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Appointment of Sofia Smith as member,
Seattle Youth Commission, for a term of
confirmation to June 1, 2011

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Date Introduced and Referred: <u>6/21/10</u>	To: (committee): <u>Seattle Public Utilities and Neighborhoods</u>
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Committee Action:

Date	Recommendation	Vote
<u>6/22/10</u>	<u>VOTE - YES: MO, RC</u>	<u>ABSTAIN: BH <i>[initials]</i></u>

This file is complete and ready for presentation to Full Council. _____

Full Council Action:

Date	Decision	Vote
<u>6-28-10</u>	<u>Confirmed</u>	<u>8-0</u>
	<u>Disqualified: BH</u>	

6/17/10
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CF No.310889

Title:Appointment of Sofia Smith as member, Seattle Youth Commission, for a term of confirmation to June 1, 2011.

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**City of Seattle
Notice of Appointment**

Name: Sofia Smith		<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Appointment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legislative Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Agency Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Council <input type="checkbox"/> PDA Constituency
Residential Neighborhood: Southeast Seattle	Zip Code: 98118	Contact Phone No.: <i>NOTE: Please inform candidates that this number is on <u>PUBLIC RECORD</u></i>
Appointed to: Seattle Youth Commission		Date of Appointment: 6/14/2010
Authority (Ord., Res.): Ordinance # 123251		Term of Office: From: Confirmation To: 06/01/2011
Comments: 		
Authorizing Signature: 		Name and Title of Officer Making Appointments: Mike O'Brien, City Councilmember

Confirmed by the Following Vote at City Council

In Favor: 8	Against: 0	Date: 6-28-10
Attested by: 		Title:





Seattle Youth Commission

Department of Neighborhoods
www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/syc

DUE: Wednesday, May 12th, 2010

Personal Information:

First Name: *Sofia*

Last Name: *Smith*

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Any Accommodations Needed?

Neighborhood Information: Seattle is divided into 13 neighborhood districts. Mark or circle the neighborhood you live in or the neighborhood you most identify with.

SOUTHEAST Columbia / Hillman / Genesee Mt. Baker New Holly Pritchard Beach Rainier Beach South Beacon Hill	GREATER DUWAMISH Beacon Hill Duwamish Georgetown SODO (South of the Dome) South Park	NORTH EAST Laurelhurst Northeast Ravenna Bryant Roosevelt University District View Ridge Wedgwood	NORTH WEST Broadview Green Lake Greenwood Licton Springs Phinney Ridge Whittier Heights
CENTRAL Central Area Judkins South Lake Union	NORTH Maple Leaf Northgate Thornton Creek	MAGNOLIA/QA Queen Anne Magnolia	LAKE UNION Eastlake Fremont Wallingford
DOWNTOWN International District Pioneer Square	EAST First Hill Madison Park Capitol Hill Miller Park Montlake	DELRIDGE Delridge Highland Park Westwood White Center	WEST SEATTLE Alki Fauntleroy Morgan Junction West Seattle
BALLARD Ballard			



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2010-11 SYC Schedule

June 10 th , THURS. 4 – 6 pm	Nov. 18 th , THURS. 4-6 pm	April 7 th , THURS. 4 – 6 pm *SECOND DRY RUN*
July 15 th , THURS. 4 – 6 pm	Dec. 2 nd , THURS. 4-6 pm	THURS., April 14 th , 4-6 pm *PRESENTATION TO MAYOR*
Aug. 22 nd , THURS. 4-6 pm	Dec. 23 rd , THURS. 4-6 pm	April 25 th , MON. 9 – 11 am *PRESENTATION TO CITY COUNCIL*
Sept. 9 th , THURS. 4-6 pm	Jan. 6 th , THURS. 4 – 6 pm	April 28 th , THURS. 4 – 6 pm
Sept. 11 th , SAT. 10 – 5 pm *RETREAT*	Jan. 20 th , THURS. 4 – 6 pm	May 5 th , THURS. 4 – 6 pm
September 16 th , THURS. 4-6 pm	Jan. 22 nd SAT. 10 – 3 pm *TRAINING*	May 12 th , THURS. 4-6 pm
Sept. 30 th , THURS. 4-6 pm	February 3 rd , THURS. 4-6 pm	May 19 th , THURS. 4-6 pm
October 14 th , THURS. 4-6 pm	February 17 th , THURS. 4-6 pm	June 2 nd , THURS. 4-6 pm *JOINT MEETING New & Old Commission*
October 21 st , THURS. 4-6 pm	March 3 rd , THURS. 4-6 pm	June 4 th , THURS. 4-6 pm *YOUTH TOWNHALL*
Oct. 25 th – Nov. 3 rd *YOUTH COMMUNITY MEETINGS*	March 17 th THURSDAY 4-6 pm	June 9 th , THURS. 4-6 pm *LAST MEETING*
Nov. 4 th , THURS. 4-6 pm	March 31 st THURS. 4-6 pm *FIRST DRY RUN*	DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

