

Board Appointment- Human Rights Commission-T. Christopher Wharton

INTRODUCTION:

Mayor Becker is recommending that **T. Christopher Wharton** be appointed to the Human Rights Commission Board, if appointed Mr. Wharton will serve the term through December 28, 2009.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Mr. Wharton resides in Salt Lake City, District 5 and is currently employed at the Utah Attorney General's Office as a Law Clerk. He is attending the University of Utah as a Law Student and is the President of the Student Bar Association at the University.

RESPONSE DEADLINE:

If you have any objection to this appointment, please let Chris know by Nov. 14, 2008.

CURRENT COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD:

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. Adrian Comollo, District 3; Christy Gleave, District 4; Orin Howell, District 1; Walter Jones, District 3; Patrick Leary, District 5; Mimi Pedersen District 7.

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. Commissioners 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.