

Date March 27, 2023

RECOMMENDATION FROM COUNCIL MEMBER GATTO FOR APPOINTMENT OF
KATHLEEN MCDONNELL TO THE CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Seat 7 on the Civil and Human Rights Commission became vacant on November 8, 2022, upon the resignation of Webster Kranto; and

WHEREAS, the Civil and Human Rights Commission currently has 4 female members and 2 male members; and

WHEREAS, the gender balance requirements imposed by Iowa Code § 69.16A, prohibit the appointment of another female to the Civil and Human Rights Commission at the present time unless the City “has made a good faith effort to appoint a qualified person [of the required gender] for a period of three months but has been unable to make a compliant appointment; and

WHEREAS, Council Member Gatto is responsible for nominating a candidate for appointment to the vacant Seat 7 on the Civil and Human Rights Commission, and has nominated Kathleen McDonnell, who resides at 346 Pioneer Road, for appointment to that seat.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa as follows:

1. The City Council hereby makes the following findings of fact:
 - a) Webster Kranto’s appointed term on the Civil and Human Rights Commission expired on November 8, 2022.
 - b) A good faith effort has been made for more than three months to appoint a qualified male to fill Seat 7 on the Civil and Human Rights Commission in compliance with the gender balance requirements of Iowa Code §69.16A, but the City Council has been unable to make a compliant appointment.
 - c) Kathleen McDonnell is highly qualified to serve on the Civil and Human Rights Commission.

Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Boesen

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Gary D. Goudelock Jr.
Gary D. Goudelock Jr.
Assistant City Attorney



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COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
BOESEN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
SHEUMAKER				✓
VOSS	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	6			1
MOTION CARRIED				APPROVED

CERTIFICATE

I, LAURA BAUMGARTNER, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

T. M. Frankhu Cowrie Mayor

Laura Baumgartner City Clerk