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Campaign Name: [Alexis for Seattle](#)

Campaign website: alexisforseattle.com

City Position: 8

Campaign Telephone Number: [206-705-9305](tel:206-705-9305)

With experience supporting human services and public health policies, directing emergency homelessness response plans, and shaping fiscal policy and budgeting at the University of Washington, I'll bring needed expertise to City Council to expand the affordable housing we must have, the safe communities we all deserve, action to help people in crisis, and community investments that improve equity and opportunity.

My commitment to service is rooted in personal experience shared by too many in Seattle today. I was born to struggling teenage parents, and raised by my grandparents. My family dealt with traumatic cycles of incarceration, substance use, and homelessness. I am thankful to have had support in my community that gave me a pathway to success— and I want to ensure all young people in Seattle have those same opportunities.

I am ready to bring my informed perspectives and passion for results to the City Council and be a voice for all the people of Seattle. We face urgent challenges that require new ideas, energy, and leadership. With your vouchers and votes I will build on my record of advocacy and action for a Seattle that is affordable, welcoming, and leading the way to a better future.

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Candidate Name: [Tariq Yusuf](#)

Campaign Name: [Tariq for Council](#)

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City Position: [8](#)

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My story is a Seattle story. Born to an Indonesian father and American mother; I've seen the transformation and growth of the region over the past two decades. My parents relied heavily on the critical state and city social programs like Seattle Housing Authority. They helped us stave off homelessness and build successful lives. I was able to complete my education at the University of Washington, lead a successful career in the tech industry, and begin my own family. Despite their struggle, my parents raised me with the values of empathy, compassion, and justice; values I hope to bring to city council.

My American dream was possible; but that journey is becoming increasingly difficult for today's families. The social services that made my story attainable are no longer accessible. I want to change that.

City government plays an important role in our lives; as a city council member, I plan to advocate for people like my parents, who experienced being one paycheck away from homelessness. I plan to give back to this city by ruthlessly advocating for equality, justice, and compassion, helping the most vulnerable in society, and committing to help everyone so we can build a united community.

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