



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Civil Rights

Date: December 11, 2013

To: Council Member Don Samuels, Chair
Public Safety, Civil Rights and Health Committee

Referral to: Public Hearing, Full Council

Subject: **Appointments to the Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights**

Recommendation: The Minneapolis Department of Civil Rights respectfully requests to set a public hearing on December 11, 2013 for the Public Safety, Civil Rights and Health Committee to appoint the following individuals to a three-year term to serve on the Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights. The term of appointment will commence on January 1, 2014 and end on December 31, 2017.

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 Approved by: Velma J. Korbel, Director *[Signature]*
 Presenters in Committee: Toni D. Newborn, Interim Assistant Director

Appointee Name and Category if any	Appointed by Mayor or Council	Ward Home= H Work= W	Term Number of years	Term Beginning/ Ending	Board Seat's previous member's name that this Appointee is replacing
Liban Abdulkadir	Council	9	3	01/01/14- 12/31/17	Tom Gallagher
Iris Altamirano	Mayor	1	3	01/01/14- 12/31/17	Emily Froehle
Laura Baldwin (Attorney)	Council	8	3	01/01/14- 12/31/17	Patricia Nelson
Reanne Viken	Mayor	1	3	01/01/14- 12/31/17	Cecilia Rodriguez- Melendez
Donald Joseph	Mayor	7	3	01/01/14- 12/31/17	Jennifer Thompson
Re-Appointments Name and Category if any	Appointed by Mayor or Council	Ward Home= H Work= W	Term Number of years	Term Beginning/ Ending	

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Bernadette Casey	Council	13	3	01/01/14-12/31/17	
Adosh Unni (Attorney)	Mayor	2	3	01/01/14-12/31/17	

Background Information:

The Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights was first established by ordinance in 1947, and then re-established in 1975 for the purpose of carrying forward the policies of the City in the fields of human relations, to promote civil rights, and to enforce the provisions of the Minneapolis Civil Rights Ordinance.

The Commission on Civil Rights is a 21 member body with 7 Commissioners appointed by the City Council; the remaining 14 members are appointed by the Mayor. Fifteen Minneapolis residents applied to serve on the Commission; there are currently six vacancies on the Commission and two Commissioners applying for reappointment. The City Council will make three recommendations and the Mayor will make four recommendations for the term January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2017.