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City of Seattle  
Notice of Appointment

<b>Name:</b> <i>Farhiya Mohamed</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Executive Appointment</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Legislative Appointment</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Agency Appointment</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>PDA Council</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>PDA Constituency</b>
<b>Residential Neighborhood:</b> <i>Beacon Hill</i>	<b>Zip Code:</b> <i>98108</i>	<b>Contact Phone No.:</b> <i>N/A</i>
<b>Appointed to:</b> <i>Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission</i>		<b>Date of Appointment:</b> <i>12/17/13</i>
<b>Authority (Ord., Res.):</b> <i>Ordinance 118392</i>		<b>Term of Office:</b> <b>From:</b> <i>Confirmation</i> <b>To:</b> <i>01/31/2016</i>
<b>Comments:</b> <p><b>Farhiya Mohamed</b>, has over 10 years of experience working with Seattle's immigrant and refugee communities. She has experience working for community organizations such as ReWA and Southwest Youth and Family Services. She has worked as a community organizer and educator to help women victims of domestic violence and human trafficking in immigrant and refugee communities. She has also worked to provide environmental health education to the Somali community. She is fluent in Somali and is currently pursuing a Masters in Social Work at University of Washington.</p>		
<b>Authorizing Signature:</b> 		<b>Name and Title of Officer Making Appointment:</b> <i>Mayor Michael McGinn</i>

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# Farhiya Mohamed

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## Education

**2011-Present** University Of Washington Seattle WA  
Master of Social Work  
**2010 Graduate** The Evergreen State College Tacoma, WA  
*Bachelors of Liberal Arts – Human/Social Services Administration.*  
**2006 – 2008** Seattle Central Community College Seattle, WA  
*Associate of Arts and Applied Sciences in Social and Human Services*

## Languages and Fluency

Oral/Spoken and Written Competency/Fluency in English & Somali.

## Experience

**2006 – Present** Southwest Youth & Family Services Seattle, WA  
***Somali Family Advocate***

- Perform intakes, assessments, identify resources, provide referrals and assistance to support Somali families, e.g., housing, social services, education/schools, health, mental health, employment and job training, emergency food, family and individual counseling, and parent education
- Provide information and referrals to ESL classes, legal, and immigration assistance
- Document and maintain client files and records
- Facilitate trainings/educational sessions for Somali women

**1999 – Present** Refugee Women's Alliance (ReWA) Seattle, WA  
***Bilingual/Bicultural Somali Domestic Violence Advocate***

- Perform intake, assessments, provide counseling and case management services, assistance and referrals to social services, health and medical resources/services, employment and job training, emergency food, family and individual counseling, and parent education
- Document and maintain client files and records
- Provide information and referrals to ESL classes, legal and immigration assistance
- Provide legal/court advocacy for refugee and immigrant women
- Represent ReWA Domestic Violence team at community meetings, local and national conferences

### ***Community Organizer & Educator***

- Collaborate with other social service providers to provide community education forums
- Facilitate trainings and provide information to health/mental health care providers and community members regarding domestic violence and sexual assault for refugee and immigrant females
- Facilitate and train social service and health/mental health and other providers and community members regarding human trafficking issues for refugee and immigrant females

### ***Community Research Partnerships***

*"Cultural Issues Affecting Domestic Violence Service Utilization in Ethnic and Hard to Reach Populations" and "We can help each other": Social support and life skills development for D.V. survivors*

- Pilot test and conduct interviews with East African women in native languages according to survey/research protocols; Document responses to surveys and interviews
- Provide interpretation and translation services/support for qualitative interviews with research staff
- Design and develop curriculum for support groups
- Plan, coordinate and co-facilitate support groups according to research protocols
- Assist with preparation of and co-presentation of findings at local and national conferences

**2002 –2008:** Environmental Coalition of South Seattle Seattle, WA  
***Environmental Community Outreach/Educator – Somali Community***

- Provide environmental health education to refugees and immigrants regarding green homes, safe disposal of household hazardous wastes and promoting safe alternatives
- Facilitate education sessions regarding green home, recycling, water and power conservation

- Assist staff identify culturally appropriate service delivery strategies for immigrants

#### Research Experience

2008-2010: Neighborhood House

Seattle, WA

*Research Consultant – Bilingual/Bicultural Focus Group Facilitator*

- Co-facilitate focus group sessions with East African adults/parents
- Provide interpretation services for focus groups with East African adults

2007 – Present: Steering Committee Member, Public Health – Seattle & King County

- Facilitate focus groups with Somali Women

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#### Research Experience - Continued

2004: Community Environmental Health Assessment In Washington State

Seattle, WA

- Environmental Justice Needs Assessment

2000 – 2001: Public Health – Seattle & King County

Seattle, WA

*Research Consultant – Bilingual/Bicultural Focus Group Facilitator and Interviewer*

- Co-facilitate (4) focus group sessions, interpret for East African adults/parents
- Translate surveys and other research protocols
- Assist with interpretation of data, analysis, preparation of presentations and manuscripts
- Co-present findings at local and national conferences

#### Scholarship, Awards, and Special Recognition

2009: Jackie Robinson Scholarship Award. The Evergreen State College, Tacoma, WA.

