City of Tacoma

TO: Hyun Kim, Interim City Manager

FROM: Nicole Emery, City Clerk

COPY: Community Vitality and Safety Committee Members; Vicky McLaurin

PRESENTER: Nicole Emery, City Clerk

SUBJECT: Consideration and recommendation of applicants to the

Human Rights Commission

DATE: September 25, 2025

PRESENTATION TYPE:

Committees, Boards and Commissions Interviews

SUMMARY:

The Community Vitality and Safety Committee will interview and may recommend up to ten applicants to the full City Council for appointment to the Human Rights Commission. Recruitment efforts for the open seats included distributing a news release and posting on the City's website, and notifying over fifteen organizations. Below is a list of applicants:

APPLICANTS	COUNCIL DISTRICT
Rose Breckow	4
Michael Canty	3
Josh Gannis	3
Kaira Yamina Gomez-Garcia	3
MarcusAntonio Gunn	3
Angela Moore	Outside City limits
Jasmine Ramsey	4
Diana Royalty	2
Joy Tevis	3
Gwendolin Webb	5
Kearsley Wiswell	5
Destinee Moliga	3
Treveon Parish	2

BACKGROUND:

The Human Rights Commission (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, pregnancy 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 of up to ten applicants to the Human Rights Commission, which will be forwarded to the full City Council on October 14, 2025.