City of Tacoma Standing Committee Memorandum

**TO:** Hyun Kim, City Manager
**FROM:** Nicole Emery, City Clerk
**COPY:** Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee Members;
Ramiro Chavez, Executive Liaison
**PRESENTER:** Nicole Emery, City Clerk
**SUBJECT:** Consideration and recommendation of applicants to the Planning Commission
**DATE:** June 10, 2026

**PRESENTATION TYPE:**
Committees, Boards and Commissions Interviews

**SUMMARY:**
The Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee will interview and may recommend up to four applicants to the full City Council for appointment or reappointment to the Planning 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 the applicants:

| APPLICANTS | COUNCIL DISTRICT |
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| Erin Anderson | 1 |
| Nick Anderson | 1 |
| Maria Buchanan | 4 |
| Lyle Crews | 3 |
| Christopher Karnes (seeking reappointment) | 3 |
| Alex Morganroth | 2 |
| Anthony Steele (seeking reappointment) | 1 |
| Bobbak Talebi | 1 |

**BACKGROUND:**
The Planning Commission (Commission) consists of nine members appointed by the City Council for three-year terms. All members must be residents of Tacoma. Commission meetings occur the first and third Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. The Planning Commission develops and updates the Comprehensive Plan and its elements; formulates effective and efficient land use and development regulations and processes that implement the Comprehensive Plan; and reviews various planning issues, such as area-wide zoning reclassifications, moratoria, interim zoning, pre-annexation planning, historic district designation, urban design, and transportation and capital facilities programs.

**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 the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee recommend the appointment or reappointment of up to four applicants to the Planning Commission, which will be forwarded to the full City Council on June 30, 2026.