COMMITMENT: Commissioners are expected to attend ALL SYC meetings, events and the one-day retreat. *** Commissioners will be removed in the event of three consecutive absences ***

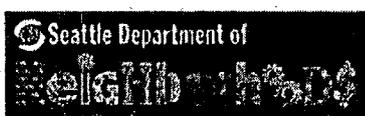
EXPECTATIONS: In addition to meeting, members will dedicate an average of 10 hours per month to projects. Commissioners will be required to maintain communication with staff and fellow commissioners via email and phone. Commissioners will support each other and maintain a positive attitude, open mind and willingness to engage.

SEATTLE YOUTH COMMISSION CONTRACT: I fully understand and agree to the commitment and expectations of the program. I am aware that unexcused absences will result in termination from the commission.

Sofia Smith *Sofia Smith* 4-23-2010
 Applicant's Name (please print) Signature Date

I am aware that the youth named above is applying to be a member of the 2010-2011 Seattle Youth Commission and I have reviewed the program schedule, commitment and expectations above.

Parent/Guardian Name (please print) Signature Date





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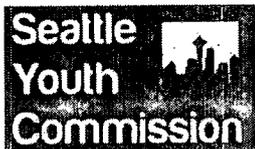
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Tell us about yourself and share your creativity!!

How have you created (or how would like to create) a positive change in your life or community? Feel free to draw a picture, write a poem, attach a photo, make a collage, or use other creative means to express yourself.

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper:

1. Why is it important for you to become a member of the Seattle Youth Commission? What do you hope to take away from this experience?
2. What are the issues in your community or the city you are passionate about and why? How have these issues affected you or your peers?
3. What are your greatest strengths? And in what areas would you like to improve?
4. Group work is a common thread in SYC. In your past experience with working in groups, what has been the most challenging part?
5. What role do you feel most comfortable playing in group discussions? Why?
6. Describe a time when you have held a leadership role? How were you successful?
7. Note: SYC is a YEAR long commitment. How will you maintain your commitment and make this a high priority throughout the year?
8. What activities do you expect to participate in this school year? (Sports, school activities, clubs, Running Start, family activities, work, tests, trips, vacations, etc.)



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Sofia Smith

1. It is important to me to become a part of the Seattle Youth Commission because I want to become more involved in my community. I think that civic engagement is very important and also something I enjoy. From this experience I hope to take away a better understanding of how to help my community and how to make a change.
2. A few of the issues in my community I am passionate about are going green and education.

Going green: Growing up in Seattle I realize that we are one of the leading states in reducing our carbon footprint however I still feel we could do more. I think improving our carbon footprint doesn't only help our earth but also our economy by creating green jobs such as for building public transportation. This issue of global warming affects my entire future as a person on this earth. This is something that is very important to me and I want to do my part.

Education: Many of my friends and I applied to public schools. What I have realized through research of the different public schools is that not all of them provide equal educational opportunities. I am very passionate about this issue because I feel that without equal opportunity some are more likely to succeed because of where they live or their economic situation which is not okay.

3. My greatest strengths are leadership, listening, public speaking, writing, following through, and creativity. Areas I need to improve on are patience and occasionally rigidity about ideas.
4. In my past group experiences the hardest part is dealing with people who don't do the work but I don't think that will be a problem if I were to be accepted into the SYC. My only other issue is taking things personally occasionally but I am working through that and I think have improved with that issue.
5. In group discussion I usually claim the role of leader but if there is someone who is more qualified than me I take the role of listener/contributor.
6. I was in a leadership role when I led four of my classmates in a play I had written and was now performing for a competition called History Day. I directed them with acting, blocking, and artistic choices. It was a great experience and I was recommended by qualified judges to move on to the next round.
7. If I were to be accepted into this program it would be a great honor and something that I would high on my list of priorities.
8. I plan to sing in Seattle Girls' Choir and possibly join SAAS debate or mock trial team.

