City of Renton seeks applicants for Equity Commission

New commission make recommendations to remove barriers in city programs, services, and policies

RENTON, WA – The City of Renton is seeking candidates to serve on the newly-created Equity Commission.

The Equity Commission’s primary goal will be to develop recommendations enabling community members to achieve equitable outcomes by removing racial, economic, and social barriers in city programs, services, and policies.

It was formed after city staff met with 11 community groups representative of Renton’s diverse population to identify inequities and barriers to access. The meetings took place over the past 12 months.

The commission will consist of nine members, who are either Renton residents or business owners. One member must be between 18-25 years old. The membership will have a demonstrated commitment to equity and reflect the diversity of our city including, but not limited to ethnicity, race, age, gender, faith, disability, gender identity and expression, and profession. Members will be appointed by the mayor and subject to confirmation by the city council.

The application is on the city’s website. Applicants can also call 425-430-7394 to have one mailed.

The deadline for applications is Tuesday, Nov. 30, at 5 p.m.

About the City of Renton

The City of Renton, Washington, with a population of 106,500 (2021), is located on the southeast shore of Lake Washington, just south of Seattle. Renton’s strong economic base, diverse marketplace and favorable business climate have attracted nationally recognized companies that wish to provide employees and their families an outstanding quality of life. Renton is the home of Boeing, PACCAR, IKEA, the Seattle Seahawks, and the eternal resting place of Jimi Hendrix. More information is on our website, in news releases, or on Facebook, Twitter, and Nextdoor.

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