City of Tacoma

TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager **FROM:** Doris Sorum, City Clerk

COPY: Community Vitality and Safety Committee Members; Linda Stewart

PRESENTER: Doris Sorum, City Clerk

SUBJECT: Consideration and recommendation of applicants to the

Human Rights Commission

DATE: February 25, 2021

PRESENTATION TYPE:

Committees, Boards and Commissions Interviews

SUMMARY:

The Community Vitality and Safety Committee will interview and may recommend up to six applicants to the full City Council for appointment or reappointment to the Human Rights Commission. Below is a list of the applicants:

APPLICANTS	COUNCIL DISTRICT
Ronita Boullt (seeking reappointment)	Outside City Limits
Nobles, Melvin, Jr. (seeking reappointment)	4
Courtney Acoff	5
Laurie Lynch	3
Anita Snyder	3
Kim Washington Watson	1
David Hayes	5
Alicia Mathurin*	5

^{*}Provided written response

BACKGROUND:

The Commission consists of fifteen members serving three-year terms and is composed of representatives of the general public and the employer, labor, religious, racial, ethnic, handicapped, and women's groups in the City. The Commission studies, investigates, and mediates community issues that may result from discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin or ancestry, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, marital status, familial status, honorably discharged veteran or military status, or disability.

ISSUE:

Positions need to be filled on the Commission.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Commission 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 six applicants to the Human Rights Commission, which would be forwarded to the full City Council on March 9, 2021.

ATTACHMENTS:

Human Rights Commission Applications Current Roster