SEATTLE YOUTH COMMISSION

Twenty-five members: All subject to City Council confirmation, 1-year terms

- 13 Appointed by Mayor
- 12 Appointed by City Council

Commission Member	Diversity	Term #	Terms Served	Term Ends	Representing
Vacant					Ballard
Vacant					Delridge
Luke Allen	1	1	-	June 1, 2011	Northwest
Catherine Quinn		1	-	June 1, 2011	Southwest
Sarah Servin		1	-	June 1, 2011	Greater Duwamish
Adam Harrell	1, 2	1	-	June 1, 2011	Southeast
Adam Stansell		1	-	June 1, 2011	Central
Walter Dubensky		1	-	June 1, 2011	East
Tiffany Do	1	1	-	June 1, 2011	Downtown
Anna Colando		1	-	June 1, 2011	Lake Union
Selam Ainalem	2	1	-	June 1, 2011	North
Kelly Hargus		1	-	June 1, 2011	Magnolia/QA
Yongyong Li	1	1	-	June 1, 2011	Northeast
Chetan Chandrashekhar	Asian Indian	1	-	June 1, 2011	At Large
Mohamed Adan	2	1	-	June 1, 2011	At Large
Sahra Osman	2	1	-	June 1, 2011	At Large
Lynsie Tang	1	1	-	June 1, 2011	At Large
Alex Jonlin		1	-	June 1, 2011	At Large
Louisa Dunwiddie		1	-	June 1, 2011	At Large
Marie Claire Sbragia		1	-	June 1, 2011	At Large
Kian Vesteinsson	5	1	-	June 1, 2011	At Large
Njeri Mburu	2	1	-	June 1, 2011	At Large
Sofia Smith	2	1	-	June 1, 2011	At Large
Issac Pearson	2	1	-	June 1, 2011	At Large
Silbee Sanchez	3	1	-	June 1, 2011	At Large

Optional Demographic Information

Men	Women	Vacant	Racial/Ethnic Minority	(1) Asian	(2) Black	(3) Hisp	(4) Nat. Amer	(5) Other
9	14	2	5*	6	7	1	0	1

* Three multi-racial Commissioners
June 2010 roster



MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 15, 2010

TO: The Honorable Richard Conlin
President, Seattle City Council

FROM: City Councilmember Mike O'Brien, Chair of the Seattle Public Utilities and
Neighborhoods Committee

SUBJECT: City Council Appointments to the Seattle Youth Commission

City Council created the Seattle Youth Commission to promote the full participation of Seattle youth in the legislative and civic process and to represent and voice the youth perspective to Seattle's elected officials. The duties of the Commission include:

- Drafting policy proposals on topics of its choosing and presenting these proposals to the Mayor and the City Council;
- Organize forums of Seattle youth to better educate the City about the opinions of youth on civic issues affecting both their specific communities and the city at large and to inform youth about the City's policies, programs, and process for public engagement;
- Organize an annual Youth Town Hall with participation from the Mayor and members of the City Council to discuss issues affecting the city and the perspective of youth on these issues;
- Testifying at City Council meetings and public hearings;
- Providing an annual report to the relevant Council Committee about the commission's activities.

During the first quarter of 2010, staff of the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods (DON) worked with an inter-departmental City team as well as community stakeholders to recruit Commissioners with a diversity of experience, skills, and interests. DON staff circulated information about the Commission to a range of audiences, including high schools, advocacy organizations that focus on youth involvement; organizations that serve people of color, parent groups, and service-based organizations. We distributed information about the new Commission and the application process in print, via the internet, and by word-of-mouth.

Thirty-five individuals submitted applications to serve on the Commission. Applications were reviewed by the Department of Neighborhoods, Parks Department and Office of Civil Rights staff as well as past members of the Seattle Youth Commission. Members of the Mayor's Office as well as staff from my office conducted interviews for twenty-five spots which are broken down into thirteen neighborhood districts and twelve at-large positions.

The Commission allows for twenty-five spots and will twenty-three members until youth from the Ballard and Delridge neighborhoods can be recruited and interviewed. Thirteen will be appointed by the Mayor, twelve appointed by the City Council. All appointments are subject to City Council confirmation. Commissioners will serve a one-year term.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>	<u>Position</u>
Chetan Chandrashekhar	6-1-2011	At Large
Mohamed Adan	6-1-2011	At Large
Sahra Osman	6-1-2011	At Large
Lynsie Tang	6-1-2011	At Large
Alex Jonlin	6-1-2011	At Large
Louisa Dunwiddie	6-1-2011	At Large
MarieClaire Sbragia	6-1-2011	At Large
Kian Vesteinsson	6-1-2011	At Large
Njeri Mburu	6-1-2011	At Large
Sofia Smith	6-1-2011	At Large
Isaac Pearson	6-1-2011	At Large
Silbee Sanchez	6-1-2011	At Large

The appointment bios for the 2010-2011 at-large commissioner appointees are as follows:

Chetan Chandrashekhar

Chetan represents Seattle's Northeast Neighborhood District. Next year, he will be a junior at Ingraham High School. He is passionate about his community and looks to Ballard as a model 'walkable' neighborhood. He is interested in facilitating community conversations about what Seattle youth in Seattle want to see their community look like and writing policy recommendations to address those concerns. He has also been involved in global Visionaries and One World Now.

