

KING COUNTY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATION FORM



King County

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Thank you for your interest in serving on a King County board or commission. Individuals selected to serve on a King County board or commission will also be required to complete a King County Ethics Program Financial Disclosure Form within two weeks of being nominated to serve on a King County board or commission. Individuals appointed to serve on a board or commission that is overseen by an agency independent of King County government are exempt from the financial disclosure filing requirement.

I'm Interested in serving on the (Board or Commission Name):

The King County Children and Youth Advisory Board

Your name:

Mohamed Abdi

Preferred Contact Information:

Address	9338 Beacon Ave S
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Physical Home Address (REQUIRED if different from preferred mailing address:

Home Address	Same as above
City, State, Zip Code	

Current Employer:

Job Title	Security Guard and University of Washington Student
Date of Employment	2017

Company Name	Amazon
Street Address	Seattle WA
City, State, Zip Code	

King County Council District (Please type an "X" in the box to the right of your district)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 Don't Know

Have you served on any other Board, Commission, or committees? Please list them below:

Board, Commission or Committee Names	Year Appointed	Term Expired
Culturally Appropriate and Responsive Education Center	2015	2017
City of Seattle immigrant Family Institute Advisory Committee	2016	2017
School Board Representative	2013	2015

Please explain why you feel you are the most qualified candidate for this appointment.

I feel I am most qualified candidate because I want to contribute and be the person who helps with the social justice issues that are affected in our communities of color and low income communities. And also as a servant leader for the people, I have a great knowledge when it comes to community perspective in intersectionality and racial justice issues, that are affected in our communities. As the oldest of eight children in my family, and being a first generation college student, I want to continue pursuing my education in efforts of fulfilling a career that helps people in the future. I also want to continue to show perseverance, and an intense work ethic in helping my passion and desire to continue to help others who face negative life circumstances. I currently attend the University of Washington - Seattle pursuing a bachelor's degree in the field of communication and social welfare as an effort to help people in and outside of my community. Serving in this position will advance my community's interests because it will make me become a better leader for my community. The change I hope to see for our future is that we need more leaders in our local communities and global world. I believe in this because I believe in the power of having good leaders who enhance good leadership skills, have the power to change lives, and the world, to make it a better place for all. And with that, that always resonated for me my whole young life, because my mission in life is to be a value to as many people possible.

How did you learn of this opportunity?

I am participating on the Puget Sound Sage Community Leadership Institute Boards and Commissions training program and the opportunity was sent to me through that program.

In King County, equity is fundamental to the society we wish to build. Our end goal is for full and equal access to opportunities, power, and resources so that all people may achieve their full potential. The Children and Youth Advisory Board incorporates these values and has adopted its own equity statement. The CYAB works to build an inclusive board that includes the voices of underrepresented populations, people of color, immigrants and refugees, LGBTQ individuals, low-income households, youth, the elderly, rural residents, people living with disabilities and more.

Please describe your experience with and/or commitment to promoting equity. What opportunities do you see for the CYAB to incorporate the voice of all communities in King County?

The racial equity and social justice career aspirations I have is helping with the large immigration issues we have in our communities. I say that because I am originally from Somalia, a country that has not had a functioning government for over two decades; where poverty is rampant, violence is endemic, and people are losing their lives every day. My family’s cultural history in Somalia, and their intention to move to the United States to flee death and civil war motivated me to take advantage of my educational opportunities. The issues of immigrant families having a decent living and not having a good job, or a job at all, has allowed me to become passionate about advocating for immigrant families like mine, that they can succeed in this country. And as i’m working with young East African kids currently, I see that they have the same passion I had when I was their age, and it’s always inspiring to see that. It hits home for me.

Do you hold any professional licenses, registrations or certificates in any field (Please type an “X” in the box)?

Yes No

If you hold any professional licenses, please list them here:

N/A

PERSONAL INFORMATION (OPTIONAL)

The King County Council and the King County Executive are committed to inclusiveness and outreach to all King County residents to ensure that King County boards and commissions are reflective of the community we serve. Providing information in the section below is voluntary but will assist in achieving this goal.

How do you identify?

Race/Ethnicity:	Black
Gender:	Male
Sexual Orientation:	Heterosexual
Preferred Pronoun: <i>(he/him; she/her; they/them, etc.)</i>	He/him

Do you have a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act? (Please type an "X" in the boxes that apply to you)

Yes No

Generation Range (Please mark an X to the right of the age range that applies to you)

30 or younger 31-41 42-52 53-63 64-74 75 or older

Person to notify, in case of an emergency (OPTIONAL):

Name:	Ubax Gardheere
Home Phone:	
Work Phone:	
Cell Phone:	206-512-9756

Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Name <i>(typed or signature)</i>	Mohamed Abdi
Date	11/22/2019

Please return completed form to: Kerry Wade, Best Starts for Kids Community Partnerships
kwade@kingcounty.gov

(You can either mail your completed form to us; scan your completed form then email it to us as a PDF attachment; or after filling out the form and typing your name on the signature line, save the completed form to your hard drive and then attach the completed form to an email.)

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