



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: February 17, 2015
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: Byron Pope, MMC
City Clerk
Subject: Human Relations Commission Interview Panel Report

INTRODUCTION

The Human Relations Commission Interview Panel composed of Vice Mayor Julian A. Gold, MD, Councilmember Nancy Krasne, Human Relations Commission Chair Ori Blumenfeld and Human Relations Commission Vice Chair Karen Popovich Levyn met on Tuesday, February 10, 2014. The panel received seventeen applications. Three applicants withdrew prior to the interview date, and three applicants were recently retired Commissioners from serving on other City Commissions (less than one year). The remaining eleven candidates were interviewed for one position on the Human Relations Commission.

DISCUSSION

After discussion and careful review, it is the consensus of the Panel to recommend **Annette Saleh** for appointment to fill the position of Commissioner Rochelle Ginsburg. Ms. Ginsburg's term was scheduled to end on December 31, 2014, but she is continuing to serve until her replacement has been selected and seated.

RECOMMENDATION

The Human Relations Commission Interview Panel recommends that the City Council appoint Annette Saleh to the Human Relations Commission. With the concurrence of the Council, a formal report will be prepared for adoption at the next regular City Council meeting on April 7, 2015.

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 an exceptional applicant pool and the applicants are encouraged to attend as many future Human Relations Commission meetings as possible and reapply for future vacancies. In addition, those applicants who have not participated in Team Beverly Hills are urged to do so.

Byron Pope
Approved By

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