Mohamed Adan

Mohammed Adan identifies with the Rainier Valley neighborhood in the Southeast Neighborhood District. Next year he will be a senior at Garfield High School. He is interested in learning more of how the city operates and how he can impart that knowledge on others. He is also interested in learning how he can improve his community and contribute to the current civic process. Mohammed feels strongly that the city operates optimally when all people are participants in the process; therefore it is critical that we cultivate these future participants through programs such brings years of experience in community outreach, peer leadership

Sahra Osman

Sahra Osman identifies with the Northgate neighborhood in Seattle's North Neighborhood District. Next year, she will be a senior at Mountlake Terrace High School. She brings a strong voice for social justice and community building. Sahra is most passionate about youth violence and community beautification. Through her work at her high school she created the Justice Activism in Youth Legal Literacy program (JAYLL) which worked with the police department and elected officials to help educate youth about their rights building off an annotated version of the role reversal model. Sahra serves on the National Honor society and also participates in the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America program.

Lynsie Tang

Lynsie identifies with both the South Park neighborhood in Seattle's Greater Duwamish Neighborhood District and the Rainier Beach neighborhood in the Southeast Neighborhood District. Next year, she will be a senior at Garfield High School. Lynsie is interested in making a positive difference in her community and sees the youth commission as a means for doing so. She brings to the commission her vast experience with social-networking and blogging. She is well equipped to represent the interests and perspectives of her peers as an unbiased party. She will also be involved in Garfield's swim team and the Science Café next year. She feels strongly that because youth cannot vote on the decisions that affect them, it is important that they have an opportunity to get involved in those decision processes in other ways.

Alex Jonlin

Alex is a returning member to the Seattle Youth Commission. He identifies with the Ravenna community in Seattle's Northeast Neighborhood District. An incoming senior, Alex worked on issues of pedestrian safety last year presenting an expansion of the Safe Routes to School program to the Mayor and to the City Council. Alex is a founding member of the Washington State Legislative Youth Advisory Council to Governor Gregoire.

Louisa Dunwiddie

Louisa is a junior at Garfield High School and identifies with the Ravenna community in Seattle's Northeast Neighborhood District. Louisa is most passionate about youth violence and community open space. As a member of her high school swim team, Louisa knows the importance of community center pools and park recreation. Through the Youth Commission she hopes to foster more youth participation and input into important budget and policy decisions.

MarieClaire Sbragia

MarieClaire identifies with Seattle's East Neighborhood District and attends Garfield High School. MarieClaire is passionate about transportation issues as well as investing in art programs for youth.

Kian Vesteinsson

Kian identifies with Seattle's Southeast Neighborhood District and is passionate about the youth perspective and its influence of our elected officials. He has worked to educate his community about city events and practices. He regularly participates as a volunteer in community auctions

which raise money for community improvements. As a commissioner Kian hopes to learn more about how to bring government to a community level.

Njeri Mburu

Njeri is a returning member to the Seattle Youth Commission. As a student at Franklin High School who identifies with Seattle's Southeast Neighborhood District, Njeri is very passionate about youth violence and youth opportunities which promote alternatives for youth after school. In addition, Njeri is interested in promoting better communication between the Seattle Police Department and Seattle youth. Last year, Njeri presented to the Mayor and the City Council on the topic of youth violence recommending the implementation of a Young Fathers Coalition.

Sofia Smith

Sophia identifies with the Columbia City community in Seattle's Southeast Neighborhood District. Sophia is interested in civic engagement opportunities for youth and on promoting opportunities so that youth can understand how to make a change. She is very passionate about issues of global warming and the development of green jobs particularly through the promotion of cleaner transit options that reduce our carbon footprint. Next year, Sophia will be a freshman at the Seattle Academy for Arts and Science.

Isaac Pearson

Isaac identifies with Seattle's Central District and attends Garfield High School. Isaac main interest is to promote positive role models and mentors for at-risk youth. He is concerned with the false images and hopes for easy success that surround youth on a regular basis. As a Youth Commissioner he hopes to learn how the City interacts with its different communities. Next year he will participate in the Running Start program at Garfield.

Silbee Sanchez

Silbee identifies with Seattle's South Park community in the Greater Duwamish district. As a student at West Seattle High School Silbee has work on promoting healthy communities and healthy lifestyles including raising awareness about the use of tobacco and is involved in the Teens Against Tobacco Use (TATU) program.