

V. C. Commission on Minority Affairs

Pursuant to NRS 232.832(1), the Legislative Commission is required to appoint three members of the Commission on Minority Affairs who have been recommended to the Legislative Commission by organizations and other entities which represent or promote the interests of minority groups in this State.

Recommended nominees:

1. E. Mercedes Krause
2. Amy Emiko Shaw
3. Kathleen Taylor

NEVADA COMMISSION ON MINORITY AFFAIRS

NRS 232.852

NRS 232.852 Creation; membership; officers.

1. The Nevada Commission on Minority Affairs, consisting of nine members appointed by the Legislative Commission, is hereby created. Appointments to the Commission must be made from a list of persons recommended to the Legislative Commission by organizations and other entities which represent or promote the interests of minority groups in this State.

2. The members appointed to the Commission must represent a variety of minority groups that reflects the general population of this State.

3. The members of the Commission shall elect a Chair and a Vice Chair from among their number.

4. The term of Office of the Chair and the Vice Chair is 2 years.

5. Not more than four members of the Commission may be from the same minority group.

(Added to NRS by 2003, 20th Special Session, 266; A 2007, 1662)—(Substituted in revision for NRS 233J.020)



DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

June 7, 2021

Assemblyman Steve Yeager, Chair
Legislative Commission
401 S. Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

RE: Recommendations for Reappointment to the Commission on Minority Affairs

Dear Assemblyman Yeager:

The Commission on Minority Affairs seeks to study matters affecting the social and economic welfare of minorities in Nevada. The Commission will collect and disseminate information on activities, programs, essential services, employment, education, and affordable housing available to minorities. The Commission will advise the Governor on matters relating to minority issues and will recommend and comment upon proposed legislation to the Governor.

The Nevada Commission on Minority Affairs has three reappointments for a second two-year term for your consideration. On behalf of the Department of Business & Industry and Chair D. Edward Chaney of the Commission, the recommendations are as follows:

1. E. Mercedes Krause (recommend reappointment for a 2nd term)
2. Amy Emiko Shaw (recommend reappointment for a 2nd term)
3. Kathleen Taylor (recommend reappointment for a 2nd term)

Please feel free to contact me at your convenience should you have comments or questions.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Management Analyst for the Commission on Minority Affairs

Commission on Minority Affairs

Current roster demographics:

Commissioner Hasaan Azam – Asian (Reno)

Commissioner Myisha Williams Boyce– Mixed race (Hispanic / African American)

Commissioner D. Edward Chaney – African American

Commissioner Yerania De Luca – Hispanic (Reno)

Commissioner E. Mercedes Krause – Mixed race (Native American / Hispanic)

Commissioner Jose Melendrez – Hispanic

Commissioner Kathleen Taylor – African American

Commissioner Amy Emiko Shaw – Asian

Commissioner Angelica Villarta – Pacific Islander

We consider mixed race to be a separate minority group since they offer a unique perspective and a distinct voice of the minority community, and are a growing segment in our multicultural society. This group does not identify with a single race/ethnicity, but rather multiple races/ethnicities. The US Census Bureau categorizes them as a separate group, and according to the Census Bureau, account for 3% of the total population.

Asian and Pacific Islander are often lumped together, but the US Census Bureau defines Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander as a separate race category from Asian.