



City of Huntington Beach

File #: 22-445

MEETING DATE: 6/7/2022

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

SUBMITTED TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

SUBMITTED BY: Sean Joyce, Interim City Manager

VIA: Travis K. Hopkins, Assistant City Manager

PREPARED BY: Grace Yoon-Taylor, Senior Administrative Analyst

Subject:

Approve the appointment of Vanessa Chow to the Huntington Beach Human Relations Committee (HBHRC) as recommended by City Council Liaisons Rhonda Bolton and Natalie Moser

Statement of Issue:

The City Council is asked to consider the appointment of Vanessa Chow to the HBHRC to fill one unscheduled vacancy.

Financial Impact:

Not applicable.

Recommended Action:

Approve the appointment of Vanessa Chow as a member of the Huntington Beach Human Relations Committee through December 31, 2025, the end of term for the current unscheduled vacancy, as recommended by City Council Liaisons Bolton and Moser.

Alternative Action(s):

Do not approve the recommended appointment, and direct staff accordingly.

Analysis:

The Huntington Beach Human Relations Committee (HBHRC) is a 9 member advisory body to the City Council with a mission to “inspire and promote mutual understanding, respect, safety, and the well-being of all in our community through education and engagement.” There is one unscheduled vacancy on the Committee due to the resignation of Committee Member Chris Hoff.

The City advertised the vacancy and recruitment through the following means: posting of Notice of Vacancy on the City's website, Civic Center, and libraries, and the City's social media platforms. Eleven applications were reviewed and considered for appointment. After deliberation, both City Council Liaisons recommended Vanessa Chow to fill the vacancy, whose term is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2025.

With 21+ years of professional experience in law enforcement, Ms. Chow holds the rank of Sergeant at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and is responsible for managing its \$3.6 billion dollar budget and being a point person between the Sheriff's Department and diverse community groups and leaders. She is also a certified instructor of the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training and has been assisting the HBHRC in a volunteer capacity this year.

Her application and the HBHRC's updated member roster are attached.

Environmental Status:

Not applicable.

Strategic Plan Goal:

Community Engagement

Attachment(s):

1. Application for Appointment - Vanessa Chow
2. HBHRC Membership Roster