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Subject: Non-resident alternative to HRC open seats

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Dear Councilmembers,

Thank you for considering a reduction to the number of members on the Human Relations Commission (HRC) from 7 to 5.

May I suggest one more idea for your consideration: To loosen the residency requirement for one of the seats on the HRC. In order to do this, one seat could be open to applicants who either live, work, or worship in Palo Alto.

This adjustment would recognize that many of the people who work in small businesses and non-profits do not live in Palo Alto, but they are still part of our social fabric. They could contribute to the HRC.

The change to allow non-residents to apply has the potential of enlarging the pool of applicants to the HRC and perhaps getting more interested and qualified individuals to apply for the HRC vacancies.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kaloma Smith, HRC Chair
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From: Loren Gordon <lilikg428@gmail.com>
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Dear City Council of Palo Alto,

Good afternoon. As a citizen of Palo Alto, I would like you to consider keeping the number of members on the Public Art Commission at seven. When making decisions about public art, it is nice to have a representation of the diverse citizens of Palo Alto. Hiring artists that reflect our city's diverse culture requires a commission with diverse backgrounds. Maintaining and caring for a collection of over 300 artworks is a big job. When quorum is needed for decision making, a total of three out of five does not seem appropriate for a city of about 67,000 people. Please consider seven commissioners appropriate for the Public Art Commission.

Kind regards,

Loren Gordon