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FROM: Nicole Emery, City Clerk
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SUBJECT: Resolution – Appointing individuals to the Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee – January 9, 2024
DATE: December 18, 2023

SUMMARY:

Appointing the following individuals to the Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee:

- Appointing Rahsaan Freeman to the “Certified Business No. 3” position to fill an unexpired term, to expire August 31, 2024, followed by a three-year term to expire August 31, 2027.
- Appointing Scott Lundt to the “Certified Business No. 4” position to fill an unexpired term, to expire August 31, 2025, followed by a three-year term to expire August 31, 2028.
- Appointing Paul Franetovich to the “District No. 1” position to fill an unexpired term, to expire August 31, 2026.
- Appointing Larry Hutchinson to the “TPU Service Area No. 1” position to fill an unexpired term, to expire August 31, 2026.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Council Members Blocker, Bushnell, Daniels, and Diaz.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

Appointing individuals to the Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee (“Advisory Committee”) best aligns with the strategic priority policy related to economy/workforce by increasing positive public perception related to the Tacoma economy. As the City works to create more equitable contracting opportunities in Tacoma, Advisory Committee members will monitor compliance of the Equity in Contracting (EIC) program, as well as provide staff with recommendations related to program performance and effectiveness. Additionally, the strategic priority policy related to civic engagement applies by increasing the percentage of residents who believe they can have a positive impact on the community and express trust in the public institutions in Tacoma. Staff will engage and collaborate with the Advisory Committee regarding EIC program compliance and effectiveness as related to the disparity study results.

BACKGROUND:

At the December 12, 2023, Economic Development Committee meeting, the Committee conducted interviews and recommended the appointment of the individuals listed above.

ISSUE:

Positions need to be filled on the Equity in Contracting Advisory Committee.



ALTERNATIVES:

The Advisory Committee will continue to operate without full membership.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Economic Development Committee is recommending the appointment of the individuals listed above.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.