

City of Tacoma

TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager FROM: Nicole Emery, City Clerk Chris Bacha, City Attorney

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SUBJECT: Resolution – Appointing individuals to the Human Rights Commission –

March 5, 2024

DATE: February 26, 2024

SUMMARY:

Appointing the following individuals to the Human Rights Commission:

- Appointing Scott Schubert to serve a three-year term, retroactive to March 1, 2024, to expire February 28, 2027.
- Appointing Mona Baghdadi to serve a three-year term, retroactive to March 1, 2024, to expire February 28, 2027.
- Appointing Lisa Hamlin to serve a three-year term, retroactive to March 1, 2024, to expire February 28, 2027.
- Appointing Bre Johnson to serve a three-year term, retroactive to March 1, 2024, to expire February 28, 2027.
- Appointing Lohitvenkatesh Oswal to serve a three-year term, retroactive to March 1, 2024, to expire February 28, 2027.
- Appointing Collin Thrower to fill an unexpired term, to expire February 28, 2026.
- Appointing Kelly Oshiro to fill an unexpired term, to expire February 28, 2025, followed by a three-year term, to expire February 29, 2028.
- Appointing Mary Ann Lara to fill an unexpired term, to expire February 28, 2025, followed by a three-year term, to expire February 29, 2028.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Deputy Mayor Hines and Council Members Rumbaugh and Walker.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

As the Human Rights Commission ("Commission") studies, investigates, and mediates community issues that may result from discrimination, appointing individuals to the Commission best aligns with the strategic policy priority related to strengthening and supporting public safety and human services.

BACKGROUND:

At the February 22, 2024, Community Vitality and Safety Committee meeting, the Committee conducted interviews and recommended the appointment of the individuals listed above.

ISSUE:

Positions need to be filled on the Human Rights Commission.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Commission will continue to operate without full membership.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Community Vitality and Safety Committee is recommending the appointment of the individuals listed above.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.