

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Appointment to Police Commission

Meeting Date: February 23, 2015
Department: Police
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Agenda Item Number: 2E
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ISSUE STATEMENT

This item is to fill a vacancy on the Police Commission created by the resignation of Juan Carlos Valle last summer.

BACKGROUND

Each year, the council makes appointments to boards, committees and commissions. Chapter 2 of the Eugene Code addresses standing committees to the City Council and the appointment process for these committees. For most standing committees created in the Code, the council is the appointing authority. The normal recruitment period for boards, committees and commissions begins in January unless a resignation occurs mid-term. The Mayor nominates candidates and the council appoints members to this commission.

Due to the resignation of Mr. Valle, there is one vacancy on the Police Commission. Mr. Valle's term is set to expire on June 30, 2016, and his replacement will assume the remaining part of this term. A special recruitment was held for this position because there had been no vacancies on the commission during the general recruitment and there was not a pool of applicants from which to choose. The special recruitment yielded six applications. A subset of the Police Commission met with the candidates and recommended any of the six candidates to Mayor Piercy, who said she "would be pleased with either Mr. Landrum or Ms. Hecht" to fill the vacancy on the Police Commission. However, her first choice is Raquel Hecht, "because Ms. Hecht has experience with immigrant issues" which the Mayor feels could be very useful to the commission.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

The Eugene Police Commission is a 12-member citizen body that acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council, Chief of Police and the City Manager on police policy and resource issues. The commission was created by City Ordinance 20136 in December 1998.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

The City Council may:

1. Appoint the candidate nominated by the Mayor.
2. Appoint another candidate after reviewing all of the applications.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager has no recommendation on this item; the appointments are made by the council.

SUGGESTED MOTION

Move to appoint Raquel Hecht to Position 2 on the Police Commission, the unexpired term of Juan Carlos Valle, ending on June 30, 2016.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Police Commission Applications
- B. Letter of Recommendation from Police Commission

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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