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## Sweetened Beverage Tax Community Advisory Board Role & Desired Qualifications

The Sweetened Beverage Tax Community Advisory Board (CAB) was established by the City Council ([Ordinance 125324](#)) to advise and make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council on programs and services supported by the Sweetened Beverage Tax.

Members of the CAB are appointed by the Mayor and City Council to serve renewable, four-year terms. The Mayor's Office and City Council identify applicants through an open application process.

The City accepts applications on a rolling basis from individuals interested in serving on the CAB. We look for applicants who are passionate about expanding access to healthy food, expanding access to services for young children and families, improving public health by preventing chronic diseases, and centering the communities most burdened by health and education inequities.

### **Minimum Qualifications**

CAB members must live or work in Seattle and are appointed to serve in one of four position types: Food Access Representative, Public Health Representative, Early Learning Representative, and Community Representative.

The minimum qualifications are as follows:

- **[FOR PUBLIC HEALTH REPRESENTATIVES]** Personal or professional experience and expertise in public health and nutrition with experience managing, researching, or evaluating programs related to the health effects of consuming sugary beverages, particularly among children and their families ([Ord. 125324](#)).
- **[FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES]** Representative of a community specifically targeted with junk food marketing resulting in disproportionate rates of nutrition related diseases (e.g. communities of color, low-income communities), with preference given to a parent of a student in the Seattle School District or a child in a Seattle-based early learning program, or a youth representative aged 16-24 ([Ord. 125324](#)).
- **[FOR FOOD ACCESS REPRESENTATIVES]** Experience implementing community-based programs dedicated to expanding healthy food access and security ([Ord. 125324](#)).



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- **[FOR EARLY LEARNING REPRESENTATIVES]** Experience developing or implementing childhood development programs, with an emphasis on learning from birth to age five ([Ord. 125324](#)).
- Experience with and/or understanding of health and education inequities.
- Understanding of how racism and race-based disparities impact communities of color and interest in working to eliminate these disparities and advance equity.
- Interested in collaborating with other community members to develop recommendations for food access and prenatal-to-five programs/services, while centering the communities most burdened by lack of access to healthy food, health, and education inequities.
- Demonstrated ability to develop collaborative, productive, and respectful relationships with people from diverse educational, social, cultural, and racial backgrounds.

## Preferred Qualifications

- Lived experience utilizing food access programs in Seattle such as Fresh Bucks, food banks, meal programs or accessing early learning and child development programs such as childcare assistance and health and developmental supports for young children.
- Personal and/or professional expertise serving the following communities:
  - People of Color
  - People with low incomes
  - Immigrant and Refugee populations
  - People experiencing food insecurity, currently or in the past
  - Youth of color
  - Seniors
  - High-risk of displacement neighborhoods
  - Racial justice, food justice, and/or early education justice-based organizations
  - Underrepresented and under resourced human service providers and community-based organizations
- Ability to draw connections between food security, health, and education outcomes; racial equity; and access to healthy food, jobs, education, opportunities, and other social needs.
- Experienced in community collaboration and engagement and desire to build trust with government.



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- Affiliated with community-based organizations, coalitions or networks that work on issues related to food justice, health equity, and/or child health and education equity.
- Experience and comfort working on a team using anti-racist, pro-equity, collaborative decision-making approaches.
- Experienced in effective and equitable grantmaking processes.

### **Benefits of Serving on the CAB:**

- Learn about and get involved with the City of Seattle's budget process.
- Opportunity to provide input on the City's investments in food access and early learning.
- Learn about and get to know major City departments.
- Build your personal and professional network.
- Leadership development and civic engagement opportunity.

### **Board Member Compensation:**

This is a volunteer position. Per [Ord. 125324](#), members of the CAB must serve without pay.

### **How to Apply:**

If you are interested in collaborating with a team of community members to influence decisions affecting the City's investments in food access and child health and development, **we encourage you to [APPLY HERE](#)**.

For more information, questions, or assistance with the application process please contact Alyssa Patrick at [Alyssa.Patrick@seattle.gov](mailto:Alyssa.Patrick@seattle.gov).