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FROM: Doris Sorum, City Clerk
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SUBJECT: Resolution – Appointing and reappointing individuals to the
Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs – May 9, 2023
DATE: May 1, 2023

SUMMARY:

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

- Appointing Jesse Becerra to fill an unexpired term, to expire March 31, 2026.
- Appointing Alicia Sands to fill an unexpired term, to expire March 31, 2024, followed by a three-year term, to expire March 31, 2027.
- Reappointing Negar “Natalie” Ghayoumi to fill an unexpired term, to expire March 31, 2026.
- Reappointing Maricres Valdez Castro to fill an unexpired term, to expire March 31, 2026.
- Reappointing Alma Villegas to fill an unexpired term, to expire March 31, 2026.
- Reappointing Lydia Zepeda to fill an unexpired term, to expire March 31, 2026.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Council Members Daniels, Hines, 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 27, 2023, Community Vitality and Safety Committee meeting, the Committee conducted interviews and recommended the appointment and reappointment 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 and reappointment of the individuals listed above.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.