appointed by the Commission, confirmed by City Council, 2-year terms
- 1 member *Get Engaged: City Boards and Commissions* program: Appointed by Mayor, confirmed by City Council –1-year term-appointed in September

	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Date Apptd</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Appointed By</u>	<u>Position</u>
(4)	Abigail Echo-Hawk	7-1-07	7-1-09	1st	Mayor	
(5)	Masha Burina	2-25-09	7-1-09	1st*	Mayor	
(5)	Carrie Evans	9-1-05	7-1-09	2nd	Mayor	
(5)	Olivia Robinson	7-1-07	7-1-09	1st	Mayor	
(2)	Eboni Colbert	7-1-06	7-1-10	2nd	Mayor	Co-Chair
(5)	Sonya Zilka	3-13-08	7-1-10	1st	Mayor	
(5)	Linnea Westerlind	2-25-09	7-1-10	1st	Mayor	
(2)	Lette Hadgu	2-25-09	7-1-10	1st	Mayor	
(5)	Kate Hubbard	2-25-09	7-1-10	1st	Mayor	
(2)	Vera Maureen Njuguna	9-1-09	9-1-10	1st	Mayor	Get Engaged
(2)	Paula Houston	7-1-06	7-1-10	2nd	City Council	
(5)	Tera Bianchi	12-12-07	7-1-10	2nd*	City Council	
(5)	Betsy McConnell-Gutierrez	3-13-08	7-1-10	2nd*	City Council	
(5)	JoAnne McGaw	7-1-06	7-1-10	2nd	City Council	
(-)	Vacant (formerly Nguyen)	--	7-1-09	1st	City Council	
(5)	Lisa Kagan	12-1-06	7-1-09	2nd*	City Council	Co-Chair
(5)	Judith Shoshana	5-1-05	7-1-09	2nd	City Council	
(5)	Dee Wakenight	12-1-06	7-1-09	2nd*	City Council	
(2)	Teddy Wright	12-12-07	7-1-09	1st	City Council	
(-)	Vacant (formerly Warner)	--	7-1-09	1st	Commission	
(-)	Vacant (formerly Pew)	--	7-1-10	1st	Commission	

	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	(1) Asian- American	(2) African- American	(3) Latino	(4) Native- American	(5) Caucasian
Mayor	0	9	0	3	0	2	0	1	6
Council	1	7	1	2	0	2	0	0	6
Commission	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Get Engaged	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Total	1	17	3	6	0	4	1	1	12

*Commissioners whose first appointments are for a term of less than twelve months are eligible to serve for two additional two-year terms.

Vera N. Njuguna

- Initiate vision in new venues to communicate through campus
- Coordinate technical information for event programmers

Treasurer [2005-2006]

Africa United [AU]

- Responsible for balancing the club's budget

Speech and Debate Team [2004-2005]

National Forensics League [NFL]

- 2nd in State for Original Oratory

VOLUNTEER

English Translator [2006]

Working with Refugees

- Assisted an immigration lawyer with translating basic rights and privileges to incoming refugees from Burundi.
- Helped with teaching some of the refugees English.

New Horizon Ministries [2009-present]

Late Night Outreach [LNO]

- Involves a yearlong commitment, working three Friday nights a month [each for at least five hours], doing outreach with women in prostitution.
- Volunteers are expected to participate in follow-up activities with the women. Follow-up with the women may include activities such as jail and hospital visitation, taking a woman to church, making referrals on case management issues, or getting together for coffee.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

National Christian Multicultural Student Leaders Conference [NCMSLC]

[2006- Anderson University, Indiana; 2008- Eastern University, Pennsylvania]

- The primary goal of the conference is to empower student leaders to embrace cultural diversity and achieve cultural competency while motivating inclusive leadership that values the contributions of all people.

University Presidential Inaugural Conference [UPIC]

[Washington DC 2009]

- The conference involved participation in the pageantry and ceremony of the 44th inauguration of the president and vice president of the United States. It was comprised of exclusive and private inaugural events and activities featuring key note speakers such as Colin Powell and Al Gore as well as interacting with White House veterans, press secretaries presidential historians, documentary film makers etc.

Service trip to Jackson, JOHN PERKINS FOUNDATION

Mississippi [2009]

- Had the opportunity to sit down with John Perkins, one of the Originators of the Christian Community Development Association [CCDA] as well as other community leaders and engage in conversation about reconciliation, justice, community development and various other issues facing America's Cities. Some of the work projects included working on one of the homes they own for the community as well as tutoring and engaging with the middle school students.

Vera N. Njuguna

ABILITIES

- Able to communicate effectively with people from a broad range of interests, cultures and ages
- Fluent in both written and verbal English and Kiswahili. Able to understand Kikuyu.
- Strong organizational and interpersonal skills
- Can work independently and as part of a team
- Professional, efficient, detail oriented and reliable
- Motivated and hardworking
- Computer Skills: Advanced skills in Word, PowerPoint, and Publisher. Intermediate skills in Excel.

