

KING COUNTY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS



King County

REAPPOINTMENT REQUEST FORM

Thank you for your service on a King County board or commission. We are glad that you wish to continue serving the residents of King County as a member of a King County board or commission. In order to start the reappointment process, please complete this Reappointment Request form.

Date:

8/9/2019

I'm seeking reappointment to the (board name):

Immigrant and Refugee Commission

Name of Board Member Seeking Reappointment:

Nimco Bulale

Preferred Contact Information:

Address	4625 South 168 th Street
City, State, Zip Code	SeaTac, WA, 98188
Home Phone	n/a
Work Phone	206.452.8413
Cell Phone	206.850.1163
Email Address	nimco@weareoneamerica.org

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

Home Address	4625 South 168 th Street
City, State, Zip Code	SeaTac, WA, 98188

Please return your completed form to:

Rick Ybarra, Liaison for Boards and Commissions
 King County Executive Office
 401 Fifth Ave, Suite 800
 Seattle, WA 98104
 Direct Line: 206-263-9651
 Email: Rick.Ybarra@kingcounty.gov

**KING COUNTY
IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE COMMISSION
APPLICATION FORM**



PLEASE NOTE: Information provided on this form will be a public record subject to free and open examination by any person under the Washington State Public Records Act (RCW 42.56.250). However, while we will disclose the applicant's name, the applicant's address, phone number and email address will be redacted.

Thank you for your interest in serving on the King County Immigrant and Refugee Commission. Individuals interested in serving on a King County board or commission will be required to also complete a King County Ethics Program Financial Disclosure Form within two weeks of being nominated to serve on a King County board or commission.

Board or Commission

Immigrant and Refugee Commission

Applicant's Name

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Are you a resident of King County?

Yes No

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

Do you live in unincorporated King County?

Yes No Don't Know

The Commission will be made up of 13 King County residents reflecting the diversity of ethnicities, professional backgrounds, socioeconomic status, and geographic areas that make up the fabric of our communities:

- Five members of the commission will represent and are nominated by an immigrant-led organization serving immigrant communities
 - Of these representatives at least three members shall represent and be nominated by a small grass-roots community-based organization that has an annual budget of less than two-hundred fifty thousand dollars, that supports the needs of distinct immigrant and refugee communities and is composed predominantly of members of those communities.

If you are applying for one of the 5 organizational commission positions, you must submit a letter from the leadership of organizations nominating you and submit this letter along with your application.

Are you applying for one of the 5 organizational seats? Yes No

Are you applying for the seats representing small grass-roots community-based organizations that have an annual budget of less than two-hundred fifty thousand dollars?

Yes No

Please tell us the name of the organization interested in nominating you:

Organization:	OneAmerica
Annual budget of this organization:	Approximately \$3.5 million

If you are applying for an organizational seat, please tell us the location of this organization in King County, which communities and languages they reach, and which King County Council Districts they serve in King County:

Location Address	1225 S Weller St, Suite 430
City, State, Zip Code	Seattle, WA 98144
Communities and Languages they reach:	<p>OneAmerica organizes in immigrant and refugee communities throughout King County, with active base groups in the following communities: Seattle, Burien, SeaTac, Tukwila, Kent, Auburn, Federal Way, Kirkland, and with organizational supporters and grassroots leaders in Redmond, Bellevue, Shoreline and other jurisdictions.</p> <p>Our member speakers many languages including, but not limited to: Amharic, Arabic, Cambodian, Cantonese, English, Farsi, Korean, Oromo, Punjabi, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.</p>
King County Council Districts reached through the services of this organization:	King County Council Districts 1-9

Applicants to the Commission must demonstrate active and engaged civic participation in one or more immigrant and refugee communities. Please explain your active participation and contribution to these communities in King County below:

I serve on various community committees, attend community meetings regularly, and can gather knowledge of relevant trends, issues and opportunities for potential engagement and outreach.

