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City of Seattle

Notice of Appointment

Name: **Henry C. Meyerson**		☒ **Executive Appointment** ☐ **Reappointment** ☐ **Legislative Appointment** ☐ **Agency Appointment** ☐ **PDA Council** ☐ **PDA Constituency**
Residential Neighborhood: Northeast	**Zip Code:** 98115	**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 Hamilton International Middle School; in 8th grade next year.**		
Authorizing Signature:		**Name and Title of Officer Making Appointments:** Mayor Mike McGinn

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Henry C. Meyerson

School: Hamilton Middle School **Grade next year:** 8th grade **Gender:** Male

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.
Soccer
UW math circle
Swim Team
Hamilton Math team

1. Why do you want to become a member of the Seattle Youth Commission? I want to be a member of the Seattle Youth Commission because I want to make a difference in our community. Right now is a big time for politics, a lot of important issues are being addressed or not addressed as the case may be. I want to start to learn about politics as well as I want my voice to be heard in all this legislation that is going on right now. I might not be able to make a big difference but it would be a start. Also I want to be a member of the Seattle Youth Commission because I have good ideas that the world could benefit from.

2. What issues are you passionate about in your community, and why? There are quite a number of issues in our community that I am passionate about in our community. One of the main issues for me is schools. Schools need more funding for lots of things. There are lots of buildings that are falling apart, a run-down building can lower student moral and therefor achievement. Also lots of the text books are out dated so some of the information is wrong, and they are falling apart, this makes it harder for students to learn if some of what they are taught is false so they start to second guess other things they have learned as well. Another problem with the school district right now is overcrowding, the classes are so packed that students can't really get any one on one time with the teachers, and that makes it harder for teachers to do their job and for students to learn. Schools should have computers in every class or at least allow students to bring their own, this is an increasingly age so students should be prepared for jobs now, not jobs that existed 30 years ago. Another major issue for me is transportation, the school bussing system is unreliable, and also there is not one clear, easy,

well-advertised way to track your bus. So the issues that I am most passionate in our community are Transportation and Education.

3. What are your greatest strengths, and in what areas would you like to improve? My greatest strengths are in math and science, I'm on my school's math team, and also do a math circle through the UW. In terms of science one of my grandfathers was an engineer for NASA's Apollo 11, my other grandfather built his own car and plane. I have learned a lot from them and they have inspired me to learn lots about science, and they have taught me a lot about science as well. My mom is a writer so I'm pretty good at writing but I always would like to improve on my writing because it is a really valuable skill to have. Another area I would like to improve in is politics I have the basic idea of how it all works and what generally is going on a federal level, but on the lower, more personal, city level I don't have a great grasp of what is going on. I would like to learn about politics and I think that Seattle Youth commission is a good place to start with that.

4. As a Youth Commissioner, you'll spend a lot of time working in groups. What's your most comfortable role in a group? My most comfortable role in a group is leader. For most projects and group activities I put myself in the position to lead. Some people try to lead because they want to do less work, when I lead I end up doing more work, its kind of like the saying if you want anything done right you have to do it yourself. Even though I end up doing a lot of work I will spread the work out evenly according to people's strengths and weaknesses. Even in groups when I'm not leading I usually end up advising the leader or taking over their role altogether. Leader is definitely my most comfortable and natural position in a group.

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 visited one of the meetings to sit in and really enjoyed myself. I also attended your event and had a good time talking with everyone.

How did you hear about the Youth Commission? Friend

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*