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City of Seattle
Notice of Appointment

Name: Habtamu M. Abdi		☐ **Executive Reappointment** ☒ **Legislative Appointment** ☐ **Agency Appointment** ☐ **PDA Council** ☐ **PDA Constituency**
Residential Neighborhood: **Seward Park**	**Zip Code:** **98118**	**Contact Phone No.:** **(206) 334-3876**
Appointed to: **Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission**		**Date of Appointment:** **1/31/2013**
Authority (Ord., Res.): **Ordinance 122441** **Ordinance 123822**		**Term of Office:** **From: Confirmation** **To: 01/31/2015**

Comments:

Habtamu M. Abdi earned his L.L. M. in Law of International Sustainable Development from the University of Washington and a Master's degree in Human Rights Law from St. Thomas University in Florida.

As a public outreach and engagement liaison for East African refugees, Habtamu founded and currently serves as the Director of the Center for East African Community Affairs, a community organization dedicated to working with East African immigrants and refugees in areas of immigration, housing, employment, and computer literacy.

Habtamu is committed to alleviating the problems faced by immigrants and refugees, as well as addressing the information and technology gap many members of this community have experienced.

Authorizing Signature: Bruce A. Harrell	**Name and Title of Officer Making Appointment:** Councilmember Bruce A. Harrell

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HABTAMU M. ABDI

Seattle, WA 98118
206-334-3876

Objective:
Well trained and experienced social worker seeking to secure a position as the Citizens' Telecommunications and Technology Advisory Board (CTTAB).

EDUCATION:

University of Washington, Seattle WA, June, 2010
L.L. M: Law of International Sustainable Development
St. Thomas University, Miami Gardens, FL September 2008
MA: Human Right Law
ADDIS ABABA UNIVERSITY, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia August 2006
B.A: Sociology and Social Anthropology

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- 5+ years experienced in dynamic, result-oriented, human rights law and sociology educated in multi-lingual professional;
- Multilingual Proficient in (English, and two East African languages)
- In-depth knowledge of community capacity building, social work, community engagement and public outreach coordination.
- Well aware of city government, procedures, strategies and city policies
- Key advocate for the needs of immigrants and refugee youths and their families.
- Excellent analytical, detail oriented, multi-task, communication, teamwork and able to work well independently.
- Experience in policy development; management of policy implementation, advocacy and community development.
- Analyzes and investigates diverse and complex quantitative and qualitative data from a wide range of sources.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE
***CENTER FOR EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY AFFARS (CEACA);* October 2010- Present**
Founder & Director community-based not-for profit organization;.

- Closely working with East African immigrants and refugees in areas of immigration, housing, after school tutoring and crime prevention.
- Providing mentoring programs to vulnerable refugees and immigrants in coordination with different city departments and agencies.
- Supervise day-to-day activities of the center and overlook financial affairs
- Provide business training to women; Community planning and empowerment.
- Determine impacts of domestic violence and suggest remedial actions and preventive framework among refugees
- Operates a computers, maintain records and generate reports using excel and words
- Organize special events, including volunteer participation, plan and coordinate outreach programs.

Seattle Neighborhood Group (SNG) February 2012- Present
Public Outreach and Engagement Liaison (POEL) for the city of Seattle.

- Closely working with the Department of Neighborhood on various projects where community outreach is needed
- Serve as the community liaison with East African refugees and Immigrants to promote timely information exchange, coordinate collaborative efforts, and establish resource links and community partnerships.
- Closely working with Seattle Office of Civil Rights on fair housing.
- Closely working with Seattle Parks and recreation on "Parks Legacy Plan."

King County Superior Court

East African Languages Interpreter and Translator January 2011-Present

- Closely working with the king County Superior Court for the interpretations of East African languages
- Conduct legal and general interpreting for courthouse, and their clients.
- Assess and monitor clients' understanding of information conveyed.
- Record and monitor interpretation activities according to courts' standards.
- Maintain confidentiality in all matters related to cases

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF LAW
Research Assistant September 2009-October 2010

- Closely worked with the head of Asian Law Center professor Jonathan Eddy
- Coordinated and performed a range of stuff as well as operational support activities for the department
- Provided administrative/secretarial support for the department/division such as answering telephones, assisting visitors, and resolving and referring a range of administrative problems and inquiries.

OROMO COMMUNITY CENTER OF SEATTLE
Head of Communication Affairs June 2009- September 2010

- Worked as head of communication affairs for the community
- Responsible for coordinating various community forums among East African Refugees and Immigrants.
- Closely worked with Seattle School district, department of neighborhoods and City of Seattle in general
- Organized special events, including volunteer participation, plan and coordinate outreach programs.
- Secured grants from Seattle School district and wisely administered for the intended purpose.
- Provided rigorous trainings and family night forums for East African youths and immigrants.

CATHOLIC CHURCH DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, ETHIOPIA
Development Project Facilitator January 2003- March 2006

- Responsible to keep track of any violation of human rights laws by any organization
- Coordinate with children and woman welfare groups to fight against cases of women and child abuses and injustice
- Supervised the work of the police and law enforcement unit to ensure the suspects under trial are treated well and are not subject to any physical and mental abuse
- Reviewed the recruitment polices and employee benefits schemes of the organization and checked its compliance with the human right regulations
- Conducted seminars and programs on human rights and equal opportunity laws
- Recommended suitable solutions to minimize the impacts of droughts hazards, inter –ethnic conflicts and mass displacement.
- Responsible for managing a portfolio of support groups and special events requiring the highest level of customer service and event expertise.

HONORS, AWARDS& AFFILIATION

- William Gates Scholarship winner of the year (2010), University of Washington School of Law, Seattle WA.
- The Siegfried Wiessner Intercultural Human Rights Essay Award winner, St. Thomas University School of Law, Florida.
- The Crouch-Kielsgard Human Rights Scholarship winner, St. Thomas University School of Law, Miami Florida.
- Arya Laghaie Human right award winner of the year, St. Thomas University School of Law, Miami FL.

REFERENCES:

1. **Sebhat Tena**
   City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods
   Neighborhood Plan Update Strategic Advisor
   206-733-9977

2. Magdaleno Rose -Avila
   Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs
   City Hall 6th floor
   P.O.Box 94745
   Seattle, WA 98124-4745
   (206) 233-3886

Immigrant and Refugee Commission

April 2013

15 Members: Who are confirmed by City Council and serve a term of two years. **3 term maximum.**

- 8 appointed by Mayor
- 7 appointed by City Council

D		Member	I/R	Y	Term #	First Appointed	Term Ends	Position #	Appointing Body
1	M	Shree Ram Dahal	Y		2	7/11/11	1/31/15	2	Council
2	M	Habtamu M. Abdi	Y		1	1/31/13	1/31/15	4	Council
4	F	Dori C. Cahn			1	1/31/13	1/31/15	10	Council
1	M	Simon M-S Khin	Y		1	1/31/13	1/31/15	8	Council
6	F	Mariya Kochubey	Y	Y	1	1/31/13	1/31/15	14	Council
6	F	Natasha A. Savage	Y		1	1/31/13	1/31/15	6	Council
		Vacant						12	Council
1	M	Justin Chan		Y	1	1/31/13	1/31/15	3	Mayor
1	F	Maria E (Maru) Mora Villalpando	Y		1	1/31/13	1/31/15	11	Mayor
2	F	Tsegaba Woldehaimanot	Y	Y	2	5/13/11	1/31/15	1	Mayor
1	F	Jennifer Calleja	Y		1	1/31/13	1/31/15	5	Mayor
4	F	Devon Alisa Abdallah, Ph.D			3	12/13/07	1/31/14	9	Mayor
4	F	Roxana Norouzi			1	1/31/13	1/31/15	7	Mayor
2	M	Mohamed Sheikh Hassan	Y		2	12/22/10	1/31/14	15	Mayor
2	M	Michael Neguse	Y		2	12/22/10	1/31/14	13	Mayor

*Diversity*before vacancies*

Appointed by:	Total		Youth		*I/R		US Born Minority		API (1)		African (2)		Latin@ (3)		Mid-East (4)		Other (5)		E European (6)		Vacancies
Subtotal	*14*		*3*		*10*		*4*		*5*		*4*		*2*		*3*		*0*		*2*		*1*
Gender	Women	Men	W	M	W	M	W	M	M	W	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	
Mayor	5	3	1	1	3	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council	3	3	1	0	2	3	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1
Total	8	6	2	1	5	5	3	1	3	2	1	3	2	0	3	0.	0	0	2	0	1