City of Seattle

Notice of Appointment

Name: **Lena Tran**		☐ **Executive Appointment** ☐ **Reappointment** ☒ **Legislative Appointment** ☐ **Agency Appointment** ☐ **PDA Council** ☐ **PDA Constituency**
Residential Neighborhood: Greater Duwamish	**Zip Code:** 98118	**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 Holy Names Academy; senior next year.**		
Authorizing Signature:		**Name and Title of Officer Making Appointments:** Councilmember Sally Bagshaw

Lena Tran

High school: Holy Names Academy
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.
Next year, I will be involved in an after-school volunteer tutoring program with the Seattle World School, fulfilling my role as 12th grade co-class president, and if time and certain academic circumstances permit, an internship with the Washington Bus in the Fall or Winter. In addition, I plan to be a Focus Group leader for the Multicultural Student Union chapter at my high school and continue my involvement with the Junior State of America chapter and National Honor Society chapter at my school.

1. Why do you want to become a member of the Seattle Youth Commission? I want to become a member of the Seattle Youth Commission because I want the voice of my peers to be heard. I believe that joining this group will provide me with an environment that enables me and other young people to exercise our rights as citizens in this country. As a teenager of the 21st century, I feel as if society makes us, teenagers, out to be reckless, negligent, and even sometimes apathetic hooligans that only care about superficial, trivial tasks. This board and its purpose extinguishes all of these stereotypes and for that, I want to become a part of it so that I can show society that teenagers do care and do have something to say! In addition, I want to be this voice for my peers and meet others who are just as passionate about issues surrounding our community, too.

2. What issues are you passionate about in your community, and why? Some issues I am passionate about in my community are civic apathy and the rights of women. Exercising one's right and utilizing one's voice are two actions I strongly believe in and would like to promote more in high school communities. Though the bill for early voter registration did not pass this past Spring, I would still like to instigate awareness in teenagers all across Washington State. I believe that is important and vital for high-school students to have more access and exposure

to politics and their rights, especially since we will be the future beholders of our society, too. Aside from that issue, I strongly believe in ending sexual harassment , including unsolicited commentary and verbal abuse towards teenage girls within our city. As a female, I want to know that I can walk around wearing whatever I want without having to think about attracting unwanted attention. Although going to an all-girls school slightly prevents me from dealing with the sexual harassment most girls might encounter at a co-ed school, I still want all young women to feel confident and safe in their bodies, regardless of what they're wearing or doing. In addition to that, I believe it is important to encourage young women to embrace their bodies, rights, and voices, as well.

3. What are your greatest strengths, and in what areas would you like to improve? My greatest strengths are my open-minded perspective and motivation. I love hearing the ideas people have to offer and am, generally, a very collaborative person. I usually feel uncomfortable if I'm in an environment that I feel might reject my own opinions, so naturally, I will try to provide others with a sense of open and non-judgement nature so that they don't feel scared to voice their thoughts. Last Fall, I also embarked on a semester-long exchange to Finland that required me to be twice as open as I was back at home. Because of that constant open nature, I can now say that my view on things have become more accepting and empathetic. My motivation, on the other hand, is a strength of mine cultivated from my fondness over something; however, when I am interested in something, I usually spend the rest of my time thinking or planning about and for that certain topic. This complete thought take-over can also, however, sometimes be a flaw. Trying to prioritize my current wants and my current have-to's is something that I can improve more. In addition, I would like to improve my confidence in regards to entering a topic of unknown territory. I get easily intimidated when going into something I have no idea about so just trying to be more open about my lack of knowledge or skill on that thing would definitely be something I would like.

4. As a Youth Commissioner, you'll spend a lot of time working in groups. What's your most comfortable role in a group? The most comfortable role, for me, in a group is the organizer or instigator. I am usually the one to ask questions in group assignments and am, in result of these questions, usually the one garnering the information or answers and organizing them into whatever needs to be done, whether that be assigning roles or categorizing discussion responses.

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?

How did you hear about the Youth Commission? I stumbled across it while browsing the Seattle city website a few months ago in February.

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

					(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
	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*