



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 21, 2020

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Mary Rose Rutikanga, City Administrator

SUBJECT: Social Equity Committee Formation

RECOMMENDATION

Consideration to expand the number of Social Equity Committee Members.

DISCUSSION

On July 20, 2020, the Council gave direction to staff on the selection and formation of the newly created Social Equity Committee. The direction given to staff was that the committee was to be made up of five (5) members of the public, each selected by a councilmember as a representative of that councilmember. The Council also directed staff to work with the two (2) councilmember representatives of the committee, Councilmembers Garaventa and Such, to determine the selection process and timeline. The City of Sonora received 12 applications to serve on the committee by the application deadline of August 21, 2020.

On September 10, 2020, the Council voted to approve the following members to the Social Equity Committee:

Member of the Public	Selected by Councilmember
Nikki Coleman	Ann Segerstrom
Darren Duez	Matt Hawkins
Nathan Morales	Mark Plummer
Sylvia Roberts	Colette Such
Mercedes Tune	Jim Garaventa

Also on September 10, 2020, the Council gave direction to bring back an item for discussion to potentially expand the number of members that will serve on the committee and to also determine the criteria of how those members will be selected.

OPTIONS TO CONSIDER:

Current options for the Council to consider are:

1. Expand the current numbers of Social Equity Committee members by:
 - Choosing additional members from the remaining 7 applications that met the August 21, 2020 deadline for the Social Equity Committee application to be received; or
 - Open the application process again, determine a deadline, and choose from those additional applications received.
2. Do not expand the current numbers of Social Equity Committee members.

Councilmembers need to be mindful of how the additional committee members will be chosen and by whom. Currently, councilmembers are equally given 1 public representative to sit on the Social Equity Committee.

FISCAL IMPACT

Not yet determined. The fiscal impact of this committee will depend on the outcomes and priorities identified by the Council and/or committee.