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DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR DIVERSITY EQUITY INCLUSION ACCESSIBILITY COMMISSION APPLICANTS

Applications sought for regular member and student representative

(Edmonds - WA) Edmonds residents interested in working on issues, programs and activities associated with the diverse demographics of our community and enhancing an environment of mutual respect and understanding are encouraged to apply to fill open positions on the City's Diversity Equity Inclusion Accessibility (DEIA) Commission. The deadline for applications has been extended to January 22, 2024.

The DEIA Commission currently has openings for both a regular member and a student representative.

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

- serves as a resource for City government and the community by providing information, education, and communication that facilitates a better understanding and celebrates our differences;
- provides 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
- assists the City of Edmonds in supporting and challenging all areas of government and the community to eliminate and prevent all forms of discrimination.

Commissioner applicants will be reviewed and considered by the existing members of the DEIA Commission who will make the nominations, which are subject to City Council confirmation. The new appointees will fill three-year terms that commence January 1, 2024 and run until December 31, 2026. Upon completion of initial terms, Commissioners may seek reappointment.

Applicants must reside within the City of Edmonds. Ideal applicants will be interested in diversity issues, 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 monthly evening Commission meetings, occasional evening or weekend sponsored events, plus monthly working committee meetings.

Student Representatives may be enrolled either in high school or college and must be Edmonds residents. They may attend schools outside Edmonds. Terms will start upon appointment and will run for one year. Student representatives may be reappointed for a follow-on term. The positions qualify for volunteer or community service hours and can be added as a civic affiliation on resumes. A letter of recommendation is available upon successful and satisfactory completion of the term.

To apply:

Apply online by clicking the application on the following City webpage: https://www.edmondswa.gov/government/boards_and_commissions/boards_commissions_openings

Or obtain an application by contacting City Hall directly:

E-mail: megan.luttrell@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 4:00 PM on Monday, January 22, 2024**. Applicants should be available for potential **in-person** interviews by the Diversity Commission at their Thursday, February 1, 2024 meeting at 6:00pm.

Para ver este comunicado de prensa y la solicitud visite https://www.edmondswa.gov/government/boards_and_commissions/boards_commissions_openings

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