City of Seattle
Notice of Appointment

Name: M. Lorena González		☐ **Executive Appointment** ☐ **Reappointment** ☒ **Legislative Appointment** ☐ **Agency Appointment** ☐ **PDA Council** ☐ **PDA Constituency**
Residential Neighborhood: West Seattle	**Zip Code:** 98116	**Contact Phone No.:** n/a
Appointed to: Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission		**Date of Appointment:** July 16, 2012
Authority (Ord., Res.): Ordinance 116005		**Term of Office:** **From:** July 23, 2012 **To:** December 31, 2013

Background:

M. Lorena González is an attorney with Schroeter, Goldmark & Bender. Lorena focuses her practice on representing individuals who have been victimized by people in authority positions. Lorena has litigated numerous employment cases, including discrimination and wage and hour class actions, in state and federal court. Lorena is a Past President of the Latina/o Bar Association of Washington's (LBAW) Board of Directors and was a member of that board from 2003–2008. In 2004, she was the recipient of LBAW's *Outstanding Member of the Year* award and was the youngest member and the only law student in the history of LBAW to receive that award.

She is a 2005 honors graduate of Seattle University School of Law and was the 2011 recipient of the school's Alumni Service Award. Lorena is fluent in Spanish and is the daughter of immigrant parents from Mexico. She was born in Prosser, Washington, and grew up in Washington's Lower Yakima Valley where she and her family worked as migrant farm workers. She is the first and only attorney in her family.

Authorizing Signature:	**Name and Title of Officer Making Appointments:** Councilmember Tim Burgess

COUNCIL CLERK

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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

SCHROETER GOLDMARK & BENDER, *Attorney*, 03/19/2007-Present. Litigate all stages of plaintiff's civil rights, employment, wage/hour class actions, sexual assault and personal injury litigation in federal and state court, including trials, legal research, briefs, motions practice, oral argument, discovery, depositions and mediations. Admitted to practice in Washington and the United States District Court in Western and Eastern Districts and the Ninth Circuit United States Court of Appeals.

GORDON THOMAS HONEYWELL, *Associate Attorney*, 09/06/2005-03/16/2007. Litigated all stages of plaintiff's civil litigation, employment discrimination, medical malpractice and personal injury, including motions practice, discovery, appeals, mediations, arbitrations and settlement conferences. Included both federal and state court.

COMMUNITY SERVICE & AWARDS

- *Awardee*, Thomas C. Wales Foundation, 2012
- *Alumni Service Award*, Seattle University School of Law, 2011
- *Distinguished Service Award*, Washington State Bar Association Civil Rights Section, 2010
- *Rising Star in Employment Law*, Washington Law & Politics, 2010, 2011, 2012
- *Top Lawyers Under 40*, Hispanic National Bar Association, 2009
- *President*, OneAmerica Votes Board of Directions, 2010-present
- *Vice President*, OneAmerica Board of Directors, 2008-Present
- *Co-Founder & Co-Chair*, Latino Political Action Committee of Washington, 2006-Present
- *President* (2007), *Director* (2003-2008), Latina/o Bar Association of Washington Board of Directors
- *Member*, Seattle Mayor's Police Accountability Review Panel, 06/2007-01/2008
- *Director & Chair of Programs Committee*, Seattle University School of Law Alumni Board, 2006-2010

EDUCATION

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Seattle, Washington

- Juris Doctor, *Cum Laude*, May 2005
- Recipient, Outstanding Member of the Year, Latina/o Bar Association of Washington, 2005
- Recipient, Commitment & Dedication Award, Latina/o Law Student Association, 2004
- Founder, Law Student Liaison, Latina/o Bar Association of Washington, 2004
- Representative, Hispanic National Bar Association Law Student Division, 2004
- Director, Latina/o Law Student Association, 2003-2004
- Recipient, Who's Who Among American Law Students, 2003-2004
- Recipient, Puget Sound Area Minority Clerkship, 2003

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY, Pullman, Washington

- Bachelor of Arts, May 1999
- Major: Business Administration / Focus: Law & Public Policy
- Volunteer, WSU's Disability Resource Center, 1998-1999
- Volunteer, WSU's Children Center, 1998-1999
- Volunteer, Palouse Hills Nursing Center, 1998-1999
- Organizer, Women's Educational Seminar Series, 1997-1998

LANGUAGE

- Spanish, fluent

Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission

July 2012

Seven members: Per Ordinance 116005, all subject to City Council confirmation; **3-year** terms

- 3 appointed by Mayor
- 3 appointed by City Council
- 1 appointed by Commission members

D	G	Name	Appointed	Term Ends	Term #	Appointed By
3	M	González, Lorena	7-16-12	12-31-13	1	City Council
6	M	Carter, Bruce	2-21-12	12-31-14	1	City Council
6	F	Iglitzin, Lynne	8-16-10	12-31-12	2	City Council
6	M	Cohan, Richard	8-16-10	12-31-12	1	Commission
6	M	Sherman, Bill	12-01-11	12-31-14	2	Mayor
5	M	Burney, Tarik	2-08-10	12-31-12	2	Mayor
3	M	Mendoza, David	11-29-10	12-31-13	1	Mayor

Diversity:

Appt. Authority	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	(1) Asian-American	(2) African-American	(3) Hispanic	(4) Native-American	(5) Other	(6) Caucasian
Mayor	3	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	1
Council	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Commission	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	*5*	*2*	*0*	*3*	*0*	*0*	*2*	*0*	*1*	*4*