

Board Appointment – Human Rights Commission – “Mimi” Miho Ujiie Pedersen

INTRODUCTION:

Mayor Anderson is recommending “Mimi” Miho Ujiie Pedersen, a resident of District 7, to be appointed to the Human Rights Commission, if appointed she will serve a term through December 28, 2009. Ms. Pedersen will be replacing Barbara Lovejoy who has resigned.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

“Mimi” Miho Ujiie Pedersen is the Intranet Coordinator, Utah Department of Health, Office of Public Information and is also a Small business owner – Metro Envision Real Estate, L.L.C. Ms. Pedersen believes she can be a contributing voice to Salt Lake City representing immigrants, Asian minority and women. She has been very active in community involvement experience such as: First Utah Bank International Advisory Board, Utah Asian Chamber of Commerce Advisory Board, Asian and Pacific Festival Board Member, Japan Olympic Committee, United Nations Utah Association, and UNICEF-UNAU.

RESPONSE DEADLINE:

If you have any objection to this re-appointment, please let Vicki know by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday September 26, 2007.

CURRENT COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD:

According to City ordinance, the Human Rights Commission shall consist of nine members, one representative from each Council District and two from the community who will represent the diversity of the city. All members must be Salt Lake City residents and at least 18 years of age; each will serve a four-year term. Adrian Comollo, District 3; Christy Gleave, District 4; Orin Howell, District 1; Walter Jones, District 3; Patrick Leary, District 5; and Jennifer Mayer-Glenn, District 5.

BOARD STRUCTURE:

According to City ordinance, the Human Rights Commission makes recommendations to the Mayor and City Council regarding educational resources on issues of discrimination and equal treatment. Commissioners will review complaints of discrimination involving city departments or services to identify possible sources. Reviews legislation, policies or other action by the city designed to further eliminate prejudice and discrimination. Reviews pending legislation, policy changes or other city action that may impact human rights. Works in partnership to foster positive inter-group relations through educational programs.