

CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

Petitioner: Yolanda T. King, County Manager

Recommendation:

Appoint a qualified individual to fill a vacancy in Nevada Assembly District 42, vacated by Alexander Assefa, for the remainder of a term to expire upon the next regular election from the list of following individuals: Jack Absher III, Chris Hardin, Juana Leia Jordan, Saramai “Sara” Kalaoram, Tracy Marie Brown-May, Scot Michael Murdock, Jason Semerau, Izack Tenorio, and Sayed Zaidi. (For possible action)

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fund #:	N/A	Fund Name:	N/A
Fund Center:	N/A	Funded PGM/Grant:	N/A
Amount:	N/A		
Description:	N/A		
Additional Comments:	N/A		

BACKGROUND:

The Assembly State District 42 was held by Alexander Assefa, who resigned his position in January 2021. Article 4, Section 12 of the Nevada Constitution provides that in cases of vacancy, the county commissioners of the county from which the senator or assemblyman was elected shall appoint a replacement of the same party.

NRS 218A.262 requires that the Clark County Board of County Commissioners (County Commission) establish a process by which persons may file applications to fill the vacancy and a specific date for the closing of the filing of applications to fill the vacancy. Clark County established the process by which persons may file applications for State Assembly District 42 on January 21, 2021, and the date for the closing of filing of applications was on January 26, 2021.

All applicants must meet the qualifications as required by NRS 218A.200 and must be a member of the same political party as the former legislator. Alexander Assefa is a Democrat. Moreover, NRS 218A.260 (2) requires that any applicant must have actually, as opposed to constructively, resided in the district for at least 30 days immediately preceding the date established for the closure of the filing of applications to fill the vacancy.

During the 2019 Legislative Session, the Nevada Legislature passed a law requiring an applicant for a legislative vacancy to execute and file with his or her application a declaration of eligibility. The declaration requires the applicant to swear or affirm under the penalty of perjury that he or she meets the residency requirements and other qualifications to fill the vacancy.

Staff received six (6) applications and supporting materials. Staff also received one (1) incomplete application from Sayed Zaidi. Mr. Zaidi's application is incomplete as his declaration of eligibility was not notarized.

Moreover, staff received two (2) additional applications that have been deemed ineligible. Jason Semerau

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submitted his application and does live Assembly District 42. However, he is not a registered Democrat. Scot Michael Murdock submitted his application and is a registered Democrat. However, he does not reside in Assembly District 42.

The County Commission is asked to appoint a qualified individual to fill the vacancy in the Nevada Assembly District 42 for the remainder of a term to expire upon the next regular election.