



**TO:** Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager  
**FROM:** Doris Sorum, City Clerk  
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**COPY:** City Council  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution – Appointing, reappointing, and reassigning individuals to the  
Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs – April 20, 2021  
**DATE:** April 13, 2021

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**SUMMARY:**

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

- Appointing Alma Villegas to fill an unexpired term to expire March 31, 2023.
- Appointing Lydia Zepeda to fill an unexpired term to expire March 31, 2023.
- Appointing Emani Donaldson to serve a three-year term, retroactive to April 1, 2021, to expire March 31, 2024.
- Reappointing Hieu Nguyen to serve a three-year term, retroactive to April 1, 2021, to expire March 31, 2024.
- Reassigning Patricia Flores from the “Alternate” position to a “Member” position for a term to expire March 31, 2023.

**COUNCIL SPONSORS:**

Deputy Mayor Blocker and Council Members Beale, Hines, 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:**

A vacancy on the Commission occurred, automatically reassigning Patricia Flores, the “Alternate”, into a “Member” position, to be confirmed by the full City Council. Additionally at the April 8, 2021, 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, reappointment, and reassignment of the individuals listed above.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact.