

**INTRODUCTION:**

Mayor Becker is recommending that **Rebecca Hall** be appointed to the Human Rights Commission Board, if appointed Ms. Hall will fill a vacancy on the Board and will serve the term through December 27, 2010.

**APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

Rebecca Hall is a resident of Salt Lake City, District 2. She is currently a visiting scholar at the University of Utah and is a Professor of Law and History. Ms. Hall has litigated on behalf of plaintiffs in discrimination cases and has written about the nexus between race, gender and law in American History. She is affiliated with the National Council of Black Lawyers and the American Association of University Woman.

**RESPONSE DEADLINE:**

If you have any objection to this appointment, please let Chris know by February 27, 2009.

**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; Esperanza Granados, District 5; Jennifer Mayer-Glen, District 5; T. Christopher Wharton, District 5.

**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.