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Burien City Council Selects Commissioners to Serve on New Human Services Commission

New Human Services Manager Will Support Commission Goals

Burien, WA, September 27, 2017—The Burien City Council voted on September 18, 2017 to appoint seven community members to the newly formed Human Services Commission. The commissioners bring diverse experiences to the board, including experience working in human services, social work, behavioral health, and substance use disorder professions. The Human Services Commission is an advisory body to the City Council and will be responsible for providing advice and recommendations related to human services issues. The first meeting will tentatively occur mid-October.

“This is an important step forward for our community,” says Burien Mayor Lucy Krakowiak. “Our economy has experienced tremendous growth these last few years and our human services needs have grown with it. It’s the right time to invest in the management and coordination of services to ensure valuable resources yield the best results to our citizens in need.”

Meetings will be held once per month and will be open to the public. The new Commissioners are:

- **Valerie Allan**
Position 1, term expires March 31, 2020
- **Colleen Brandt-Schluter**
Position 2, term expires March 31, 2019
- **Megan Gibbard Kline**
Position 3, term expires March 31, 2020
- **Jennifer Marcum**
Position 4, term expires March 31, 2019
- **Karen McMichael**
Position 5, term expires March 31, 2020
- **Julianna Ormsby**
Position 6, term expires March 31, 2019
- **Brendon Schlotz**
Position 7, term expires March 31, 2020

New human services manager position

During the same meeting, the Council also voted to create a new human services manager position.

City Manager Brian Wilson says, “With our city becoming a Community Block Grant Joint Agreement city, and with the formation of the new Human Services Commission, we are now managing more complex processes regarding our human services funding and services. This investment will enhance the coordination, quality, and availability of essential human services within our community.”

The City is now accepting applications for the human services manager position. The application will close on October 23, 2017.

More information

- [City of Burien Human Services Commission](#)
- [Human Services Manager Job Description and Application](#)

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