



**TO:** Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager  
**FROM:** Mayor Victoria Woodards and Bucoda Warren, Chief Policy Analyst  
**COPY:** City Council and City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution - Confirming the appointment of Chantell Harmon Reed as the Director of Health for the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department - Requested for 2/27/2024  
**DATE:** January 14, 2024

---

**SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:**

Confirming the appointment of Chantell Harmon Reed as the Director of Health for the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, to begin March 18, 2024.

**COUNCIL SPONSORS:**

Mayor Victoria Woodards

**BACKGROUND:**

Under the interlocal agreement that was approved by City Council Resolution 36734 on December 13, 2005, and County Council Resolution R2006-30 approved May 30, 2006, the Mayor and County Executive have joint authority to appoint the director of Health. Following that appointment pursuant to RCW 70.08.010 through 70.08.040 the City and County Councils then must pass resolutions to confirm the appointment.

Following the retirement of Dr. Anthony Chen in 2023, the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department Board members initiative a national search for a new director. This is the first opportunity to confirm a Director of Health since former Director Dr. Anthony Chen was initially confirmed in 2008.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:**

The Tacoma Pierce County Board of Health under the Leadership of Board Chair Catherine Ushka has designed and implemented a thorough and intentional national recruitment to find a slate of finalists to present to Mayor Woodards and County Executive Dammeier. Through this process they interviewed and narrowed down a long list of candidates to ensure a strong selection to lead the health department.

**2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

**Equity and Accessibility:**

Confirming a Director of Public Health will ensure strong leadership of our regional health authority and allow a new leader to bring their diverse experience and expertise to Tacoma and Pierce County to advocate and ensure the health of our communities.

**Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s).**

No specific policy change will be made by this resolution.



**ALTERNATIVES:**

<b>Alternative(s)</b>	<b>Positive Impact(s)</b>	<b>Negative Impact(s)</b>
1. Confirm Appointment	A new Director of Health will begin leading the TPCHD.	NA
2. Reject Appointment	NA	There will not be a Director of Health to lead the TPCHD, and will require a new appointment decision

**EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:**

N/A

**STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:**

Mayor Woodards recommends approval of the resolution confirming the appointment of Chantell Harmon Reed as Director of Health for the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact.