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City of Seattle
Notice of Appointment

Name: Natasha A. Savage		☐ **Executive Reappointment** ☒ **Legislative Appointment** ☐ **Agency Appointment** ☐ **PDA Council** ☐ **PDA Constituency**
Residential Neighborhood: **West Seattle**	**Zip Code:** **98136**	**Contact Phone No.:** **(206) 932-5820**
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:

Natasha Savage has been an active player in the pursuit of immigrant rights in the Puget Sound area for the past twenty years. During her work with the International Rescue Committee, she assisted new immigrants and refugees with resettlement in Seattle, and helped them gain access to basic services. As an interpreter with Dynamic language center, she provided services to noncitizen clients from Eastern Europe at public and private institutions throughout the State of Washington.

During her tenure as the Limited English Proficiency Coordinator with the Department of Social and Health Services, she had the opportunity to coordinate the implementation of the refugee resettlement program, which allowed her to become well-acquainted with members of many immigrant communities in the region and participate in resolving problems faced by immigrant communities on a large scale.

Finally, her membership in the Ethnic Heritage Council, Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce, and the Eastern-European American Chamber of Commerce has given her a unique perspective of the day to day issues confronted by immigrant entrepreneurs and the benefits of bringing immigrant communities together.

Natasha earned her Masters of Education, as well as a Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics (English and French) from Baku State University of Languages in Baku, Azerbaijan.

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

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Natasha A. Savage

EDUCATION

BAKU STATE UNIVERSITY OF LANGUAGES | Baku, Azerbaijan
Master of Education | 1982 to 1984

BAKU STATE UNIVERSITY OF LANGUAGES | Baku, Azerbaijan
Bachelor of Arts, Linguistics, English and French | 1979 to 1982

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

EASTERN-EUROPEAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | 2009 to present | Seattle, WA
President: Established organizational goals and policies. Oversaw operations. Presided over board meetings and reported to members on chamber projects and operations. Organized immigrant/refugee community outreach programs. Negotiated membership agreements. Coordinated networking events with local business leaders. Conducted informational seminars for investors and local political leaders. Led business exchange delegations to Russia.

RSVP REAL ESTATE, INC. | 2001 to present | Seattle, WA
Real Estate Broker: Represented home buyers and sellers in real estate transactions. Executed purchase and sale agreements. Negotiated agreement terms with other brokers. Supervised staff. Prepared market reports and analyses for clients. Coordinated client interactions with mortgage brokers, escrow services, and title services. Represented corporate clients and builders in commercial real estate transactions.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, REGION 4, COMMUNITY Services Division | 2001 to 2006 | Seattle, WA
Limited English Proficiency Coordinator: Coordinated refugee resettlement program implementation. Reviewed and established regional policy goals. Reported to the Director of Community Services Division on case status and immigrant/refugee issues. Resolved conflicts and responded to complaints involving immigrants and refugees. Worked with employment agencies and immigrant/refugee resettlement offices. Led meetings and made presentations to social workers, supervisors, and directors.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICE | 1995 to 2001 | Bellevue, WA
Case Worker: Assisted members of immigrant and refugee populations obtain benefits, jobs, and public services. Managed client cases. Responded to information requests concerning DSHS benefits and programs. Prepared benefit applications. Interviewed applicants to determine benefit eligibility and conducted benefit eligibility reviews.

INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE | 1991-1995 | Seattle, WA
Case Manager: Managed refugee resettlement cases. Assisted immigrants and refugees resettle in the United States, obtain employment, and apply for benefits. Educated newly arrived immigrants and refugees about local customs and institutions. Prepared immigration forms and coordinated client communications with the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Maintained conduct with clients after resettlement to ensure that needs were met. Reported to regional director on case progress and status. Gave presentations to immigrant community leaders and members of immigrant communities.

DYNAMIC LANGUAGE CENTER | 1991-1995 | Seattle, WA
Interpreter/Translator: Interpreted at various medical and public service institutions, including the Department of Social and Health Services and the University of Washington Medical Center. Certified by the State of Washington as a Russian language medical and social interpreter.

Memberships and Appointments

Ethnic Heritage Council | Seattle, WA
Board of Directors, Member | 2009 to present

International Real Estate Federation | Seattle, WA
Vice-President of Northwest Chapter | 2009 to present

Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce, Urban Enterprise Center | Seattle, WA
Policy Committee, Chair | 2010 to 2011

Washington State Association of Realtors | Bellevue, WA
Board of Directors, Member | 2004 to 2006

Language Skills

Native fluency in the Russian language, to include speaking, reading, and writing.

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		(1) API		(2) African		(3) Latin@		(4) Mid-East		(5) Other		(6) E European		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