



**TO:** Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager  
**FROM:** Doris Sorum, City Clerk, City Attorney’s Office  
Bill Fosbre, City Attorney  
**COPY:** City Council and City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution – Appointing, reappointing, and reassigning individuals on the  
Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs – March 26, 2019  
**DATE:** March 15, 2019

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**SUMMARY:**

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

- Appointing Perla Gamboa-Ravelo to the “Alternate” position to serve a three-year term to expire March 31, 2022.
- Reappointing Vaelupemaua Anitema Talamoni to serve a three-year term to expire March 31, 2022.
- Reappointing Saiyare Refaei to serve a three-year term to expire March 31, 2022.
- Reappointing Jason Gamboa to fill an unexpired term to expire March 31, 2020, followed by a three-year term to expire March 31, 2023.
- Reassigning Alma Vargas to the “Youth or Young Adult” position to serve a three-year term to expire March 31, 2022.

**COUNCIL SPONSORS:**

Council Members Beale, Blocker, and Ushka.

**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 February 28, 2019 meeting, the Community Vitality and Safety Committee conducted interviews. At the March 14, 2019 meeting, the Committee recommended the appointment, reappointment, and reassignment of the individuals listed above.

**ISSUE:**

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

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The Commission would operate without full membership.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact.