



City of Tualatin

CITY OF TUALATIN Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

FROM: Jerianne Thompson, Library Director / Equity & Inclusion Officer
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DATE: 8/28/23

SUBJECT:

Recommendation of Selected Applicants for the Tualatin Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access (I.D.E.A.) Advisory Committee

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council approve the recommendations from the Council Committee on Advisory Appointments (CCAA).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The CCAA met and interviewed community members interested in participating on the I.D.E.A. Advisory Committee. The Committee recommends appointment of the following individuals:

Individuals	Board	Term
Angelica Butler	I.D.E.A. Advisory Committee	Term Expiring 11/1/25
BJ Park	I.D.E.A. Advisory Committee	Term Expiring 11/1/25
Chris Paul	I.D.E.A. Advisory Committee	Term Expiring 11/1/26
Destini Barajas	I.D.E.A. Advisory Committee	Term Expiring 11/1/26
Erinn Stimson	I.D.E.A. Advisory Committee	Term Expiring 11/1/25
Gerry Preston	I.D.E.A. Advisory Committee	Term Expiring 11/1/26
Jasmine Wilder	I.D.E.A. Advisory Committee	Term Expiring 11/1/26
Kolini Fusitua	I.D.E.A. Advisory Committee	Term Expiring 11/1/26
Rebekah Morgan	I.D.E.A. Advisory Committee	Term Expiring 11/1/25
Valerie Holt	I.D.E.A. Advisory Committee	Term Expiring 11/1/26
Wing Shan Winnie Lo	I.D.E.A. Advisory Committee	Term Expiring 11/1/25
Yuthika Pandey	I.D.E.A. Advisory Committee - student	Term Expiring 11/1/24

BACKGROUND:

On April 10, 2023, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1473-23 creating the I.D.E.A. Advisory Committee. Section 1 of the ordinance states that *the IDEA Committee is established and created to act in an advisory capacity about how the City may build and strengthen relationships with the community as well as lower barriers to public participation in City government.*

Section 2 of the ordinance states that *in appointing members to the committee, the City Council shall seek to appoint members from a diversity of backgrounds, including cultural diversity, and*

experiences so that as many viewpoints as possible may be provided in furtherance of the committee's work. Recruitment efforts should include specific outreach to members of the BIPOC [Black, Indigenous, and People of Color] and LGBTQIA+ communities, the aging population, persons with differing abilities, and other underrepresented groups to achieve this goal.

The Council's commitment to fostering diversity and inclusion is reflected in its dedication to selecting committee members who bring a broad spectrum of perspectives to the table, as outlined in the ordinance. This work supports the City Council's vision of Tualatin as an inclusive community that promotes equity, diversity, and access in creating a meaningful quality of life for everyone, and being a connected, informed, and civically engaged community that embraces our City's diversity. Councilors emphasized the importance of ensuring representation from underrepresented communities and different economic backgrounds.

After a robust recruitment process, the CCAA conducted interviews with 20 applicants on August 8 and 9, 2023. Section 2 of the ordinance states that *the committee shall consist of nine to thirteen members who shall be appointed for three-year terms or until their successors are appointed... Of the initial members who are appointed, term lengths shall be staggered as determined by the City Council.* As can be seen in the table above, the CCAA is recommending 12 members be appointed at this time with staggering terms. The applicants recommended for appointment include individuals who are persons of color (including Asian, Latin American, and Pacific Islander), people who are LGBTQIA+, older adults, persons with differing abilities, immigrants, parents, renters, and people who have experienced homelessness. Ten are Tualatin residents from throughout the city, and two reside outside of Tualatin (including one student, who attends Tualatin High School).

According to the establishing ordinance, the City Council also needs to appoint a member of the Council as an ex officio member of committee.