2009-2010: Evergreen Scholarship/Awards - Cultural Diversity Scholarship

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2003: Special Recognition Award for Community Research to ReWA's DV Advocate Team, Public Health – Seattle & King County

#### Volunteer Community Service, Memberships and Associations

2010- Present Board Member National African Immigrant & Refugee Women's Network

2007 – Present: Steering Committee Member, Public Health – Seattle & King County Research Project - Focus Groups with Somali Women

2006 – Present: Vice Chair, African Community Network, Seattle/King County, WA

1999 – Present: Member, African Community Network, Seattle/King County, WA

2006: Advisory Group Member, Safe and Bright Futures Project. Public Health – Seattle & King County (PHSKC) and King County Community Partners

2002 – Present : Volunteer, Environmental Justice Coalition of South/west Seattle, Seattle, WA

2002: Volunteer Committee BrenMar Scholarship, Women's Funding Alliance, Seattle, WA

2000 – Present: Volunteer: Women's Programs; Somali Community Services, Seattle, WA

2004-2005: Volunteer, Tukwila Somali Family Safety DV Taskforce, Tukwila, WA

#### Trainings

1997 – 2005: Sexual Assault Training. Washington State Sexual Assault Coalition. Annual Training.

1997 – 2005: Conflict Resolution Skills Training.

2000: Focus group facilitator training. Public Health – Seattle & King County's Epidemiology, Planning and Evaluation Unit. Promoting Assets Across Cultures (PAAC) Project - Seattle Partners for Healthy Communities.

#### Presentations

2008: "Building Relationships with Refugee and Immigrant Parents and Families: From Theories to Practice," Workshop presentation at: SOAR's Fourth Annual Putting the Pieces Together; Tukwila, WA.

2007: Sharing Our Stories: Creating Partnerships and Mobilizing East African Communities to Address HIV/AIDS. Accepted for Panel Presentation at: Ethiopian Community Development Council's (ECDC) 2007 Conference: In Pursuit of Life, Liberty, Happiness; Washington, D.C.

2004: Social Work Practice with Communities/Community-Based Organizations. Presentation for University of Washington's School of Social Work – BSW Human Behavior & Social Environment Course.

**2003:** *Promising Practices: Somali Children and Families.* BRYC Roundtable Meeting "Foster Care at a Cultural Crossroads: Refugee Children in the Public Foster Care System," Washington, DC.

**2002:** *Domestic Violence in East African Communities in Seattle/King County.* Presentation at Ethiopian Community Development Council's (ECDC) Eighth Annual National Conference. Washington, D.C.

**2001:** *Promoting Interethnic Community Relationships.* Presented at Ethiopian Community Development Council's (ECDC) African Refugee National Conference. Washington, D.C.

#### Publications

**2004:** Sapano, R. and Mohamed, F. *Speaking the Unspoken: The Perspective of the Muslim Faith.* In *Connections: A Bi-Annual Publication of the Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs*, 5(2):32-38.

**2002:** Okayama Dopke, C. *Creating Partnerships with Faith Communities to End Sexual Violence.* Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs. (Provided written contributions as part of community taskforce).

# Immigrant and Refugee Commission

December, 2013

15 Members: Who are confirmed by City Council and serve a term of two years. **3 term maximum.**

- 8 appointed by Mayor
- 7 appointed by City Council

D	G	Member	I/R	Y	Term #	First Appointed	Term Ends	Position #	Appointing Body
1	M	Shree Ram Dahal	Y		2	7/11/11	1/31/15	2	Council
2	M	Simon S-M Khin	Y		1	3/28/13	1/31/15	4	Council
1	M	Habtamu M Abdi	Y		1	3/28/13	1/31/15	10	Council
3	F	Mariya Kochubey	Y		1	3/28/13	1/31/15	8	Council
		Vacant							Council
4	M	David Ayala Zamora	Y		1	3/28/13	1/31/15	6	Council
1	F	Dori Cahn	Y		1	3/28/13	1/31/15	12	Council
1	M	Justin Chan			1	1/31/13	1/31/15	3	Mayor
1	F	Maria E (Maru) Mora Villalpando	Y		1	1/31/13	1/31/15	11	Mayor
2	F	Tsegaba Woldehaimanot	Y	Y	2	5/13/11	1/31/15	1	Mayor
1	F	Jennifer Calleja	Y		1	1/31/13	1/31/15	5	Mayor
2	F	Farhiya Mohamed	Y		1	12/17/13	1/31/16	9	Mayor
4	F	Roxana Norouzi			1	1/31/13	1/31/15	7	Mayor
		Vacant						15	Mayor
2	M	Michael Neguse	Y		3	12/22/10	1/31/15	13	Mayor

### \*Diversity

	Men	Women	Vacant	Minority	(1) Asian-American	(2) African-American	(3) Hispanic Latin@	(4) Native-American	(5) Other**	(6) Caucasian
Mayor	2	5	1		3	3		1		
Council	4	2	1		3	1	1	1		
Other Bodies										
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>		

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