



City of Edmonds Media Release

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CITY OF EDMONDS EXTENDS DEADLINE FOR DIVERSITY COMMISSION APPLICATIONS

Deadline for Diversity Commission Applicants Extended to Friday, October 16, 2015

(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 for membership on the new Diversity Commission, established by City Council this past April.

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.

As the Commission is formed, new members will be appointed for terms of one, two, or three years. Once established, Commission members will serve three year terms. The schedule for regular monthly meetings will be determined by the new Commissioners.

"I look forward to the work of the new Diversity Commission as all of us in Edmonds take further steps to engage the community on issues surrounding diversity and promotion of a culture of acceptance and inclusion," stated Mayor Dave Earling about the new commission.

Applicants must reside within the City of Edmonds. Ideal applicants will be interested in diversity issues, can respect different views, are action oriented, and have some personal experience that will contribute to a rich and diverse body of commissioners. The deadline to apply has been extended to Friday, October 16, 2015.

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 but must be received by the City on or before 4:30 p.m., October 16, 2015.

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