

April 8, 2003

The Honorable Natalie Johnson Lee, Chair
Health and Human Services Committee
Room 307 City Hall
Minneapolis MN 55415

RE: Appointment of Civilian Police Review Authority Board

Dear Council Member Johnson Lee:

The purpose of the Minneapolis Civilian Police Review Authority is to provide fair and impartial investigation of citizen complaints of misconduct on the part of Minneapolis police officers.

The Minneapolis Civilian Police Review Authority Board has seven members. At this time, all seven positions are vacant. The City Council appoints four; the Mayor appoints three, with approval of the majority of the City Council. Members serve a four-year term. In addition, from the members a chairperson is appointed by the Mayor, for a term of two years, subject to the approval of a majority of the City Council. Members continue to serve until their successors have been appointed.

Members must be residents of the city. Residents currently or previously employed by the Minneapolis Police Department are ineligible to serve as members of the Authority.

A public hearing before the Health and Human Services Committee is required of all appointments.

Attached are copies of the sixteen (16) applications received for consideration for appointment to the Minneapolis Civilian Police Review Authority. Upon Council review and selection of candidates for appointment to the Minneapolis Civilian Police Review Authority, a public hearing is requested to consider appointment of all seven board members and the board chair.

Very truly yours,

Barbara Damchik-Dykes
Manager

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