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City of Renton seeks candidates for Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

Committee allocates funding for events that bring tourism to Renton

RENTON, WA – The City of Renton seeks candidates to fill vacancies on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

The Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meets to review applications and presentations from public and nonprofit agencies seeking funding through Renton's Tourism Promotion Grants program. The committee's final recommendations are sent to Renton City Council for review and approval.

The city's 1% tax on all in-city lodging stays less than 30 days funds the grant program. The State of Washington authorizes the tax under RCW 67.28.180.

The current chair of the committee is Renton City Councilmember James Alberson. Members are equally divided between representatives of businesses required to collect the taxes (e.g., the hotel industry) and individuals involved in activities authorized to receive funding (e.g., community non-profits). Successful candidates must also possess general knowledge of tourism-related activities.

To apply for the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, download or complete an application from the city's website.

Paper applications should be mailed to City of Renton, Community and Economic Development Division, 6th Floor, 1055 S. Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057.

For more information, email city staff at thrive@rentonwa.gov.

About the City of Renton

The City of Renton, Washington, with a population of 107,500 (2022), is located on the southeast shore of Lake Washington, just south of Seattle. Renton's strong economic base, diverse marketplace, and favorable business climate have attracted nationally recognized companies wishing to provide employees and their families with an outstanding quality of life. Renton is the home of Boeing, PACCAR, IKEA, Super Bowl Champion (2014) Seattle Seahawks, two-time (2016 & 2019) MLS champion and CONCACAF Champion (2022) Seattle Sounders FC (in 2024), and the eternal resting place of rock icon Jimi Hendrix. More information is on our website, in news releases, or on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Nextdoor.

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