

Board Appointment – Human Rights Commission: (New Commission) The following are seven appointments: (Need appointees for District Two and District Six): Orin Howell, Adrian Comollo, Jim Teall, Christine Johnson, Christina Carver, Patrick Leary and Francisca Blanc

INTRODUCTION:

Mayor Anderson is recommending the following residents Orin Howell, District 1; Adrian Comollo, District 3; Jim Teall, District 4; Christine (Chris) Johnson, District 5; Christina B. Carver, District 7; Patrick Leary District 5, and Francisca Blanc District 3 will represent the diversity of the city to be appointed to the Human Rights Commission. If appointed, the member's term ending dates will be drawn by lot to expire on a staggered basis of two, three or four years each.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Orin Howell is a Human Resources Specialist at Salt Lake City Veterans Health Care System. He would like to use his knowledge and skills in Equal Opportunity and Equal Employment Opportunity in giving back to the community. Mr. Howell feels his experience of living in most of the fifty states and several countries will contribute sufficiently to the commission. With eleven different ethnic groups, and individuals with different life-styles within his own family, Mr. Howell can bring a different perspective to the Human Rights Commission.

Adrian Comollo is the Director at the Italian Center of the West Translator. Mr. Comollo would like to see Salt Lake City become more open to other cultures, more internationally oriented, less extreme, entrenched, introverted and more respectful of minority groups.

Jim Teall is a Preacher at The First Presbyterian Church. He believes this is a fantastic opportunity to be a beacon to the world to show others how a diverse city like Salt Lake City is working for total peace and unity among its citizens. "I want to see the people of Salt Lake City of all faiths economic levels, ethnic groups coming together and to experience the joy of diversity and to work together on common good that will benefit the whole community of Salt Lake City." Mr. Teall has been involved in reconciliation work between communities since 1998. His work has included projects to promote peace, justice, equality and unity in places like Northern Ireland, the former Yugoslavia, Palestine/Israel and Houston, Texas between Christians & Muslims.

Christine A. Johnson (Chris) is a Real Estate Agent with Rainbow Mountain Realty. She is proud of Salt Lake City for creating the Human Rights Commission and is hoping the Commission will be fair and balanced and accurately represent the many beautifully diverse ethnicities, orientations, races and cultures found in our neighborhoods. Ms. Johnson has a business practice to donate five percent of profits to the non-profit of her clients' choice. Some of the organizations who have benefited from these gifts are MS Society, The Sharing Place, African Community Daycare, The Lisa Speckman Fund, Primary Children's Hospital and Catholic Charities Refugee Placement Program.

Patrick Leary is Chief Administrator, Office of the District Attorney in Salt Lake County. Mr. Leary feels a personal commitment to human rights, a deeply held moral commitment to protecting the rights of all and treating all with dignity, respect and compassion. Mr. Leary is a motivated, disciplined person with extensive government, community and political experience. He utilizes strong written and oral communication skills coupled with substantive experience in public sector management.

Christina (Chris) B Carver is an Associate Accountant at the University of Utah. Ms. Carver would like to be a member of this Commission to look into cases of discrimination. Her background and experience as a minority in Utah can contribute to the committee and give minorities a voice. Ms. Carver believes her input can help strengthen City Government relations with minorities.

Francisca Blanc is a Student and CNA for Rocky Mountain Home Care. Ms. Blanc is a first generation Romanian immigrant learning a new language and a new culture. Also her unique perspective on the challenges that face minorities will bring insight to this Commission. Ms. Blanc feels her work in the Homecare field brings her in contact with people of various backgrounds who learn to communicate and interact in a professional and respectful manner.

RESPONSE DEADLINE:

If you have any objection to this appointment, please let Vicki know by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday October 5, 2005.

CURRENT COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD: New no members at this time.

According to City ordinance, the Human Rights Commission shall consist of nine members, one representative from each Council District and two from the community who will represent the diversity of the city. All members must be Salt Lake City residents and at least 18 years of age; each will serve a four-year term.

BOARD STRUCTURE:

According to City ordinance, the Human Rights Commission makes recommendations to the Mayor and City Council regarding educational resources on issues of discrimination and equal treatment. Commissioner's will review complaints of discrimination involving city departments or services to identify possible sources. Reviews legislation, policies or other action by the city designed to further eliminate prejudice and discrimination. Reviews pending legislation, policy changes or other city action that may impact human rights. Works in partnership to foster positive inter-group relations through educational programs.