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CITY OF EDMONDS SEEKS DIVERSITY COMMISSION MEMBERS

Three Open Positions Available for Three-Year Terms

(Edmonds - WA) -- Edmonds residents interested in working on issues, programs and activities associated with the changing demographics of our community and enhancing an environment of mutual respect and understanding are encouraged to apply to fill three positions on the City's Diversity Commission that will be open as of January 1, 2021.

The purpose of the Edmonds Diversity Commission is to promote an environment that accepts, celebrates, and appreciates diversity within the community. The nine-member volunteer advisory Commission will:

- serve as a resource for City government and the community by providing information, education, and communication that facilitates a better understanding and celebrates our differences;
- provide recommendations to the Mayor and City Council that would identify opportunities to address diversity issues, promote diversity programs, and/or provide guidance to create a more accessible, safe, welcoming and inclusive government and community; and
- assist the City of Edmonds in supporting and challenging all areas of government and the community to eliminate and prevent all forms of discrimination.

Applicants will be reviewed and considered by the existing members of the Diversity Commission, who will nominate appointees, which will then be subject to City Council confirmation. The new Commissioners will fill three-year terms that start on 1/1/2021 and expire 12/31/2023.

Applicants must reside within the City of Edmonds. Ideal applicants will have experience in issues related to diversity and inclusion, can respect different views, are positive and action oriented, and have some personal experience that will contribute to a rich and diverse body of Commissioners. Persons of diverse personal backgrounds, such as ethnic heritage, race, sexual orientation, physical ability, religion, and age, are encouraged to apply. In addition, applicants should have the time to commit to once-monthly evening Commission meetings, occasional evening or weekend sponsored events, plus occasional *ad hoc* working subgroup meetings.

To apply:

Apply online by clicking “application” after the Diversity Commission listed at the following City webpage: <http://www.edmondswa.gov/boards-commissions-committees-openings.html>

Or obtain an application by contacting City Hall directly:

E-mail: cindi.cruz@edmondswa.gov

Phone: 425.775.7724

City Hall: First Floor Reception, 121 5th Avenue North, Edmonds, WA

Application forms may be returned as indicated on the form **no later than Noon on Wednesday, October 21, 2020**. Applicants should be available for potential interviews by the Diversity Commission at their Wednesday, November 4, 2020 meeting, 6:00 pm. The Diversity Commission meetings are held virtually via Zoom.

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