

## **Board Appointment- Human Rights Commission-Kari Jones**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

Mayor Becker is recommending that Keri Jones be appointed to the Human Rights Commission. If appointed, Ms. Jones will fill a vacancy and serve the term through December 31, 2013.

### **APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

Keri Jones is a resident of Salt Lake City, District Four. She is the Chief Program Officer at the YWCA, where she is active in regional and national leadership. She is interested in the Human Rights Commission due to the direct correlation with her personal and professional interests of addressing and eliminating racism, and issues related to disproportionate access to underprivileged communities. At this time she is particularly concerned about immigration policy and the direction it is headed.

### **RESPONSE DEADLINE:**

If you have any objection to this appointment, please let Amber know by July 26, 2010.

### **CURRENT COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD:**

The Human Rights Commission is comprised 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. Current board members include: Curtis Haring, District One; Rebecca Hall, District 2; Walter Jones, District 3; Jennifer Mayer-Glen, District 5; Susan J. Wurtzburg, District 6; Jonathan M. Jepsen, District 7; Esperanza Granados, At Large; T. Christopher Wharton, At Large.

### **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. The board reviews pending legislation, policy changes or other city action that may impact human rights and works in partnership to foster positive inter-group relations through educational programs.