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**Committee:** Public Safety, Civil Rights, and Technology

**Sponsor:** HARRELL

**Committee Recommendation:** Pass

**Date of Committee Recommendation:** 2014/07/30

**Committee Vote:** 2(Harrell, Bagshaw)-0

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CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL BILL \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE related to the Immigrant and Refugee Commission; authorizing a Get Engaged young adult position to the Immigrant and Refugee Commission; and amending Section 3.14.545 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

WHEREAS, in 2002, Ordinance 120325 established a two-year pilot program entitled Get Engaged: City Boards and Commissions (Get Engaged). The program encouraged young adult participation on City boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, Ordinance 121568 acknowledged the success of Get Engaged and made the program permanent; and

WHEREAS, the Immigrant and Refugee Commission and the City seek to increase young adult participation on the Immigrant and Refugee Commission and recognize the success Get Engaged has had in placing young adults on other City boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, under SMC 3.14.545 the Immigrant and Refugee Commission has two designated positions that are meant

for youth, young adults under the age of 25, or individuals who represent youth issues; and

WHEREAS, ensuring that one of the youth positions on the Commission is supported by Get Engaged will simultaneously ensure their success in participating in the Commission; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: SMC 3.14.545, last amended by Ordinance 123822 in 2012, is further amended by adding a Section as follows:

3.14.545 Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission--- Appointments, Membership and Terms

A. The Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission shall consist of 15 members. Seven members shall be appointed by the City Council; and eight members shall be appointed by the Mayor. All Mayoral appointments are subject to confirmation by a majority of the City Council. The appointing body shall provide written public notice for a vacant position(s).

B. In making appointments to the Commission, the goal should be to maintain the gender balance and reflect the diversity of the immigrant and refugee community in Seattle. Attempts should be made to include two members from the Asian/Pacific Islander Community, two members from the Latino Community, two members from the African Community, and two members from the European/Middle East Community. At least, two members should be youth or young adults under the age of 25 or represent youth issues. At least 2/3 of the members should be immigrants and refugees themselves. All members shall demonstrate experience or expertise with immigrant issues as well as commitment to all immigrant and refugee communities. The Mayor and Council will coordinate appointments to help achieve the representation goals in this Subsection.

C. Each Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission member shall serve for a term of two years. No member of the Commission shall serve more than three consecutive terms. Any vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as originally appointed. If a person is appointed to fill the duration of an unexpired term, then that term shall qualify as one of the three consecutive terms only if the portion of the unexpired term actually served is one year or more.

D. If the appointing authority fails to appoint or re-appoint a person to fill a Commission position before the incumbent Commissioner's term has expired, then the incumbent may remain in his or her position for a period not to exceed 90 days until such appointment or re-appointment is made. The authority that appointed a Commissioner may remove that Commissioner at will. The Commission may, by majority vote, recommend to the appointing authority, removal from office of a Commissioner who is absent without excuse from three Commission meetings during any one -year period. The Commission shall select a chair, and may adopt, promulgate, amend and rescind administrative rules and regulations for its own conduct.

E. One youth commissioner shall be a designated Get Engaged commissioner, as defined in Section 3.51.020, pursuant to the Get Engaged: City Boards and Commissions, Chapter 3.51. The Mayor, the Council, and the Director of the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs must make all reasonable and diligent efforts to appoint a Get Engaged, Chapter 3.51, young adult to the Commission. After a showing to the Commission that all reasonable and diligent efforts have resulted in not obtaining a Get Engaged, Chapter 3.51, young adult position, the Mayor or Council shall appoint a person who represents youth issues, subject to confirmation by a majority of the City Council.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

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President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

Approved by me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

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Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

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Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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