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City of Seattle

Notice of Appointment

Name: <i>Yazmin Mehdi</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Agency Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Council <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Constituency
Residential Neighborhood: Queen Anne	Zip Code: 98119	Contact Phone No.: n/a
Appointed to: <i>Board of Park Commissioner</i>		Date of Appointment: <i>March 7, 2012</i>
Authority (Ord., Res.): <i>Ordinance 123803</i>		Term of Office From: Confirmation To: 3/31/2015
Background: <i>Is this a NEW or RE-appointment? NEW</i> Yazmin Mehdi is a graduate of Harvard University and received her Master of Public Policy from the University of Michigan. Ms. Mehdi has served the City of Seattle as fiscal and policy analyst in the City Budget Office; as a special assistant to the Mayor for Arts and Culture; as a Special Assistant to the City Librarian for Strategic Planning & Projects; and as Director of the Seattle Public Library Foundation's Community Programs and Events. In the early 1990s, she helped develop Seattle Parks Department's Comprehensive Plan. Most recently, she was the Director of Business Development and Marketing for Crosscut.com, a local online newspaper. Ms. Mehdi is on the governing board of Seattle's Town Hall, a non-profit that presents and produces civic and cultural programming and the Board of Queen Anne Elementary PTSA, and has served on the board of Hilltop Children's Center, the Washington Community Alliance for Self-Help (CASH); and the Library Council of Washington.		
Authorizing Signature: 		Name and Title of Officer Making Appointments: Mayor Mike McGinn

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YAZMIN FATIMA MEHDI

WORK EXPERIENCE

Crosscut.com. Seattle, Washington, February 2007-April 2009

Director, Business Development & Marketing. Developed business relationships and marketing strategies for online news site focusing on local issues and analysis. Sold advertising, helped raise investor funds, and managed financial operations. Blogged occasionally.

The Seattle Public Library Foundation. Seattle, Washington, January 2005-February 2007

Director, Community Programs & Events. Managed the community programs staff to plan, promote and implement literary, humanities, youth and cultural programs, events, workshops and classes for library patrons. Managed events services staff to promote the rental of library spaces and host private meetings, receptions and other events with the aim of subsidizing library programs. Oversaw the library's docent program. Led interdepartmental teams to develop strategies for enhancing and expanding library programs, and for serving the City's immigrants and refugees. Responsible for budget with diverse funding sources, and raising funds for programs. Acted as the library's liaison to the Friends of The Seattle Public Library including board meetings, retreats and coordination with the board president.

The Seattle Public Library. Seattle, Washington, March 2000-December 2004

Special Assistant to the City Librarian for Strategic Planning & Projects. Managed special projects for the city librarian including move of the central library to temporary quarters and back to the new library, budget development, and strategy development for serving the Library's immigrants and refugees. Managed ad hoc teams and committees to achieve defined goals for each of the projects. Wrote and implemented policies related to the library's art collection, including accessioning and de-accessioning artworks. Supervised events services staff and rental of library spaces. Acted as liaison to the Friends of The Seattle Public Library.

Mayor's Office. Seattle, Washington, June 1998-February 2000

Special Assistant to the Mayor for Arts & Culture. Led Mayor Paul Schell's arts task force, comprised of stakeholders from the arts community, to enhance funding and promotion of the arts. Managed public and media communications on arts issues. Advised Mayor on issues pertaining to arts policy, immigrants and refugees, and related city departments and programs: Seattle Center, Library, Seattle Arts Commission, Aquarium, Zoo, and Sand Point. Represented the Mayor at public events.

City Budget Office. Seattle, Washington, Summer 1993, June 1994-May 1998

Senior Fiscal and Policy Analyst. Reviewed assigned department work programs. Served as liaison between department and both the Mayor's Office and City Council. Handled conflicts between departments, high profile policy issues, and politically sensitive issues. Analyzed department budgets. Reviewed department legislation, contracts, budget transfer requests and personnel action requests. Led interdepartmental teams and workgroups on issues as needed, wrote reports and presented analyses to Mayor and City Council. Developed fiscal notes for capital projects, made recommendations to Mayor and defended to City Council. Assisted with selection and supervision of office interns. Assignments: Municipal Court (2/98-5/98), Police (12/97-5/98); City Light (6/95-12/97); Department of Administrative Services (9/94-5/95); Police & Fire Pension Funds, Employees' Retirement System, and Ethics & Elections Commission (6/94-5/95).

