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SUBJECT: Consideration and Recommendation of Applicants to the
Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs
DATE: March 22, 2018

PRESENTATION TYPE:
Committees, Boards and Commissions Interviews

SUMMARY:

The Community Vitality and Safety Committee will interview and may recommend up to twelve applicants to the full City Council for appointment to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs. Below is a list of the applicants:

APPLICANTS	COUNCIL DISTRICT
Vaelupemaua Anitema	4
Zawadi Chege	2
Johan “Sebastian” Diaz	3
Liz Dunbar	2
Geysar Gurbanov	1
Saiyare Refaei	5
Guadalupe Saavedra	5
Vanna Sing	3
Monica DeHart*	1
Erin Guinup*	4

*Provided written response.

BACKGROUND:

On December 12, 2017, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 39892 establishing the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, to be composed of eleven members and an alternate serving three-year terms; to start, all appointments shall be staggered rotations and terms. The Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs shall have the duty and power to study problems and issues specifically impacting the immigrant and refugee communities in the City of Tacoma and will collaborate with community partners, City departments, and within the City’s Equity and Empowerment framework to identify and advance positive outcomes related to Tacoma’s economic, cultural, and civic life.



ISSUE:

Twelve applicants need to be appointed to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Commission will operate without full membership.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff requests that the Community Vitality and Safety Committee recommend the appointment of up to twelve applicants to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, which would be forwarded to the full City Council on April 3, 2018.