



**TO:** Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager  
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**COPY:** Mayor Woodards and City Council Members  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution appointing J Manny Santiago to the Library Board of Trustees, effective October 18, 2022  
**DATE:** October 11, 2022

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**SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:**

A resolution appointing J Manny Santiago to the Board of Trustees for the Tacoma Public Library, to fill an unexpired term to expire December 31, 2026.

**COUNCIL SPONSORS:**

Mayor Victoria Woodards

**ISSUE:**

Antoinette “Toni” Craig, appointed to a five-year Tacoma Public Library (TPL) Board of Trustees term in April of 2019, has resigned from her position effective August 17, 2022. Therefore, a new Trustee needs to be appointed to fill this vacancy. Library Board President Sara Irish and Library Director Kate Larsen interviewed three community members for this open seat.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Library Board of Trustees was established per the Revised Code of Washington RCW 27.12.190. The Board consists of five members who are nominated by the Mayor and appointed by a majority vote of the City Council. The board currently has a vacancy and TPL Director, Kate Larsen and the Library Board President nominate J Manny Santiago to complete Trustee Craig’s term. They felt their current and former board experiences, as well as their significant contributions to the LGBTQia communities would be a tremendous asset to Tacoma Public Library. The established full membership term is five years; however, Mx. Santiago would be serving less than five years because they are finishing someone else’s term. While Trustee Craig’s term was to expire in April of 2024, we are requesting that Mx. Santiago’s term expire in December 2026, which will fix some inherited irregularities to the timing of term expirations and create added stability therein.

**STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY**

This action best aligns with the City Council Strategic Policy Priority to encourage and promote an open, effective, results-oriented organization by ensuring the Board of Trustees of the Tacoma Public Library will have a full membership and can continue to oversee the management and operation of the Tacoma Public Library.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

There are no alternatives presented.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact related to this appointment.