



TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager
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SUBJECT: Resolution – Appointing individuals to the Commission on Immigrant and
Refugee Affairs – May 3, 2022
DATE: April 25, 2022

SUMMARY:

Appointing the following individuals to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs:

- Appointing Maricres Valdez Castro to fill an unexpired term to expire March 31, 2023.
- Appointing Natalie Ghayoumi to fill an unexpired term to expire March 31, 2023.
- Appointing Stacy Kowalski to fill an unexpired term to expire March 31, 2023.
- Appointing Samantha Le to fill an unexpired term to expire March 31, 2024.
- Appointing Maurice Lekea to fill an unexpired term to expire March 31, 2024.
- Appointing Hugo Nicolas to fill an unexpired term to expire March 31, 2025.
- Appointing Thierry Ruboneka to fill an unexpired term to expire March 31, 2025.
- Appointing Leena Vo to the “Alternate” position, for a term to expire March 31, 2025.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Deputy Mayor Ushka and Council Members Blocker, Daniels, and Rumbaugh.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

As the Commission shall have the duty and power to study problems and issues specifically impacting the immigrant and refugee communities, appointing individuals to the Commission best aligns with the strategic policy priority related to furthering immigrant and refugee access to and participation in Tacoma’s economic, cultural, and civic life.

BACKGROUND:

At the April 14, 2022 Community Vitality and Safety Committee meeting, the Committee conducted interviews, and at the April 21, 2022 special meeting, the Committee conducted additional interviews and recommended the appointment of the individuals listed above.

ISSUE:

Positions need to be filled on the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Commission will continue to operate without full membership.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Community Vitality and Safety Committee is recommending the appointment of the individuals listed above.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.