

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

ISSUES:

Appoint Aaron Agramon to the Human Relations Commission Citywide seat, Rene Visco to the Commission of the Deaf Ward 1 seat and file the resignations of Kathleen S. Barth from the Human Relations Commission Citywide seat and Patty Binford from the Commission on Aging Citywide seat.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Mayor and City Council:

- 1. Appoint Aaron Agramon to the Human Relations Commission Citywide seat for a term through March 1, 2024;
- 2. Appoint Rene Visco to the Commission of the Deaf Ward 1 seat for a term through March 1, 2025;
- 3. File resignation of Kathleen S. Barth from the Human Relations Commission Citywide seat; and
- 4. File resignation of Patty Binford from the Commission on Aging Citywide seat.

BACKGROUND:

Riverside City Charter Section 802 provides that the members of each such board or commission shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and City Council and shall be nominated and appointed by the Mayor and City Council from the qualified electors of the City. Each board and commission shall have at least one representative from each Council Ward.

Pursuant to Resolution 23976, Section XIV (B), The Mayor recommends that the City Council appoint Aaron Agramon to the Human Relations Commission Citywide seat for a term through March 1, 2024.

Councilmember Edwards recommends that the Mayor and City Council appoint Rene Visco to the

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Commission on the Deaf Ward 1 seat for a term through March 1, 2025.

On Thursday, August 24, 2023, the City Clerk's Office received a resignation from Kathleen S. Barth of the Human Relations Commission, Citywide seat. Her term expires March 1, 2024.

On Tuesday, August 29, 2023, the City Clerk's Office received a resignation from Patty Binford of the Commission on Aging, Citywide seat. Her term expires March 1, 2025.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

The Mayor and City Council process for appointing a board/commission member to fill a vacancy on a board or commission contributes to the City Council's Envision 2025 Strategic Plan Priority and Goal:

High Performing Government - Provide world-class public service that is efficient, accessible, and responsive to all, and the following goal:

<u>Goal 5.3</u> - Enhance communication and collaboration with community members to improve transparency, build public trust, and encourage shared decision-making.

The board/commission appointment process for filling a vacancy aligns with the 5 Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust and 2. Equity** - Riverside is transparent in providing timely notification when vacancies occur to provide opportunities for residents interested in community engagement and involvement on the City Boards and Commissions.

3. **Fiscal Responsibility** - Riverside is a prudent steward of public funds and ensures responsible management of the City's financial resources. The City Clerk's Office annual budget includes funding to support and maintain Board and Commission operations administration.

4. **Innovation** - Board and Commission appointments allow new members to bring innovative ideas to meet the community's changing needs and prepare for the future through collaborative partnerships and adaptive processes.

5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** - Riverside is committed to meeting the present needs without compromising the needs of the future and ensuring the City's capacity to preserve, adapt and grow during fluctuating times are met. The City is prepared to fill vacancies due to unforeseen resignations by keeping an active pool of applicants.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

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