Currently, I serve on the Southeast Seattle Education Coalition's (SESEC) Steering Committee. I have also served on SESEC's Advocacy and Policy Committee. SESEC represents a coalition of community based organizations, educators, schools, parents and caregivers, and concerned community leaders who believe all children — especially children of color — deserve a quality education regardless of where they live or life circumstances.

At OneAmerica, I staff the Road Map Region's English Language Learner (ELL) Work Group. The ELL Work Group is a coalition with a strong advocacy focus, comprised of representatives from the community (families and students), school districts, community based organizations (CBOs), research institutions, early learning representatives, higher education institutions and state education departments. Since 2011, the group has been united in identifying and implementing high pay-off strategies to close the glaring opportunity gap for ELLs in the region as well as across the state. We lead from a basis of relationships between and among various stakeholders, and between institutions and the community, particularly multilingual parents and youth. These relationships drive our work and change for the students we care deeply for. We actively commit to dismantle systemic and institutional racism and racial injustice to drastically shift the experiences and outcomes of linguistically diverse students. Our work is focused on how we make change inside of entrenched educational systems to support the success of our multilingual community.

Previously, I was an Independent Consultant for the City of Seattle's Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (OIRA). I co-facilitated the Refugee Women's Institute, an innovative pilot program designed to build understanding and trust between refugee communities in Seattle and the Seattle Police Department. The institute, the first of its kind in the nation, aims to build a grassroots network of refugee women leaders while increasing the cultural competency of the female officers who participate.

As a past Social Justice Fund Giving Project member, I worked to strategically support underfunded social justice organizing in the Northwest. In addition to examining the intersection of race and class in the systems that criminalize communities of color and poor people, we also reviewed grant proposals, conducted site visits, prepared written summaries and analysis of grant requests to aid in evaluation and final grant recommendations.

Personal Statement: explain why you are a qualified candidate for this appointment (attach additional paper if needed). Consider including previous or current memberships on any city and/or county boards, commissions, or committees, your skills and expertise areas; and the voices and communities that you are connected with and represent:

Please see attached document.

PERSONAL INFORMATION (OPTIONAL) (Please type an "X" in the boxes that apply to you)

The King County is committed to equity and social justice and outreach to all county residents. To reach this goal, we strive for our boards and commissions to be reflective of the communities we serve. Providing information in the section below is voluntary but will assist in achieving this goal.

Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity:	Black/Somali-American
Gender:	Female
Sexual Orientation:	

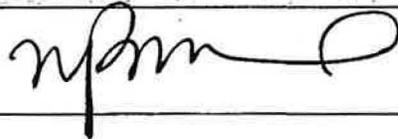
Do you have a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act?

Yes No

Generation Range:

25 or younger 26-30 31-41 42-52 53-63 64-74
 75 or older

Signature:

Name	
Date	5/14/18

Attachments Needed To Complete This Application:

1. If you are applying for one of the 5 organizational positions you must submit a letter from the leadership of the organization nominating you at the same time that you submit your application.
2. Candidates seeking appointment must submit ten endorsement signatures from persons who are immigrants or refugees. These individuals must not be related to you. Endorsement template is attached.
3. Candidates seeking appointment must submit three letters of recommendation: two letters from members of an immigrant and/or refugee community, and one letter of recommendation from a nonprofit organization serving immigrant and refugee communities to support your candidacy

(please note that if you are applying for one of the five organizational seats, your letter from the leadership of the organization can count towards one of the 3 letters of recommendation).

Please list the names of the three people who are submitting letters of recommendation for you. Please submit these letters along with your application:

1.	Richard H. Stolz, Executive Director, OneAmerica
2.	Mia Su-Ling Gregerson, State Representative, 33 rd Legislative District
3.	Erin Okuno, Executive Director, Southeast Seattle Education Coalition

QUESTIONS: Please contact **Bookda Gheisar** with any questions at bgheisar@kingcounty.gov or **Carmela Ennis** at IRC@kingcounty.gov

Please return completed form by email to bgheisar@kingcounty.gov or by mail to:

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