



Mayor's Nominating and Screening Committee

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: MAYOR'S NOMINATING AND SCREENING COMMITTEE **DATE: MAY 24, 2016**

FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE **WARDS: ALL**

SUBJECT: BOARD OF ETHICS APPOINTMENTS

ISSUE:

The issue before the Mayor's Nominating and Screening Committee is to select applicants for interview for appointment to the Board of Ethics and identify a term staggering strategy.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Mayor's Nominating and Screening Committee:

1. Select applicants for interview for one seat from each of the Council Wards and two Citywide seats on the Board of Ethics with the understanding that the Mayor or any member of the City Council may identify additional applicants for interview; and
2. For these inaugural appointments, recommend that two seats be appointed for one-year terms through March 1, 2017, two for two-year terms through March 1, 2018, two for three-year terms through March 1, 2019, and three for four-year terms through March 1, 2020.

BACKGROUND:

On April 5, 2016, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 7329 establishing a Board of Ethics to hear complaints of violations of the Code of Ethics and Conduct. The Board of Ethics consists of nine members appointed in accordance with Section 802 of the Charter of the City of Riverside requiring representation from each of the seven City Council Wards.

After the applicants for interview have been identified, the City Clerk will notify the applicants and schedule interviews with the Mayor and City Council. The Mayor or any member of the City Council may present additional applicants for interview.

Charter Section 802 provides that members of boards and commissions serve four-year terms for not more than two consecutive full terms. To avoid all terms expiring at the same time in connection with the initial appointments to the Board of Ethics, two may be appointed for one-year terms through March 1, 2017, two for two-year terms through March 1, 2018, two for three-year terms through March 1, 2019, and three for four-year terms through March 1, 2020. The "one-year" terms through March 1, 2017, are for less than one year. Those members would be eligible to serve two additional four-year terms. The terms may be assigned by the Mayor and City Council at the time of appointment or drawn by lot.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Recruitment and appointment costs are included annually in the City Clerk's Office budget.

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Attachments: Applications