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Audit Advisory Board

The Audit Advisory Board supports the City Council's Government Performance and Finance Committee in carrying out its audit advisory, oversight and liaison functions. These functions include: ensuring coordination of audit needs of the City Council and the work of independent auditors retained by the City to audit City programs, functions, and activities; making audit management recommendations to the City Council; seeking qualified independent auditors to perform such audits; and acting as a liaison between the City Council and the City Manager's Office with regard to audits of City programs, functions, and activities that are not under the direction of the City Council.

Total Number of Member Positions: 7

(Only 1 citizen position)

Total Number of Vacancies: 1

Membership Terms: 2 years

Board of Building Appeals

The Board of Building Appeals reviews and approves the updating of the City's Building, Mechanical, Plumbing, Fire, Dangerous Building, Minimum Housing, Boiler and Energy Codes. Its members are qualified by training and experience to pass on matters pertaining to the Building Code. They are recommended by the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee and formally appointed by a resolution of the Council.

Total Number of Member Positions: 7

Total Number of Vacancies: 1

Membership Term: 5 Years

Board of Ethics

The Board of Ethics receives, investigates and makes recommendations for disposition of complaints of violation of the Code of Ethics by the City Manager, the Director of Public Utilities, a member of the Public Utility Board (Utility Board), or a City-elected official. The board may also render advisory opinions in response to a request by one of the aforementioned officials, and render and publish formal opinions on any matter within the scope of the Board's authority which it may deem appropriate. Its members are recommended by the Government Performance and Finance Committee and

formally appointed by a resolution of the Council.

Total Number of Member Positions: 5

Total Number of Vacancies: 1

Membership Term: 3 Years

Citizen Review Panel

The Citizen Review Panel is a policy-focused board that helps ensure transparency and accountability in the way that the City of Tacoma Police Department operates. Its members are recommended by the Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee and formally appointed by a resolution of the Council. The panel includes individuals representing the diverse communities in Tacoma. No current member of the Tacoma Police Department, or his or her immediate family, may service on the Panel. No more than three members may be commissioned law enforcement professionals or retired commissioned law enforcement professionals.

Total Number of Member Positions: 7

Total Number of Vacancies: 1

Membership Term: 3 Years

City Events and Recognition Committee

The Committee serves as an advisory and action committee for the City on matters pertaining to City-hosted events and special recognition programs, such as: the City's Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, City of Destiny Awards, and other special national and local observations. The committee is responsible for planning, reviewing and evaluating events. The Committee will engage the broader Tacoma community in fundraising efforts and the solicitation of corporate and private sponsorships to leverage funds for the events. It includes representatives from each of the City's five Council Districts who bring a range of perspectives and expertise that focus on the City's commitment to celebrate civic engagement and special observations. Members are recommended by the Economic Development Committee and formally appointed by a resolution of the Council.

Total Number of Member Positions: 9

Total Number of Vacancies: 3

Membership Term: 3 Years

Foss Waterway Development Authority

The Foss Waterway Development Authority undertakes, assists with, and otherwise facilitates the redevelopment of property within and along the Thea Foss Waterway. The Foss Waterway Development Authority's members are recommended by the Economic Development Committee and formally appointed by a resolution of the Council. Members shall be civic or business leaders with experience in such fields as finance, real estate development, law or construction management and, to the extent possible, a majority of the membership shall be residents of Pierce County. Those who have an ownership interest in real property located within or along the Foss Waterway, or who are employees of the City of Tacoma or Metro Park District, and members of other City of Tacoma Boards and Commissions are not eligible to serve.

Total Number of Member Positions: 7

Total Number of Vacancies: 0

Membership Term: 3 Years

Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District

The Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District is responsible for real estate transactions, contracting of debts, adoption of an annual budget, certification of financial statements and other transactions, duties, and responsibilities related to the district. The District has rotating appointments, which include a four-year term for Fife, two-, three- and four-year terms for the three Tacoma members, a four-year term for the University Place and Lakewood members and a four-year term for the Pierce County member.

Total Number of Member Positions: 7

(Only 3 are appointed by the City of Tacoma)

Total Number of Vacancies: 0

Membership Term: Varies

Human Rights Commission

The Human Rights Commission was created by the Tacoma City Council to study and investigate problems of prejudice, bigotry, and discrimination, and to encourage and coordinate the implementation of programs consistent with the needs and the rights of all Tacoma residents. Members are recommended by the Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee and formally appointed by a resolution of the Council. The commission is composed of representatives of the general public and the employer, labor, religious, racial, ethnic, disabled and women's

groups in Tacoma. 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, honorably discharged veteran or military status, or disability.

Total Number of Member Positions: 15

Total Number of Vacancies: 1

Membership Term: 3 Years

Human Services Commission

The Human Services Commission conducts public hearings, accepts and reviews proposals, supports initiatives and makes recommendations to the City Council for funding based upon the Human Services Strategic Plan's priorities. Members are recommended by the Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee and formally appointed by a resolution of the Council. Membership must reflect the diversity of our community as to race/culture, gender, age, socioeconomics, geography, and interest in Human Services Commission membership.

Total Number of Member Positions: 15

Total Number of Vacancies: 1

Membership Term: 3 Years

Landmarks Preservation Commission

The Landmarks Preservation Commission oversees the establishment and regulation of landmarks, local historic districts, proposed name changes for public facilities, and certain property tax incentives. Members are recommended by the Neighborhoods and Housing Committee and formally appointed by a resolution of the Council. There are three architects, four individuals with professional expertise in preservation related fields, one representative from the Tacoma Arts Commission, and three interested residents. Nonvoting ex-officio members may be appointed to represent property and business owners within Tacoma's historic districts.

