



**Item:** Appointments, Advisory Commission on International Relationships  
**From:** City Manager's Office  
**Initiated By:** City Commission  
**Presented By:** City Commission  
**Action Requested:** Appoint members to the Advisory Commission on International Relationships.

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**Suggested Motion:**

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission appoint \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to the Advisory Commission on International Relationships for three-year terms through March 31, 2018.”

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, public comment, and calls the vote.

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**Staff Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Commission appoint members to the Advisory Commission on International Relationships for three-year terms through March 31, 2018.

**Background:** There are currently four vacancies on the ACIR. At this time, two applications have been received for consideration for appointment.

Advertising for the vacant positions is ongoing through the local media and on the City's website.

Purpose

International programs are growing for many reasons. Rapid changes in communications technology, globalization of the marketplace, and political changes in the last decade have all contributed to an increasing awareness these trends will accelerate in the future. Communities, as well as individuals, businesses, and institutions will need to learn to participate in the “global village,” or be left behind economically or in other ways. In order for the City to take a leadership role in nurturing and coordinating some of the international efforts, the Advisory Commission on International Relationships was created by Ordinance 2788 on November 8, 2000, and amended by Ordinance 2863 on October 21, 2003. The Commission provides support,

coordination, and exchange of information for international programs in the community. The Commission consists of nine to eleven members.

Evaluation and Selection Process

Advertising has been done through the local media and on the City's website.

Continuing members of this board are:

Charity Jacobson  
Katheryn Craig  
Sandra Erickson  
Ruslan Soldyshev  
Dean Koffler  
Kathryn Kruithoff  
Carol Lindseth – term expired but willing to serve until replaced  
Kay Silk

Citizens interested in serving:

Elizabeth Guidara  
\*William T. Raaen

\*Mr. Raaen has also applied to serve on the Mansfield Center for Performing Arts and Community Development Council

Res. 10059, adopted on March 4, 2014, states in part, "Citizens may not serve on two or more boards simultaneously unless authorized by the City Commission."

**Fiscal Impact:** Not applicable.

**Attachments:** Applications (Not available online; on file in City Clerk's Office.)