



**TO:** Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager  
**FROM:** Doris Sorum, City Clerk  
Bill Fosbre, City Attorney  
**COPY:** City Council  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution – Nominating and Electing Council Member Kristina Walker as the  
Deputy Mayor of the City of Tacoma – January 3, 2023  
**DATE:** December 20, 2022

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**SUMMARY:**

Nominating and electing Council Member Kristina Walker to the office of Deputy Mayor to serve a one-year term to expire December 31, 2023.

**SPONSOR:**

Mayor Woodards

**STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:**

Electing a Deputy Mayor to act as the presiding officer in the Mayor’s absence encourages and promotes an open, effective, results-oriented organization.

**BACKGROUND:**

Council Member Catherine Ushka’s term as Deputy Mayor will expire December 31, 2022. Council Member Kristina Walker’s interest in serving and seniority status qualifies her as a candidate for Deputy Mayor.

Per Ordinance No. 26767, the Deputy Mayor shall be a member of the City Council and shall be elected by the Council at its first meeting after such office becomes vacant, or as soon thereafter as practical. The term of such office shall be for one year.

**ISSUE:**

Council Member Catherine Ushka’s term as Deputy Mayor will expire December 31, 2022.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Council can make the nomination and election at a later date, or elect an alternate Council Member.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Nominating and electing Council Member Kristina Walker to the office of Deputy Mayor to serve a one-year term to expire December 31, 2023.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact.