

2018-2019 BUDGET QUESTION
Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT: Management Services – Equity Office

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REQUEST: Please provide greater detail surrounding the Equity Office Neighborhood Liaison for the Quality of Life Commissions and what this position is intended to accomplish. Would this liaison be tasked with engagement or work outside of the Quality of Life Commissions?

RESPONSE:

During the FY 2019 budget process, the Quality of Life (QoL) Commissions were invited to submit budget requests that would be included as part of the City Manager’s proposed budget. This was a joint effort by the City and the QoL Commissions to address concerns, such as, ensuring that an equity lens is part of every City decision and process, and that the City’s budget direction advances and incorporates the community’s voices as expressed through the QoL Commissions.

As part of the budget requests submitted by the QoL Commissions, their request included funding one Neighborhood Liaison full-time position to provide support to the four QoL commissions. The request also included that the position is located in the Equity Office. The purpose of their request is to address the many efforts to increase collaboration across the QoL Commissions. By having a liaison dedicated to assisting the QoL Commissions, and in one office, this will help to improve communications and increase the synergy across the Commissions. The liaison could convene joint workshops between QoL Commissions to work on shared issues, help facilitate QoL Commissions to work collaboratively on budget proposals, and develop a method and system for QoL Commissions to track progress on policy and budget priorities.

The Neighborhood Liaison’s priority will be to support the 4 QoL commissions and not tasked with engagement or work outside of the QoL Commissions. If these tasks were to change or increase, it will be a joint agreement with the Equity Office and the QoL Commissions. The scope will remain to address equity concerns and support the City’s Strategic Outcomes.