Department of Parks and Recreation. Seattle, Washington, August 1990-July 1992

Planning and Program Development Specialist I. Participated in analysis and development of department's 20-year Comprehensive Plan, including open space analyses. Conducted other analyses.

Microsoft Corporation. Redmond, Washington, October 1991-July 1992, Summer 1993

Writer/Content Development. Researched and wrote articles for *Encarta*. Developed multimedia content for social science, religion and philosophy topics.

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VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Town Hall. March 2007-present

Serve on governing board for non-profit that presents and produces civic, cultural and other programming for Seattle. Chair of strategic planning. Participate in finance committee.

Queen Anne Elementary PTSA. August 2010-present (term ends June 2012)

Treasurer. Helped to charter the PTSA of a brand new public school, including filing incorporation documents, government licenses, and 501c3 status. Produce financial reports on a monthly basis, manage funds, pay bills and taxes, and advise the board on financial matters.

Queen Anne/Coe/Lowell Elementary Schools. September 2005-present

Classroom volunteer.

Hilltop Children's Center. October 2006-December 2008

Served on board of childcare center. Led search for new executive director. Served as treasurer during capital campaign to support the center's first move in 30 years.

Washington Community Alliance for Self-Help (CASH). June 2004-October 2005

Served on governing board for non-profit which provides business training, technical assistance, and micro-credit lending services to low income women, people with disabilities, and immigrants and refugees to start or expand self-employment ventures. Chaired program committee.

Library Council of Washington. January 2002-December 2004

Participated in advisory council to the Washington State Library, which allocates federal funding to libraries in the state, and helps to set priorities for state efforts on behalf of libraries.

EDUCATION

University of Michigan. Master of Public Policy, April 1994.

Interdisciplinary program emphasizing economic, quantitative, and political analysis of public policy issues.

Concentrated in domestic policy, with particular emphasis on information technology and urban development. Rackham Merit Fellow. Admissions Committee, Student Association Committee Chair.

Harvard University. A.B. cum laude Social Studies, Latin American Studies Certificate, June 1990.

Interdisciplinary program in political science, economics, and history. Senior honors thesis earned magna cum laude.

Elizabeth Cary Agassiz Certificate of Merit, Harvard College Scholarship, and Alexander and Victoria Wiley Scholarship for academic excellence. Carroll F. Getchell Manager of the Year Award for significant contributions to Harvard managerial program. Coordinated management program, including staff of six, for Varsity, J.V., and Freshman football teams for the 1986-1989 seasons. Lowell House intramural crew.

Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico City. Certificate in Mexican Culture, August 1988.

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Fluent in Spanish, some knowledge of Hindi and German. Trained as a facilitator. Enjoy books, movies and running.

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

Board of Park Commissioners

January 2012

Nine members: Per Ordinance 123803, all subject to City Council confirmation, three-year terms

- 4 Appointed by City Council
- 4 Appointed by Mayor
- 1 Appointed by Get Engaged Program

D*	G	Name	Appointed	Term Ends	Term #	Position	Appointed By
		Last, First	09/00/11	09/00/13	1 st		
	M	Maryman, Brice	2/12	3/31/2015	1st	1	Mayor
	M	Barber, John	5/07	3/31/2013	2 nd	2	Council
	F	Kincaid, Diana	5/09	3/31/2013	2nd	3	Mayor
Y	F	Angulo, Antoinette	3/11	3/31/2014	1st	4	Council
Y	F	Keith, Jourdan	5/09	3/31/2014	2nd	5	Mayor
	F	Wright, Barbara	2/12	3/31/2015	1st	6	Council
Y	F	Mehdi, Yazmin	3/12	3/31/2015	1st	7	Mayor
	F	Megan Healke	3/12	3/31/2015	1st	8	Council
		Vacant		3/31/2013		9	Get Engaged Program

(Roster is sorted by appt authority, term end date and last name.)

*Diversity

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)			
	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	Asian-American	African-American	Hispanic Latin@	Native-American	Other**	Caucasian
Mayor	1	3		2	1	1				2
Council	1	3		1			1			3
Other Bodies			1							
Total	2	5	1	3	1	1	1			5

***Other includes diversity in any of the following: race, gender and/or ability*