



## Legislation Text

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### **ITEM TITLE:**

Appointment of Keith Thomas, Grant Uren, and Lee Hart to Each Serve Three Year Terms on the Economic Diversification Commission

**SUBMITTED BY:** Allie Ferko, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

### **FISCAL NOTES:**

Expenditure Required: N/A  
Unencumbered Balance: N/A  
Funding Source: N/A

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Appoint Keith Thomas, Grant Uren, and Lee Hart to Each Serve Three Year Terms on the Economic Diversification Commission.

### **SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Three vacancies, each for a three year term, currently exist on the Economic Diversification Commission due to term expiration.

The City Clerks Office advertised the three year term vacancies and received three applications:

1. Keith Thomas (Contracting & Trades)
2. Lee Hart (Winter Tours & Attractions)
3. Grant Uren (Transportation)

Members of the commission shall be diversified to the maximum extent possible and appointed to represent specific industry sectors of the economy. No two members may be appointed to serve concurrently from the same industry sector.

Mr. Thomas is applying as a representative of the contracting and trades industry. Ms. Hart is applying as a representative of the winter tours and attractions industry. Mr. Uren is applying as a representative of the transportation industry. No other commissioners or applicants for other term lengths represent these three industries.

The Economic Diversification commission is an advisory commission to the city council. It shall have the authority to prepare and submit for approval a comprehensive economic diversification strategy for the overall economic diversification of the community; prepare and recommend for approval reports and plans regarding

socioeconomic data and specific sectors of the economy; review and make recommendations to the council for approval of strategic plans, plans of work and funding requests of agencies, organizations, and event sponsors; review and make recommendations for approval on projects submitted for economic development grant funding opportunities; receive, consider and evaluate public input, opinions and recommendations regarding economic diversification programs of the city and advise the city council of any findings or recommendations; and other duties related to economic diversification as outlined in Chapter 2.60 of Valdez municipal code.