EDUCATION

Seattle Pacific University

Political Science Major [concentration in International Relations]

Women's Studies Minor

2005 – Present

Renton High School

Graduated with diploma

Completed: June 2005

WORK HISTORY

Collection Assistant, October 2007- March 2009

Law offices of Robben, Blauert, Ralphs and Rohrback, Seattle

- Responsible for doing property searches, writing checks and doing postings on quicken, processing paper work to be sent to the courts and to defendants, filing and tracking service of process.

Medical Claims Data Entry, June 2007 – September 2007

Regence Blue Shield, Seattle

- Obtaining information from medical claim documents and noting the information for comparison with other insurance competitors

Job Coach Mentor, April 2006 – September 2006

WA Initiative for Supported Employment, Seattle

- Train high school students with developmental disabilities in the every day to day activities in order to help them acquire the necessary skills needed to help them in the work force

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE AND INVOLVEMENT

President [2008-2009]

Mosaic

- Facilitates core meetings and develops the vision/direction of Core
- Develops and directs meeting topics and programs
- Liaison between core and MEP and club members

Public Relations Coordinator [2007-2008]

Mosaic

- Coordinate communication between the club and campus




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Gregory J. Nickels
Mayor of Seattle

CITY CLERK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 27, 2009
TO: The Honorable Richard Conlin
President, Seattle City Council
FROM: Greg Nickels 
SUBJECT: Appointments for the Get Engaged Program 2009-2010

I am happy to forward to the City Council the following 13 appointments to the full City Council for the 2009-2010 Get Engaged Program:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Succeeding</u>
Amanda Sparr	Sept 1,	Planning	Michelle Zeidman
Daniel Carrillo	2010	CTTAB	William Little
Elizabeth Read		Pioneer Square	Miriam Hinden
Estevan Munoz- Howard		Arts	Ian Lindsey
Kelsey Jones- Casey		Bicycle Advisory	Lindsay Jennings
Lauren Hauck		Design Commission	Nathan Polanski
Marlena Blonsky		Sexual Minorities	Joseph Siddiq
Vera Maureen Njuguna		Women's	Patricia Padilla
Myer Harrell		Design Review	Kristen Clem
Nika Dahlbacka		Human Rights	Amie Do
Thai- Mai Dang		Seattle Center	Jaclyn Gault
Wendy Cho Ripp		Pedestrian Adivsory	Leanne Do
Aaron Luoma		Landmarks	Sean Peterfreund

All appointments are subject to City Council confirmation. Attached to this memorandum is the current membership rosters of the boards and commissions including the new appointees.

The appointments' bios for all new appointees are as follows:

Amanda Sparr

Amanda has five years of public involvement experience, most recently for the Washington State Department of Transportation. Amanda joined Norton- Arnold & Company in July 2007, and has been working on the Communications Audit for the



Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, WSDOT's I-405 Kirkland Nickel Project, and King County's Hidden Lake Pump Station project.

Amanda has a Bachelors Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Eastern Washington University, Cheney, WA. She is very interested in sustainability and sustainable planning.

Daniel Carrillo

Daniel Carrillo currently works at Jumpstart WA at the University of Washington as an Associate Site Manager. Daniel is passionate about how to make technology better and safer for all people. He believes good technology is a great way to build community. Daniel has a passion for serving the community and providing all residents with better technology access especially youth. He has done extensive volunteer and service work including participating in the Seattle Works Bridge program.

Elizabeth Read

Elizabeth Read has had a deep interest in and involvement with the social sector for many years in both professional and volunteer capacities. A 2006 graduate of the University of Washington with a BA in History and a minor in Medical History and Ethics, she was awarded a Students in Service scholarship during her final year as an undergraduate for her long-standing volunteer affiliation with the ROOTS youth shelter.

She currently works as a Program Assistant for MGS Consulting, Inc., an organizational development consulting firm dedicated to strengthening organizations whose work contributes to community, progress, and innovation. She believes that landmark preservation is important because it provides an opportunity to preserve interesting and significant portions of our local history which adds tremendous substance and character to our communities.

Estevan Munoz-Howard

Estevan Munoz-Howard has been with Youth Media Institute since April of 2008. Although he is no technological wizard, he has always been interested in media and is looking forward to improving his technical skills alongside YMI youth. Estevan has long known that his future would involve civic engagement and working with young people, and YMI offers a perfect blend of both.

Estevan graduated from the University of Puget Sound in 2004 with a BA in Political Theory. It was during one of his political science classes at UPS that he first became interested in the concept of social capital and it was then that he realized his professional calling lay in the nonprofit sector. He has a passion for digital arts and is interested in the intersections between art and technology.

Kelsey Jones- Casey

Kelsey Jones- Casey most recently was working as Conference Coordinator: for the Immigrant and Refugee Conference where the University WA hosted the largest dialogue of immigrant and refugee issues in WA state. Kelsey just finished studying at the University of Washington, Master's of Public Affairs, Certificate in International Relief

and Development. Her studies focused on community development, and she considers bike transportation a key piece for community development. Kelsey is passionate about biking and bicycle transportation education.

