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SUBJECT: Resolution appointing Andrea Cobb to the Library Board of Trustees, effective January 20, 2022
DATE: October 22, 2021

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution appointing Andrea Cobb to the Board of Trustees for the Tacoma Public Library to serve a five-year term to expire on January 19, 2027.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Mayor Victoria Woodards

ISSUE:

One member of the Tacoma Public Library (TPL) Board of Trustees, Wayne Williams fulfilled two terms as a Library Board Trustee. His position will become vacant at the end of the year. Therefore, a new Trustee needs to be appointed to fill this vacancy, and Andrea Cobb applied and expressed an interest in serving on the Board.

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 membership term is five years. For this round of Trustee recruitment TPL identified 16 potential candidates and narrowed the final list to 8 community leaders, 3 of which declined to apply as a Trustee at this time. The TPL Board's recommendation is to appoint Andrea Cobb who expressed great interest in serving on the TPL Board. They felt her school district board experience and significant engagements in education and learning arenas would be impactful.

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.