

STAFF REPORT

Date: August 10, 2022

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Doug Thornley, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Discussion and potential appointment of one individual to the Human Rights Commission from the following pool of applicants, listed in alphabetical order: Zeina Barkawi, Nancy Cecil, Dominique Debucquoy-Dodley, Andre Gardner, Mallory Johnson, Steve Shell, and/or Tori Sundheim

From: Mikki Huntsman

Department: City Clerk

Summary: There is currently one vacancy on the City of Reno Human Rights Commission for a Ward 3 appointee. Staff has received applications from Zeina Barkawi, Nancy Cecil, Dominique Debucquoy-Dodley, Andre Gardner, Mallory Johnson, Steve Shell, and/or Tori Sundheim

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Not Applicable

Previous Council Action: There is no recent Council action relevant to this appointment.

Background: On February 26, 2020, Council adopted Resolution 8780, made an amendment to the original Resolution 8384 creating the City of Reno Human Rights Commission. According to the resolution, the Commission shall consist of up to seven members who adequately represent the various human rights-related interests in the city. The Commission will act in an advisory capacity in respect to matters impacting human rights and make recommendations to the Council regarding the development of programs for the promotion of social justice, diversity/inclusion, equal opportunity and human dignity among all citizens and visitors.

Discussion: City residency is not required to be Commission member. Commission members shall serve two-year, staggered terms. Council may nominate and re-appoint a person for one consecutive two-year term. After a Commission member has served a total of four consecutive years, the member may not be re-appointed until there has been a one-year gap in

service. Council may waive those term limits in specific instances where specific membership qualifications are desired or no qualified person has applied for appointment on the Commission. Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation.

Financial Implications: None at this time.

Legal Implications: Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law.

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council make the necessary appointment as noted in the staff report.

Proposed Motion: I move to appoint _____ as the Ward 3 representative to the Human Rights Commission.

Attachments:

Resolution 8780 adopted on 2-26-2020

Human Rights Commission Roster, effective 7-6-2022

Zeina Barkawi

Nancy Cecil

Dominique Debucquoy-Dodley

Andre Gardner

Mallory Johnson

Steve Shell

Tori Sundheim