

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):

Children & Youth Advisory Board

Your name:

Lydia Assefa-Dawson

Preferred Contact Information:

Address	1600-B SW Dash Point Rd., #447
City, State, Zip Code	Federal Way, WA 98023
Home Phone	
Work Phone	206.574.1356
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Email Address	Lydia.Assefa-Dawson@CityofFederalWay.com

Physical Home Address (REQUIRED if different from preferred mailing address):

Home Address	1918 SW 353 rd Pl.
City, State, Zip Code	Federal Way, WA 98023

Current Employer:

Job Title	Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator
Date of Employment	06/2009
Company Name	King County Housing Authority

Street Address	700 Andover Park W.
City, State, Zip Code	Tukwila, WA 98188

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
Advancing Leadership	January, 2016	March, 2018
Communities of Opportunity	July, 2017	Present
Ethiopian Community in Seattle – Board vice-chair	July, 2018	Present
Pacific Health Preservation Development Authority	January, 2018	December, 2018

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

I feel qualified because I have been involved in youth issues at the K-12 level as a parent, a PTA President, Parent Engagement Group, etc. I raised three sons, and feel compelled to be engaged to support youth. I believe Education is power, and if our youth do not succeed, they will fall into unproductive and dangerous behaviors. I have a passion to see to it that they have the tools that would support them in their endeavors, provide them with the resources that they need, and offer them programs to keep them engaged.

How did you learn of this opportunity?

Through Sound Cities Association (SCA)

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. We work 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?

As an immigrant, a mother of black sons, I feel like I have a lived experience and have witnessed the lack of equity, especially when it comes to our children of color. I do a lot of work around equity and social justice with my affiliation with the various board and committees I have participated in and places of employment:

- Housing Development Consortium's (HDC) Initiative, Recruiting Diversity Task Force, which is looking into the prevalence of inequity in the job force, and working to promote equal access to employment for all its member agencies;
- Pacific Hospitals Preservation & Development Authority (PHPDA)'s Health Equity Fund; and
- Communities of Opportunity (COO)'s work to promote racial, economic, and health equity.
- Housing Director at Multi-Faith Works – Where I was the housing provider for primarily LGBTQ population with HIV/AIDS, who were experiencing homelessness.
- King County Housing Authority – Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator, where I work closely with People of Color, Single parent households, to help them on their career development, so they can position themselves get off of public assistance.

I chose to get involved in these agencies, because I need to see a better future for people of color. We cannot continue to be left behind. In addition, as a City Councilmember, I see the demographic change in my community of Federal Way, as they are being priced out of Seattle. Currently, there are more people of color, in particular, the immigrant population moving here. If we are not being pro-active to set the framework to address inequity, and why they are forced to uproot and migrate south, we will be setting up our people to not become successful – especially our youth. I am committed to do my part, and work alongside those who are leading the charge.

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:

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:	Caucasian
Gender:	Female
Sexual Orientation:	Heterosexual
Preferred Pronoun: <i>(he/him; she/her; they/them, etc.)</i>	She/her

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:	Christian Dawson
Home Phone:	
Work Phone:	
Cell Phone:	206.816.5554

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 (typed or signature)	<i>Lydia Asseja-Dawson</i>
Date	<i>05.13.19</i>

Please return completed form to:

(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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April 5, 2019

Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson
City of Federal Way
33325 8th Avenue S
Federal Way, WA 98003

Dear Councilmember Assefa-Dawson,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Sound Cities Association (SCA) it is my pleasure to inform you that you have been appointed to serve on the Children and Youth Advisory Board.

The Children and Youth Advisory Board generally meets on the second Tuesday of the month from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at rotating locations. Caucus meetings are scheduled as needed. Please note that meetings are set by the committee, and may be subject to change.

As an appointee to the Children and Youth Advisory Board, you are serving on behalf of all 38 members of the SCA, and the one million people who reside in those cities. As such, you are expected to represent the positions that have been adopted by the SCA Board of Directors, where applicable. You are also expected to work with your fellow SCA members to help develop caucus consensus positions in the absence of an adopted SCA position on issues coming before your committee. We ask that all members plan to attend all meetings, and all caucus meetings. If you have any questions about committee membership, please contact SCA Senior Policy Analyst Christa Valles at (206) 495-5238, or christa@soundcities.org.

Serving on a regional committee is an important responsibility. I and the entire Board of SCA thank you for your willingness to play an active role not just in your individual city, but in the region as a whole.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Leanne Guier'.

Leanne Guier
President, Sound Cities Association
Mayor, City of Pacific