



**TO:** Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager  
**FROM:** Nicole Emery, City Clerk  
**COPY:** Economic Development Committee Members; Tanja Carter  
**PRESENTER:** Nicole Emery, City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Consideration and recommendation of applicants to the City Events and Recognitions Committee  
**DATE:** June 10, 2025

**PRESENTATION TYPE:**

Committees, Boards and Commissions Interviews

**SUMMARY:**

The Economic Development Committee will interview and may recommend up to six applicants to the full City Council for appointment or reappointment to the City Events and Recognitions Committee. Recruitment efforts for the open seats included distributing a news release and posting on the City's website, and notifying over fifteen organizations. Below is a list of the applicants:

APPLICANTS	COUNCIL DISTRICT
Janet Bissell	1
Nathan Donnel	4
Joseph Eubanks	3
Tali'a Roberts	2
Cydney Stephens	4
Thai Lien Vo	3
Kirsten Putman* (seeking reappointment)	5
Jacob Tice* (seeking reappointment)	3

\*Providing written response

**BACKGROUND:**

The City Events and Recognitions Committee (Committee) serves as an advisory and action committee for the City on matters pertaining to City hosted events and special recognition programs, such as: the City's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, City of Destiny Awards, and other special national and local observations. The Committee is responsible for planning, reviewing, and evaluating events. The Committee will engage the broader Tacoma community in fundraising efforts and the solicitation of corporate and private sponsorships to leverage funds for the events.

The City Events and Recognitions Committee consists of 11 members who are City residents, with representatives from each of the City's five Council Districts and who bring a range of perspectives and expertise that focus on the City's commitment to celebrate civic engagement and special observations.

**ISSUE:**

Positions need to be filled on the Committee.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The Committee will continue to operate without full membership.



**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff requests the Economic Development Committee recommend the appointment or reappointment of up to six applicants to the City Events and Recognitions Committee, which will be forwarded to the full City Council on June 24, 2025.