



# City of Huntington Beach

**File #:** 21-1010

**MEETING DATE:** 1/18/2022

## REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

**SUBMITTED TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**SUBMITTED BY:** Sean Joyce, Interim City Manager

**PREPARED BY:** Travis K. Hopkins, Assistant City Manager

**Subject:**

**Approve appointment of Iliana Velazquez to the Huntington Beach Human Relations Committee (HBHRC) as recommended by City Council Liaisons, Councilmember Rhonda Bolton and Councilmember Natalie Moser**

**Statement of Issue:**

The City Council is asked to consider one appointment to the Huntington Beach Human Relations Committee currently to fill one unscheduled vacancy.

**Financial Impact:**

Not applicable.

**Recommended Action:**

Approve the appointment of Iliana Velazquez 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 nine (9) member advisory board to the City Council with a mission to "inspire and promote mutual understanding, respect, safety, and the wellbeing of all in our community through education and engagement." Currently, there is one unscheduled vacancy on the Committee, due to the resignation of Committee Member Antonio Benitez.

The City advertised the vacancy through the following means: postings on the City's website and facilities. 16 eligible applications were reviewed and considered for appointment.

After deliberation, both City Council Liaisons recommend Iliana Velazquez to fill the vacancy, which is scheduled to end on December 31, 2025.

Ms. Velazquez is a marketing expert with over 20 years of experience in product management, marketing, and strategy. Fluent in Spanish, she has supported many community organizations working with diverse, multi-ethnic communities and been serving the HBHRC as a volunteer for various tasks. Additionally, she is a recent graduate of the Huntington Beach Citizens Academy.

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 - Iliana Velazquez
2. HBHRC Membership Roster