Total Number of Member Positions: 11

Total Number of Vacancies: 0

Membership Term:

3 Years (Regular Members),

4 years (Ex-officio Members)



Planning Commission

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. Members are recommended by the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee and formally appointed by a resolution of the Council. Five members represent Tacoma's five Council districts and the other four represent the development community, the environmental community, public transportation, and architecture, historic preservation and/or urban design.

Total Number of Member Positions: 9

Total Number of Vacancies: 4

Membership Term: 3 Years

Public Utility Board

The Public Utility Board is the governing body for Tacoma Public Utilities. The Board oversees the management and operation of Tacoma Public Utilities, which includes Tacoma Power, Tacoma Water, and Tacoma Rail. The Board sets policy for all activities related to supplying customers with electricity, water, rail and telecommunication services. Certain business, such as the budget and rates, also requires City Council approval. Members are recommended by the Government Performance and Finance Committee and formally appointed by a resolution of the Council.

Total Number of Member Positions: 5

Total Number of Vacancies: 0

Membership Term: 5 years

Sustainable Tacoma Commission

The Sustainable Tacoma Commission works with the Office of Sustainability, which is responsible for implementing the strategies in the Climate Action Plan and measuring the city's progress as it reduces greenhouse gas emissions. Both the Office and the Commission were created by a City Council resolution in October 2008. Members are recommended by the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee and formally appointed by a resolution of the Council. Membership is a balanced representation of stakeholders, such as the environmental community, small business, labor, housing, industry and port, transportation, education, building industry and residents. They oversee the implementation of

Tacoma's Climate Action Plan as the City and community reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Their intention is to bring citizen accountability, transparency and vigilance to the long-term implementation of Tacoma's Climate Action Plan, as developed by the Green Ribbon Climate Action Task Force.

Total Number of Member Positions: 11

Total Number of Vacancies: 0

Membership Term: 3 Years

Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities

The Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities is an advisory group to the City Council in policy making, and partners with the community to bring awareness of issues that affect individuals with disabilities. Members also participate on committees, help educate the public about disability issues, and serve as a resource for City staff. Members hail from Tacoma and Pierce County, and reflect varied backgrounds and areas of expertise. Members are recommended by the Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee and formally appointed by a resolution of the Council.

Total Number of Member Positions: 11

Total Number of Vacancies: 0

Membership Term: 3 Years

Tacoma Arts Commission

The Tacoma Arts Commission is one of the oldest arts commissions in Washington State. The primary responsibility of the commission is to create policies to support the ongoing development of arts programs and projects in Tacoma. Its primary programs include the funding of artists and arts organizations to provide services for residents of Tacoma, and oversight of the Municipal Art Program. Its members are arts advocates and artists. Members are recommended by the Economic Development Committee and formally appointed by a resolution of the Council. Members are Tacoma residents who are arts advocates and artists. The Commission includes a member of the City Landmarks Preservation Commission, a working professional artist, a person working in the Tacoma public education community, a person representing the Community Council or Neighborhood Business Districts, and 11 additional persons representative of acknowledged accomplishment or persons working outside of professional practice in the arts, but who demonstrate a deep interest in and appreciation of cultural and artistic activities



Total Number of Member Positions: 15
Total Number of Vacancies: 0
Membership Term: 3 Years

Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority

The Tacoma Community Redevelopment Authority Board administers federal grants and other programs or projects or activities financed from funds derived directly or indirectly from a grant agreement or undertaken in conjunction with a federal program or other programs, including but not limited to the Community Development Program of the City of Tacoma. The Board oversees leasing, ownership or operation of the public performing Arts Center and auditoriums. Membership includes a representative knowledgeable in business and real estate; two attorneys, two lenders, two contractors or development managers, two Certified Public Accountants, and two realtor estate agents or brokers. Members are recommended by the Neighborhoods and Housing Committee and formally appointed by a resolution of the Council.

Total Number of Member Positions: 10
Total Number of Vacancies: 2
Membership Term: 2 years

Tacoma Housing Authority

The Tacoma Housing Authority provides high quality housing and supportive services to persons and families in need, including the facilitation of housing to Tacoma's low-income citizens. Members are responsible for setting policy and ensuring that its policies are carried out and that the THA is operating in accordance with all relevant federal, state, and local and internal laws, rules, regulations and policies. The Board of Commissioners consists of five members who are appointed by the Mayor with the confirmation of the City Council. Members must be citizens of Tacoma.

Total Number of Member Positions: 5
Total Number of Vacancies: 2
Membership Term: 5 years

Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees oversee the management and control of the Tacoma Public Library. The Board adopts bylaws for their own guidance, and have supervision and care of all property of the library, and employ a librarian. The Board consists of five members who are appointed

by the Mayor with the confirmation of the City Council.
Total Number of Member Positions: 5
Total Number of Vacancies: 0
Membership Term: 5 years

Transportation Commission

The Transportation Commission advises the City Council on transportation-related matters such as short-term and long-range transportation planning; compliance with local, regional, and federal transportation regulations; bike, pedestrian, and mass transit-related planning initiatives; and parking and capital improvement plans. Nine of the voting members of the Transportation Commission are nominated by the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee and formally appointed by a resolution of the Council, and must be Tacoma residents. Five members must be representatives from each of Tacoma's Council Districts. Two members are non-voting members appointed by the City Manager. Each member brings a range of perspectives and expertise that focus on the City's long-term vision for mobility options through Tacoma. Members reflect the professional engineering sector, construction/private business sector, bike and pedestrian/mass transit sector, planning/urban growth sector, environmental/sustainability sector, general community and ADA community.

Total Number of Member Positions: 11
Total Number of Vacancies: 0
Membership Term: 3 Years