She herself is an untraditional bike commuter and she is committed to outreach to low-income residents especially newly arrived immigrants and refugees.

Lauren Hauck

Lauren Hauck has been a Landscape/Urban Designer at EDAW|AECOM for the past four years. She is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania's Masters of Landscape Architecture program and the University of Delaware's Landscape Horticulture program. As a LEED Accredited Professional and Chair of the Cascadia Chapter of the Congress for the New Urbanism, she believes in conservation, preservation, sustainable development and redevelopment actions throughout the region such that they support neighborhoods and communities to be diverse, pedestrian oriented, accessible, vibrant, and environmentally responsible.

Marlena Blonsky

Marlena Blonsky is a 2008 graduate from the University of Washington with a Bachelors degree in Women Studies. She currently works as an Export Support Specialist for Expeditors International of Washington, where she has been for the past year helping in the Global Logistics Industry. Marley is currently involved in the planning committee for Kolenu, Hillel's group for young GBLT Jews in Seattle. She is an active volunteer with Lifelong AIDS Alliance.

Marley's ambitions for her time on commission include working to create more safe, friendly spaces for queers of all ages, ensuring job equity, and getting healthcare rights for all people. Marley hopes to use her extensive social network to encourage more young people to become civically active and stand up for their rights.

Vera Njuguna

Having been born and raised in Nairobi, Kenya for the first thirteen years of her life, Vera has come to appreciate the journey that we all have to take to find our purpose in life. Her family was considered homeless for the first six months of their residency in Connecticut to her now graduating from Seattle Pacific University with her bachelor's degree in Political Science [Int'l Affairs track] and a minor in Women's studies. Accepting challenges and overcoming them is the foundation of her life experiences and something she does with confidence. Vera also understands the importance and the great need of having compassion to help those who may not be in a position to help themselves. She has a passion for justice and equal opportunity because she understands that it is only by the grace of God and the help of her community that she is currently standing as a fresh college graduate who has the vigor to 'change the world' and be a community leader.

Myer Harrell

In addition to his current role as architectural project coordinator at Weber Thompson in Seattle, Myer is an Emerging Green Builder with a strong interest in integrative design and empowering young professionals.

He was a member of the design team for *Eco-laboratory*, a Living Building concept awarded first place in the USGBC 2008 Natural Talent Design Competition. In May 2009, Myer was part of the runner-up team for Metropolis Magazine's *Next Generation Design Competition*, with a concept about communicating sustainable design to a larger audience. He is co-chair of the Seattle AIA Practice/Ethics committee. He received his Master in Architecture degree at the University of Washington, Seattle and his Bachelor of Science in Architecture with a Philosophy citation at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Nika Dahlbacka

Nika Dahlbacka currently works at Boeing as a Procurement agent. She has lived in Seattle for 3 years and has been very involved as a volunteer in the community. She has volunteered at First Place, First A.M.E Child and Family Center, Washington Citizen Action, The Burke Museum of Natural History and other organizations connected with the University of Washington. Nika has a strong commitment to the celebration of diversity and pursuit of equality as the highest of community values. She did an internship with the Boeing "737" Diversity Council which she describes as "allowing me to do what I love most-- work to level the playing field by expanding awareness of subtle forms of discrimination that still exist in the workplace". Nika is an advocate of community based sustainable development and is passionate about creating a community that is equitable.

Thai-Mai Dang

Currently a student at UW majoring in Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology, Thai-Mai Dang is also President of the Interfraternity Council at University of Washington and a member of Sigma Nu fraternity. He is very passionate about leadership and looks at this opportunity as another way to gain additional leadership skills. Thai is an active community builder and is very interested in representing his communities' demographics. He has great knowledge of the strengths and challenges facing Seattle Center and is excited to work in the coming year with the board.

Wendy Cho Ripp

Wendy Cho Ripp was born an army brat at Ft. Lewis, WA. After graduating from Garfield High School in Seattle, she studied abroad in Seoul, Beijing and London. Wendy earned her BA in Chinese and Politics at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. Currently, Wendy is the Development Director at the Washington Bus. The Washington Bus engages tomorrow's leaders on their own terms, and empowers them through education, civic and cultural engagement, and hands-on democracy. Wendy is interested in serving on the Board to support pedestrian activity and public safety. She is passionate about ensuring that facilities have pedestrian access for people with disabilities.

Aaron Luoma

Aaron attended graduate school at the University of Washington where he received a Master's in Landscape Architecture and a certificate in Historic Preservation. He has specialized in parks, recreation, transportation and waterfront projects

His consideration for the end user, careful sight analysis and attention to every detail ensures his projects will not only represent quality design but become a valued asset to the community. Aaron's expertise includes context-sensitive design, historic preservation, recreation design, presentation graphics, construction documents, cost estimating and long-term maintenance programs.

He is praised for his strong organization, ability to present information clearly, and to integrate the character of the community into the overall design process. He has strong knowledge of historic preservation and the current work of the Board.

Attachments

cc: Wayne Barnett, Executive Director, Ethics and Elections Commission
Kristine Kertson, Administrator, Boards and Commissions, Mayor's Office