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SUBJECT: Resolution – Appointing and reappointing individuals to the
Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs – April 30, 2024
DATE: April 16, 2024

SUMMARY:

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

- Appointing Nixon Tenga to fill an unexpired term, to expire March 31, 2027.
- Appointing Linus Nyaga to fill an unexpired term, to expire March 31, 2027.
- Appointing Iuliia Didkivska to fill an unexpired term, to expire March 31, 2026.
- Appointing Emmanuella Shasha to fill an unexpired term, to expire March 31, 2026.
- Appointing Eunice T Ngwasi kalembo to the “Alternate” position to fill an unexpired term, to expire March 31, 2025.
- Reappointing Maurice Lekea to serve a three-year term, retroactive to April 1, 2024, to expire March 31, 2027.
- Reappointing Samantha Le to serve a three-year term retroactive to April 1, 2024, to expire March 31, 2027.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Deputy Mayor Hines and Council Members Rumbaugh and Scott.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

As the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (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 11, 2024, 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.