

# **Board Appointment- Human Rights Commission-Curtis Haring**

## **INTRODUCTION:**

Mayor Becker is recommending that Curtis Haring be appointed to the Human Rights Commission, if appointed Mr. Haring will fill a vacancy and serve the term through December 31, 2013.

## **APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

Curtis Haring is a resident of Salt Lake City, District One. He is the former Executive Director of Fair Boundaries Utah and is affiliated with Salt Lake Peer Court and Young Democrats of Utah. As a lifelong resident of Rose Park, Mr. Haring has seen growth in the community as organizations have reached out to the west side. He is interested in assisting in this growth and the improvements to the city he loves.

## **RESPONSE DEADLINE:**

If you have any objection to this appointment, please let Amber know by May 28, 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: Rebecca Hall, District 2; Walter Jones, District 3; Esperanza Granados, District 5; Jennifer Mayer-Glen, District 5; T. Christopher Wharton, District 5; Susan J. Wurtzburg, District 6; Jonathan M. Jepsen, 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. 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.