



## Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Civil Rights

**Date:** December 6, 2010

**To:** Council Vice President Robert Lilligren, Committee of the Whole

**Subject:** Minneapolis Civil Rights Commission Appointments

**Recommendation:** The Minneapolis Department of Civil Rights respectfully requests the City Council appoint the following individuals to a three-year term to serve on the Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights. The term of appointment will commence on January 1, 2011 and end December 31, 2013.

Name	Ward	By
Bernadette Casey	8	City Council
Emily J. Froehle	6	Mayor
Thomas C. Gallagher	10	City Council
Cecilia Rodriguez-Melendez*	12	Mayor
Patrica A. Nelson	8	City Council
Surya Rochel	7	City Council
Jennifer A. Thompson	11	Mayor
Adosh Unnit	6	Mayor

\* Reappointment

### Department Information

Prepared by: Velma J. Korbelt, Director  
Approved by:  
Presenters in Committee: Michael K. Browne, Assistant Director, Civil Rights-Complaint Investigations Unit

### Financial Impact

- NONE

### Supporting Information

The Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights was first established by ordinance in 1947, and then re-established in 1975 for the purpose of carrying forward the policies of the City in the field of human relations, to promote civil rights, and to enforce the provisions of the Minneapolis Civil Rights Ordinance. By ordinance, seven (7) Civil Rights Commissioners must be appointed by the City Council. The remaining 14 members are appointed by the Mayor. All mayoral appointments must be confirmed by the City Council; all city council

appointments are subject to mayoral consent or veto as provided in the Minneapolis City Charter. This action is a request to fill eight (8) of the current eleven (11) vacancies on the Commission on Civil Rights.

The Commission on Civil Rights seeks to prevent and eliminate bias and discrimination in the City of Minneapolis; provides leadership in the area of civil rights; encourages and educates the public in the promotion of civil rights; identifies principal civil rights concerns of the community members; and sets priorities and objectives; advises the mayor, city council, city agencies and departments on civil rights matters; conducts research and studies to best carry out the objectives of the Civil Rights Ordinances and adjudicates complaints of discrimination occurring in the City of Minneapolis.