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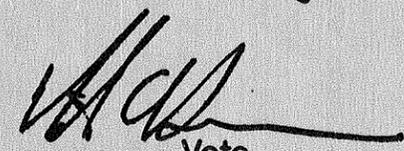
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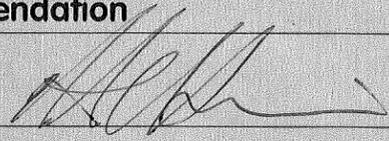
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**Committee Action:** 

Date	Recommendation	Vote
<b>3/9/10</b>	<b>Pass</b> <u></u>	<b>40-0</b> MO, RC BH, TB

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**Full Council Action:**

Date	Decision	Vote
<b>3-15-10</b>	<b>Passed</b>	<b>7-0</b> <i>(Excused: Clark, Conliss)</i>

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NOW, THEREFORE,



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**Chapter 3.67 – Seattle Youth Commission**

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17 its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten (10) days  
18 after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

19          Passed by the City Council the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010, and  
20 signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this  
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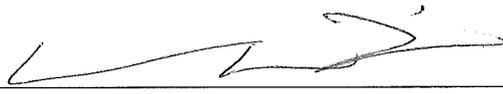
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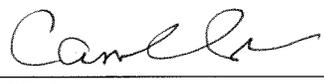


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Approved by me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2010

  
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Michael McGinn, Mayor

Filed by me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2010.

  
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City Clerk

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• **Summary of the Legislation:**

This legislation creates the Seattle Youth Commission (referred to here as the Commission), an advisory body of 25 youth from the 13 neighborhood districts as defined by District Council system of the Department of Neighborhoods (DON). The Commission will inform the Mayor and the City Council on policy matters, including but not limited to policies that directly affect youth. The Commission will be supported by staff from DON, who will provide recommendations for appointment every year to the Mayor and the City Council. Members of the Commission will serve one-year terms that may be renewed. This legislation repeals two chapters of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) that relate to similar commissions that have been inactive for over 15 years.

- **Background:** *(Include brief description of the purpose and context of legislation and include record of previous legislation and funding history, if applicable):*

SMC currently establishes two commissions related to children and youth. The first, the Seattle-King County Youth Commission, was established in 1964 and went defunct at an unknown period. The second, the Commission on Children and Youth, was established in 1986 but was disbanded in about 1991.

In 2003, former Mayor Nickels created the Mayor's Youth Council (MYC) and provided staff support for this body from the Mayor's office. This legislation codifies and renames the MYC as the Seattle Youth Commission in order to ensure its longevity and encourage more interaction between the youth and the Mayor and the City Council. In the City of Seattle 2010 adopted budget, position authority was added to the Department of Neighborhoods to staff the commission.

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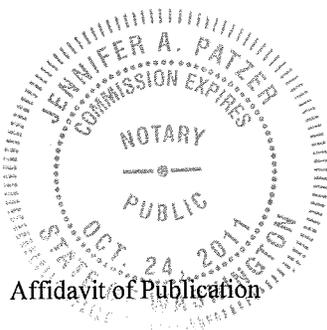
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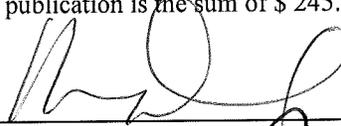
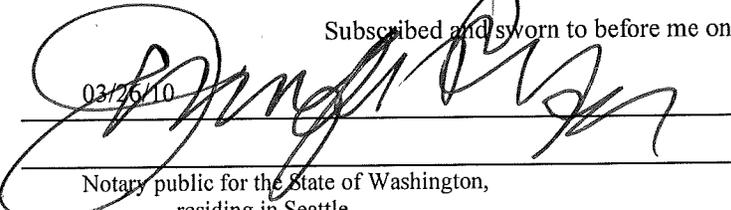
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## City of Seattle

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Richard Conlin

President of the City Council

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