



**TO:** Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager  
**FROM:** Doris Sorum, City Clerk  
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**PRESENTER:** Doris Sorum, City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Consideration and recommendation of applicants to the  
Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs  
**DATE:** April 8, 2021

**PRESENTATION TYPE:**

Committees, Boards and Commissions Interviews

**SUMMARY:**

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

APPLICANTS	COUNCIL DISTRICT
Hieu Nguyen (seeking reappointment)	4
Emani Donaldson	5
Alma Villegas	2
Lydia Zepeda	3
Hezekiah Uba Orji	Outside City Limits

**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:**

Positions need to be filled.

**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 five applicants to the Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, which would be forwarded to the full City Council on April 20, 2021.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs Applications  
Current Roster