
Board Appointment- Human Rights Commission-Dr. Susan J. Wurtzburg

INTRODUCTION:

Mayor Becker is recommending that Dr. Susan J. Wurtzburg be appointed to the Human Rights Commission, if appointed Ms. Wurtzburg will fill a vacancy and serve the term through December 31, 2012.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Dr. Susan J. Wurtzburg is a resident of Salt Lake City, District Six. She is currently employed at the University of Utah, Sociology Department. Ms. Wurtzburg is associated with or a board member of Planned Parenthood, Save our Canyons, American Anthropology Association and Utah Council on Conflict Resolution just to name a few. She is a skilled mediator and wants to be involved with improving Salt Lake City.

RESPONSE DEADLINE:

If you have any objection to this appointment, please let Chris know by March 13, 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.