CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: September 2, 2008

To: Honorable Mayor & City Council

From: Byron Pope, CMC
City Clerk

Subject: Human Relations Commission Interview Panel Report

INTRODUCTION

The Human Relations Commission Interview Panel composed of Vice-Mayor Frank Fenton, Councilmember Nancy Krasne and Human Relations Commission Chair Yar Meshkaty and Vice-Chair Carol Goldsmith met on Tuesday, August 26, 2008 and Thursday August 28, 2008. The panel interviewed six candidates for one upcoming vacancy on the Commission.

DISCUSSION

After discussion and careful review, it was the consensus of the Panel to recommend Rochelle Ginsburg for appointment. The Panel recommends Ms. Ginsburg fill the position of Commissioner Rabbi Laura Geller in November 2008, and that this appointee attend all Human Relations Commission meetings leading up to the November appointment.

RECOMMENDATION

The Human Relations Commission Interview Panel recommends that the City Council appoint Rochelle Ginsburg to the Human Relations Commission. With the concurrence of the Council, a formal report will be prepared for adoption at the September 23, 2008 Formal City Council meeting.

In addition, the Panel requests that the remaining candidates be thanked and advised that they each gave thoughtful and compelling answers to the questions posed by the Panel. The City is fortunate to have such a strong applicant pool and the applicants are encouraged to re-apply and attend as many future Human Relations Commission meetings as possible. In addition, those applicants who have not participated in Team Beverly Hills are urged to do so.

Byron Pope BP
Approved By