City of Seattle

Notice of Appointment

Name: **Elaine LaFontaine**		☐ **Executive Appointment** ☐ **Reappointment** ☒ **Legislative Appointment** ☐ **Agency Appointment** ☐ **PDA Council** ☐ **PDA Constituency**
Residential Neighborhood: Northwest	**Zip Code:** 98133	**Contact Phone No.:** 206-233-2656 (Sol)
Appointed to: Seattle Youth Commission		**Date of Appointment:** June 24th, 2013
Authority (Ord., Res.): CB 116791, SMC 3.67		**Term of Office** **From:** Confirmation **To:** May 31st, 2014
Background: **1st year, from Ballard or Ingraham High School; freshman next year.**		
Authorizing Signature:		**Name and Title of Officer Making Appointments:** Councilmember Sally Bagshaw

Elaine LaFontaine

High school: Ballard
Grade next year: Freshman
Gender: Female

Will you need any special arrangements to be able to participate in Youth Commission meetings? No

Please list and describe any groups or organizations that you're currently involved with or that you plan to be involved with next year.
I am attending track, orchestra and gymnastics this year and for next year. Next year, I plan to be involved in cheerleading and in the Youth Commission (if fortunate enough to be accepted).

1. Why do you want to become a member of the Seattle Youth Commission? It is important to me to hear what other students have to say and the issues they are going through. I am interested in their experiences because i want to be able to help them by bringing their issues to our city elected officials. I want to encourage our elected officials to make a change through city legislation. I am also excited about helping other students to become more involved in our city government so that we understand the kind of power that youth has on the decisions that our elected officials make.

2. What issues are you passionate about in your community, and why? I am passionate about stopping the use of drugs in our schools. I care because i want students to make the right choice, not drop out of school, to not become addicted at a young age, to not possibly join a gang and for their social lives, families or communities to not be affected. I want them to think about their future goals like college, work, family and social life.

3. What are your greatest strengths, and in what areas would you like to improve? I am Hispanic and bilingual and I am proud of my background. I am also really respectful towards other people from other cultures and that have different points of view than me. I would like to improve in being more sociable and learning more about civics.

4. As a Youth Commissioner, you'll spend a lot of time working in groups. What's your most comfortable role in a group? I usually have the role of the recorder, i like to record what is

happening in my group so we can use the information later. I also like to contribute ideas so that my group can learn from my experiences.

5. As mentioned above, being a Youth Commissioner requires a significant time commitment. Will you be able to attend meetings every Wednesday during the school year from 4-5:30 pm at City Hall (in downtown Seattle)? Yes

Explanation (optional):

Is there anything else you'd like to share? I would like to say that i feel like i am great representative of youth and will be a great addition to the youth commission. Thank you for taking the time to read my application. I look forward to meeting you at the interview.

How did you hear about the Youth Commission? Eli Hernandez is my sister and she is an advocate for youth to become more civically engaged. She took Halimah Hussein (another applicant for this year's Youth Commission) to a youth commision meeting and encourged me to apply because she loved the intern's leadership, the cause and what the youth are doing at the commission . She believes i would be a great team member as well as a great contributor and she was confident that i would enjoy it a lot.

Seattle Youth Commission

June 2013

25 members: per CB 116791, SMC 3.67, all subject to City Council confirmation, 1-year terms

- 12 Appointed by City Council
- 13 Appointed by Mayor

D*	G	Name	Appointed	Term Ends	Term #	Position	Appointed By
C	M	Bryce Goldsen	6/24/13	5/31/14	2	East	Mayor
C	F	Cecilia Kalthoff	6/24/13	5/31/14	2	Ballard	Mayor
Af	F	Chaltu Hussein	6/24/13	5/31/14	2	Southeast	Mayor
C	F	Chloe Fasoldt	6/24/13	5/31/14	1	Ballard	Council
O	F	Claire Huebler	6/24/13	5/31/14	1	Northeast	Council
Af	F	Delannah Collins-Wright	6/24/13	5/31/14	2	Southeast	Mayor
H	F	Elaine LaFontaine	6/24/13	5/31/14	1	Northwest	Council
C	M	Greyson Zatzick	6/24/13	5/31/14	1	Central	Mayor
C	F	Hannah Trettenero	6/24/13	5/31/14	2	Northeast	Mayor
C	M	Henry Meyerson	6/24/13	5/31/14	1	Northeast	Mayor
C	F	Isabel Emery	6/24/13	5/31/14	1	Northeast	Mayor
As	F	Lena Tran	6/24/13	5/31/14	1	Greater Duwamish	Council
C	M	Liam Lawrence	6/24/13	5/31/14	1	Northeast	Council
H	F	Lizette Becerra	6/24/13	5/31/14	1	Northwest	Mayor
C	F	Madeline Walsh	6/24/13	5/31/14	1	Northeast	Mayor
Af	F	Marta Deneke	6/24/13	5/31/14	1	Lake Union	Mayor
C	F	Megan Warshaw	6/24/13	5/31/14	3	Delridge	Mayor
C	M	Owain James	6/24/13	5/31/14	1	Queen Anne	Council
C	M	Ryan Lenea	6/24/13	5/31/14	2	North	Mayor
Af	F	Sabrina Mohamed	6/24/13	5/31/14	1	Greater Duwamish	Council

C	M	Sam Orlin	6/24/13	5/31/14	1	Southwest	Council
C	F	Sarah Lober	6/24/13	5/31/14	1	Lake Union	Council
As	F	Seray Savrun	6/24/13	5/31/14	1	Northeast	Council
As	M	Vincent Tsan	6/24/13	5/31/14	1	Southeast	Council
C	M	Waylon Robert	6/24/13	5/31/14	1	Ballard	Council

*Diversity

	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	(1) Asian-American	(2) African-American	(3) Hispanic Latin@	(4) Native-American	(5) Other**	(6) Caucasian
Mayor	4	9	0	4	0	3	1	0	0	9
Council	5	7	0	5	3	1	1	0	1	7
Total	*9*	*16*	*0*	*9*	*3*	*4*	*1*	*0*	*1*	*16*

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