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Edmonds Diversity Commission Invites Community Members to March in 4th of July Parade

New Commission Invites All to Join Their ‘Accept - Respect - Celebrate Diversity’ Contingent

(Edmonds, WA) – The Edmonds Diversity Commission invites one and all to join their “Accept - Respect - Celebrate Diversity” contingent in the Edmonds Fourth of July Parade. Those interested in joining the contingent are requested to report to the registration area at 7th Avenue and Glen Street by 11am on July 4th before the parade officially beings at Noon. For more information, you may call 425-771-0251.

“In this first year of the Commission, the Diversity Commission members are delighted to be able to lead a community contingent behind a colorful banner in this year’s parade,” says Patrick Doherty, City of Edmonds Director of Economic Development & Community Services. “We look forward to seeing many fellow residents and visitors join us to help celebrate and build awareness of our community’s rich diversity.”

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 is intended to:

- 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.

To learn more about the Diversity Commission, please go to:

http://www.edmondswa.gov/diversity-commission-home.html

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