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City Accepting Applications for Community Relations Commission

ROCKFORD, III. – The City of Rockford is now taking applications for commissioners for the Community Relations Commission. The commission, whose focus is on community engagement, will help the City better achieve its goals of involving the community, improving communication, and fostering positive relations.

The Commission will consist of 11 members, which will reflect the City's diversity and will act as an advisory board to the mayor and council. Functions of the commission will include:

- Providing opportunity for our City departments to communicate the work they do, so that commissioners can be ambassadors for the City
- Giving commissioners opportunity to provide feedback to the council, Mayor and staff on issues impacting the community
- Providing a forum for thoughtful debate on issues impacting the community, including civil rights, diversity and fair housing
- Reviewing and recommending adoption of ordinances
- Helping hold the City and our contractors accountable by periodically receiving reports from staff regarding compliance with our EEO and diversity hiring policies
- Assisting staff with informal mediation and conciliation to resolve claims of discrimination
- Recommending educational programs, trainings, and best practices to counsel and the community in furtherance of the goal of community engagement, diversity and equity
- Holding trainings on engaging minority and women owned businesses
- Helping navigate difficult issues by fostering input and discussion

For the initial appointments, terms will be:

- Four commissioners will serve a 1-year term
- Four commissioners will serve a 2-year term
- Three commissioners will serve a 3-year term
- Commissioners after the initial appointment will be appointed to 3-year terms.

To apply, applicants need to submit a current resume and a one-page statement of interest and qualifications by March 31:

- In person or mail: Mayor's Office, City of Rockford, 425 East State, Rockford, IL 61104
- E-mail: communityrelations@rockfordil.gov

Applications will be reviewed by the Mayor's Office. Final recommendations of commission members will be submitted by the Mayor to City Council for approval. Questions? Please e-mail communityrelations@rockfordil.gov or call the Mayor's Office at 779-348-7150.

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