# City of Seattle

## Notice of Appointment

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| **Name:**<br>**Seray Savrun** | | ☐ **Executive Appointment** ☐ **Reappointment**<br>☒ **Legislative Appointment**<br>☐ **Agency Appointment**<br>☐ **PDA Council** ☐ **PDA Constituency** |
| **Residential Neighborhood:**<br>Northeast | **Zip Code:**<br>98115 | **Contact Phone No.:**<br>206-233-2656 (Sol) |
| **Appointed to:**<br>Seattle Youth Commission | | **Date of Appointment:**<br>June 24th, 2013 |
| **Authority (Ord., Res.):**<br>CB 116791, SMC 3.67 | | **Term of Office**<br>**From:** Confirmation<br>**To:** May 31st, 2014 |
| **Background:**<br>**1st year, from University Prep; senior next year.** | | |
| **Authorizing Signature:** | | **Name and Title of Officer Making Appointments:**<br>Councilmember Sally Bagshaw |

# Seray Savrun

**High school:** University Prep
**Grade next year:** Senior
**Gender:** Female

**Will you need any special arrangements to be able to participate in Youth Commission meetings?**

**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 a part of my school's Model United Nations club, which exemplifies the United Nations by learning about initiatives taken in international politics. I also engage in debates regarding issues directly relating to a given country and pitch ideas on how to improve the countries current position. We have attended the Model United Nations conference in Bellingham this year, returning with two awards.
I have been nominated as a participant by the American Councils to travel to Azerbaijan this summer for a Youth Leadership Program. I will be engaging in a cultural exchange to increase understanding between Azerbaijan and the U.S. to help enforce positive change.
I have been volunteering at Seattle Children's Hospital for about four years and I am highly dedicated to the hospital. I am thankful for getting the opportunity to help out with the hospital in any way that I can.
I have been playing violin for twelve years and have played in the Seattle Youth Symphony for five years. I am highly dedicated to violin, engaging in concerts and recitals, as well as lessons.
I am a part of my school's Women in Science club which helps engage young women to become a part of the science community and increase the interest of women in the various fields of science.
I have been accepted to the Pre-Med section of the National Student Leadership Conference in Berkeley, California this August to discuss what it means to be a leader and how to implement those values in the medical field. This conference will encompass thousands of different youth from around the nation, and will provide a good foundation for communication.
I am part of my school's Multi-Cultural Student Alliance club, which enables multi-cultural youth to discuss issues in a safe and supportive surrounding. I believe this club to be effective because it provides a space where ideas that contribute towards beneficial change can be discussed

among other students. Being Turkish-American, I find this club to be a great way of cooperation among students from different backgrounds and a greater foundation for positive change.

**1. Why do you want to become a member of the Seattle Youth Commission?** I would want to become a member of the Seattle Youth Commission because I believe that enforcing positive change comes from open dialogue between people, and the harder one works at their goals, the more effective the positive change will become. I would like to become a member of the Seattle Youth Commission because I am primarily interested in government and would be delighted to work towards change in our local government of Seattle. I believe that developing leadership skills among youth is crucial to achieving this beneficial change in the community to make it a better place for everyone, regardless of background or status. The Seattle Youth Commission's meetings appeal to me because of the ideal setting for communication and focused goal-setting regarding our city. Seattle is a diverse city and the local government has tremendous influence. I believe that I would be able to successfully bring a diverse point of view to the Seattle Youth Commission and would put in all the effort to see positive change in that influence. Being a part of the Youth Commission would give me the opportunity to achieve positive change in the city of Seattle among youth by setting goals and working to achieve them.

**2. What issues are you passionate about in your community, and why?** I am very passionate about Seattle and am proud of the qualities that make it a world-class city. However, the issues I am most passionate about in my community are ones that involve gay rights, diversity, and budget cuts regarding schools and law enforcement. I believe that one should be able to express their identity freely, whether one is a gay or straight. I also believe that diversity should play a positive role in our community. Budget cuts regarding schools and law enforcement need to be reevaluated as well as the priorities for spending. These issues are ones that I am passionate about, and I would be grateful to have the opportunity to express my input as a young individual.

**3. What are your greatest strengths, and in what areas would you like to improve?** One of my greatest strengths is my ability to work well in groups. I also demonstrate leadership and am able to keep an open mind. I am an extremely organized person and I am mature, so I can focus on issues easily. I have a very high work ethic and am a hard worker as well. I believe that my strength in working well with other people enables me to have positive communication with others so that everyone is heard and ideas are shared in a supportive environment. My strength in leadership enables me to play a positive role within a group and listen to everyone. I also am from a multi-cultural background which would enable me to represent many people living in Seattle. I am a hard worker and very friendly, enabling me to succeed in a group setting, as well

being a capable individual. Since I have a strong performance background (violin solo recitals and dance), I am exceptionally skilled at public speaking which is an area many people struggle in. An area I would like to improve upon is increasing my work speed, where I can be more efficient.

**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 am very flexible in terms of group roles, but my most comfortable position would be to become a leader. I have good listening skills to ensure that all ideas are heard, as well an open mind and acceptance for anyone who is willing to contribute and help achieve the Seattle Youth Commission's goal for positive change. I am a hard worker and an easy person to talk to; my friendly nature is beneficial in groups because it can provide a comfortable space to share ideas in. Whatever my group role, I am always willing to work hard and keep a positive attitude.

**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 am looking forward to this opportunity to represent the youth of Seattle!

**How did you hear about the Youth Commission?** My family friend, John Gokcen (Turkish Honorary Consulate), recommended me to apply for this opportunity.

# 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 |
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| 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 |

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| 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

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| | **Men** | **Women** | **Vacant** | **Minority** | **Asian-American** | **African-American** | **Hispanic Latin@** | **Native-American** | **Other**** | **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*