

<u>News Release</u>

Subject: Exploratory Committees Application Deadline

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Deadline to Apply for Exploratory Committees Set for September 20th

At its September 6th business meeting, the Yakima City Council set a deadline of Tuesday, September 20th for applications to be received for community members interested in serving on two exploratory committees created by the Council earlier this year . the Ethics and Equal Rights Exploratory Committee and the Community Integration Exploratory Committee.

The City Council is asking volunteers interested in serving on the exploratory committees to submit applications to the City Clerks office. Anyone interested in applying for openings on the exploratory committees can download an application from the City of Yakima website by clicking on the following link - <u>https://www.yakimawa.gov/council/assets/Application-form-for-City-of-Yakima-Boards-and-Commissions.pdf</u> - or can pick up an application at the City Clerks office at Yakima City Hall.

The exploratory committees each have seven open positions.

The Community Integration Exploratory Committee and the Ethics & Equal Rights Exploratory Committee positions are for one-year terms and members must reside in the Yakima city limits. The exploratory committees are tasked with reviewing and evaluating what issues are occurring in Yakima that would fall under such a committee, as well as what other jurisdictions, cities and counties in Washington State and elsewhere are doing to address these issues. One member of the Ethics and Equal Rights Exploratory Committee should have a background in the law.

For additional information on the City of Yakima community member boards, committees, or commissions, visit the City of Yakima website at https://www.yakimawa.gov/council/boards-commissions/

To learn about current or future openings on other City of Yakima community member boards, committees, or commissions, contact City Clerk Sonya Claar Tee by phone (575-6037) or by e-mail (sonya.claartee@yakimawa.gov).