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City of Seattle

Notice of Appointment

Name: **Madeline Walsh**		☒ **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 Lakeside School; freshman next year.**		
Authorizing Signature:		**Name and Title of Officer Making Appointments:** Mayor Mike McGinn

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High school: Lakeside **Grade next year:** Freshman **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.
Seattle United Copa g97- This is a Premier soccer team that I play with year round. We compete in Fall and Spring seasons, and travel to college showcase tournaments.
The Tatler- The Tatler is my school's newspaper, for which I applied and was accepted into as a contributing author.
Lakeside Girls Varsity Soccer- My school's girls' soccer team, for whom I played goalkeeper for this year.

1. Why do you want to become a member of the Seattle Youth Commission? When I discovered the Seattle Youth Commission, I immediately felt that it would be a perfect fit for me. I believe this because I see myself as someone who is confident in fulfilling a leadership role, and is capable of handling great pressure and responsibility. I also think that all of the varying extracurricular activities I have participated in have shown me a wide variety of the unique types of students we have in our city, allowing me to be a good representative of Seattle's youth. I have always considered politics to be a large part of my future and becoming a youth commissioner would allow me to work closely with local politicians, giving me an inside look at the life of an elected official. Most importantly, being a youth commissioner would give me a chance to use my own voice and opinions to make a change that will directly affect kinds and young adults in my city. I feel strongly that is you have the capacity to make a change, whether it is brightening one person's day or helping a hundred people, you should do everything in your power to make sure that it happens. Being on the Seattle Youth Commission would allow me to maximize my positive impact on my community.

2. What issues are you passionate about in your community, and why? Bullying and youth suicide are issues that I feel very deeply about. I'm appalled that some kids think it is okay to abuse someone, verbally or physically, so much that the victim questions their own right to live. Bullying and suicide among children can be prevented easily, but is an issue that is often

overlooked until it is too late. We can do more as a community to enhance students' experiences in schools, to ensure that they are comfortable in their learning environment. I am also concerned with the number of teens that struggle with hunger and homelessness. King County Committee to End Homelessness estimated that thousands of local teenagers experience homelessness every year, and as a youth commissioner I would see it as my job to do everything I can to make sure that those kids have access to the food, shelter, and support that they need.

3. What are your greatest strengths, and in what areas would you like to improve? I know that my strengths are as a leader. I have competent management skills, I am a confident, award-winning public speaker, and I am an effective communicator. In middle school, I took a leadership elective class which gave me the chance to plan school assemblies and talent shows. I loved working with other students to plan, decorate, and host these events, because they were a challenge. A lot of extensive planning went into how these props were going to be moved, who would take over a particular job, and working alongside the principal and teacher to get ideas approved. I was also involved in the speech team in middle school, which required competing in tournaments held at various high schools. This gave me a lot of confidence speaking in front of large groups and now I do not hesitate when it comes to large presentations or class debate. I would say my best attribute is my attitude. I strive to always be friendly, non-exclusive, and optimistic. I view all obstacles as a challenge instead of an impossibility and never fail to put 100% into overcoming them. I realize that I need to work on facing conflict. I don't usually like to be the one who confronts a member who isn't doing their part, be overly demanding, or attempt to relieve tension that sometimes can arise in a group. However, being able to stand up for a cause or myself is a critical part of being a good leader, and there are ways to be kind yet assertive.

4. As a Youth Commissioner, you'll spend a lot of time working in groups. What's your most comfortable role in a group? When working in a group, I am most comfortable in a leadership position. Since kindergarten, those close to me have noticed leadership ability in me. Everyone I have worked with, teachers, advisors, and coaches, has held me to very high expectations, challenging me to meet them, so I started to develop crucial problem-solving and communication skills. I started to fill leadership positions very young as presidents of school clubs, class representative, and I even received numerous school awards for being a conscientious, contributing student. When I was accepted into Lakeside, I was awarded the "Matt Griffin Leadership Scholarship". Now that I am in high school, I am still seeking out opportunities to fill a leadership role. One of the accomplishments this year was becoming the starting goalkeeper for my school's varsity soccer team. This was challenging because I had to train and work with a lot of upper classmen. My position required me to be demanding and

critical on the field, giving directions to people I was otherwise very shy around. However, stepping up and taking on that difficult role on the team helped us succeed and boosted my reputation within the school. I enjoy filling leadership roles because that is where I am comfortable and feel the most confident. Plus, I feel that this is where I get to work most effectively with others to make sure that everyone is involved.

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): My only hesitation with answering "yes" is because during the year I play soccer for my high school team. There is a two month long season during the Fall where there is practice every day, but I am sure, given the opportunity to be on the commission, I w

Is there anything else you'd like to share?

How did you hear about the Youth Commission? I was researching volunteer opportunities for teenagers in Seattle and managed to stumble across the website.

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*