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SUBJECT: Consideration and recommendation of applicants to the
Community's Police Advisory Committee
DATE: February 6, 2025

PRESENTATION TYPE:

Committees, Boards and Commissions Interviews

SUMMARY:

The Community Vitality and Safety Committee will interview and may recommend up to four applicants to the full City Council for appointment or reappointment to the Community's Police Advisory Committee. Recruitment efforts for the open seats included extending the deadline for further outreach, distributing a news release and posting on the City's website, and notifying over fifteen local organizations. Below is a list of applicants, in order of interview:

APPLICANTS	COUNCIL DISTRICT
Laurie Arnold	2
Vanessa Michelle Doven	4
Sam Duralde	1
Godot Gutierre	4
Erick Harpole	2
Edward Hill	1
Christopher Hinricher	3
Joseph Nauman	1
Latasha Palmer	3
Jasmine Ramsey	4
Gwendolin Webb	5
Andre Jimenez	3
Michele Worthy	4
Louis Cooper Jr (seeking reappointment)	1
Allen McKenzie (seeking reappointment)	4

BACKGROUND:

The City Council approved Ordinance No. 28310 on August 4, 2015, an ordinance relating to the City's Administrative Code; amending Section 1.06.075 of the Tacoma Municipal Code (TMC), "Police Department Citizen-Initiated Complaint Oversight", to change the name of the Citizen Review Panel to Citizen Police Advisory Committee (Committee); increase the number of members from seven to eleven, consisting of one member from each Council District, five members from the general community and one designated youth seat for a one-year term, with a minimum of 40 percent of the members from traditionally underrepresented communities or groups; and revise



the duties of the committee. On August 11, 2020, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 28685, amending Section 1.06.075 of the TMC, to rename the Citizen Police Advisory Committee to the “Community’s Police Advisory Committee”, to align with the City’s equity framework.

The Community’s Police Advisory Committee is a policy-focused board that will help to ensure transparency and accountability in the way that the City of Tacoma Police Department operates. The Committee is responsible for reviewing police policy at the request of the City Council or City Manager; receiving and reviewing policy complaints by members of the public; and providing advice to the City Council, the City Manager, and the Chief of Police on Police policy matters. The Committee also provides community outreach and education through public hearings and panel efforts.

ISSUE:

Positions need to be filled.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Committee will continue to operate without full membership.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff requests that the Community Vitality and Safety Committee recommend the appointment or reappointment of up to four applicants to the Community’s Police Advisory Committee, which will be forwarded to the full City Council on February 25, 2025.

ATTACHMENTS:

Community’s Police Advisory Committee Applications
Current Roster