

AGENDA

DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING City Council Chambers VIA ZOOM

Thursday, March 3, 2022 - 5:00 PM

NOTE: The City of Des Moines is currently operating under a Proclamation of Emergency issued on March 5, 2020 and Governor Inslee's Stay-at-Home order issued March 23, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Accordingly, this meeting will be held virtually using Zoom.

Public Comment continues to be encouraged and will be accepted in the following manner:

- (1)** In writing, either by completing a [council comment form](#) or by mail; Attn: City Clerk Office, 21630 11th Avenue S., Des Moines WA 98198 no later than 4:00 p.m. day of the meeting. Please provide us with your first and last name and the city in which you live. Your full name and the subject of your public comment will be read into the record at the Council meeting. Incomplete forms will not be read into the record, however the full correspondence will be attached to the Council packet and uploaded to the website as part of the permanent record.
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CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

CORRESPONDENCE

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC VIA ZOOM/WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT

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CITY MANAGER REPORT

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT TO VACANT COUNCIL POSITION #6

[Appointment to Vacant Council Position No. 6](#)

[Public Correspondence on Vacant Position](#)

SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCILMEMBER

BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS/ COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

(4 minutes per Councilmember) - 30 minutes

NEW BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION – 10
Minutes

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NEXT MEETING DATE

March 10, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Bonnie Wilkins

From: JOAN B <JOANB222@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2022 12:13 PM
To: _CityCouncil
Subject: Point Yoshiko Grace Matsui

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Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Council,

I am again writing to support Yoshiko Grace Matsui.

I'd like to point out that when Luisa Bangs was appointed to fill Vic's spot one of the reasons given was that she was a "female person of color" and representative our community. Well, I'm going to use those same words here. The council does not need another white male. The council needs someone representative of the community and another female.

Please appoint Yoshiko!

Joan Bailly

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First Name	Sandy
Last Name	Butler
Address1	23220 14th Ave S
City	Des Moines
State	Wa
Zip	98198
Phone	2064060261
Email	mybutler@q.com
Subject	City Council #7
Comment	My husband and I would defiantly want to nominate Vic Pennington for the council seat that is vacant. Vic is an honest smart experienced leader of our city! We have known Vic for at least 30 years and have witnessed him to be an active member of this city and displaying amazing leadership. Vic has lived here longer than most, he lives on the grounds his Moms house was on. It's amazing he would even want to take on this position, we would be highly lucky to have him on this Council. It would actually be an honor! We don't need another that would disrupt and work against the grain of this city council, another that would continue to try and decide this city. Vic would defiantly fit in and would continue to make this city what it is, awesome! Please please elect Vic, for the sake of our city!
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From: [Alonso Mora](#)
To: [CityCouncil](#)
Subject: Grace matsui for counsel
Date: Thursday, February 24, 2022 6:52:50 PM

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Please strongly consider Grace for council member seat position
Alonso Mora.
Des Moines resident since 2010

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Last Name		Mora
Address1		23835 13th Ct S
City		Des Moines
State		Wa
Zip		98198
Phone		2533049163
Email		lsdesmoines@gmail.com
Subject		New Counsel Member
Comment		Please appointment Yoshiko Grace Matsui as our new Counsel Person at tonight's meeting. I believe she brings strong quantities to the table. Thank you for your consideration. Lindsay Mora
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Email address		lsdesmoines@gmail.com

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Bonnie Wilkins

From: J Saul <jsaul42@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2022 4:45 PM
To: _CityCouncil
Subject: Priscilla Vargas for City Council Position

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Hello Des Moines City Council,

As your constituent in our fabulous village on the Salish Sea, I'm urging you to appoint Priscilla Vargas to the open position on our city council.

Priscilla has a passion for our city that will translate into positive action for a better, stronger, viable community for all of us.

She has experience that will allow her to be effective from the start of her appointment, in communication, organization, and outreach.

She is a breath of fresh air and advocacy for Des Moines!

She had my vote in November and she has my vote now. I hope she has your vote too.

With appreciation,

Julie Saul
206-755-9831

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City		Des moines
State		Wa
Zip		98198
Phone		4253272217
Email		Samanthalscown@gmail.com
Subject		I support Yoshiko Grace Matsui for City Council
Comment		She is the most qualified.
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Email address		samanthalscown@gmail.com

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Last Name		Tapucol-Provo
Address1		25811 18th Ave. S
City		Des Moines
State		WA
Zip		98198
Phone		2066051885
Email		megacious@comcast.net
Subject		I support appointing Yoshiko Grace Matsui for City Council
Comment		I believe Yoshiko Grace Matsui is the most qualified candidate for City Council. Not only does she have the most impressive resume of all three candidates, we need more diversity on the City Council. In a community that is almost 50% people of color and 51% women, the Council needs to be more reflective of this diversity. Currently there is only ONE woman on the Council and NO people of color. This needs to change now so that women and people of color who live in Des Moines will feel that someone on the Council understands their issues.
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Name		Value
	First Name	Patrice
	Last Name	Thorell
	Address1	22017 6th Ave S
	City	Des Moines
	State	WA
	Zip	98198
	Phone	2063665665
	Email	patricethorell@gmail.com
	Subject	City Council Appointment
	Comment	Dear City Council Members, I support Yoshiko Matsui for the open council position 6. She is a brilliant woman with substantial knowledge of city and water district operations. Please thoughtfully consider the need for social equity and the representation of diverse perspectives when selecting our newest Council Member. Thank you, Patrice Thorell
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	Email address	patricethorell@gmail.com

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From: Candace Urquhart <curquhart@kavu.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2022 6:35 PM
To: _CityCouncil
Subject: INTERIM CITY COUNCIL MEMBER VOTE.

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I would appreciate your vote for Yoshiko.

Best,
Candace Urquhart

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From: Tracey Vargas <wondertracey@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2022 5:37 PM
To: _CityCouncil
Subject: Council

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Yoshiko Grace Matsui should be appointed. We need diversity and a fresh perspective in our new council member not the same old that never ever changes.

Tracey Vargas
Sent from my iPhone

Bonnie Wilkins

From: Rebecca Alexander <rebecca@alexapolis.com>
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 9:02 AM
To: _CityCouncil
Subject: City Council candidate - Yoshiko Grace Matsui

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Dear Des Moines City Council,

I appreciate your consideration of Yoshiko Grace Matsui for the open city council position. I believe Yoshiko will represent our city and its residents superbly. Yoshiko will bring not only her professionalism and government experience but also diversity. Diversity, not just in appearance but also in thought, is so important to continue to move our great city forward and into an even more amazing society. Yoshiko understands the challenges that residents of color face, that residents who are women face, and residents who are LGBTQ+A face. She will have a seat at the table to bring up and remind our city leaders of the challenges that under-represented citizens face and the experiences that they have had.

It is important for our city to have different voices and dissenting opinions in order to support all of our residents. Pressure and friction create diamonds. We all need other viewpoints and sharing of different life experiences in our lives. We cannot empathize with others' journeys if we do not hear their history. Yoshiko will be an asset to the city council and will help us create an even more spectacular diamond of a community.

Thank you for your time,
Rebecca Alexander
24030 22nd Pl S
Des Moines, WA 98198
rebecca@alexapolis.com

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Last Name		Davidson Caswell
Address1		23252 28th Avenue South
City		Des Moines
State		WA
Zip		98198
Phone		2063548081
Email		breedavidsoncaswell@gmail.com
Subject		Speaking in support of Yoshiko Grace Matsui
Comment		I would like to speak briefly in support of Yoshiko
Do you wish to be contacted by the City Clerk's Office with instructions on how to participate in the City Council Zoom meeting?		Yes
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Last Name		Davis
Address1		20622 4th Pl S.
City		Des Moines
State		wa
Zip		98197
Phone		2093242432
Email		sna.susan@gmail.com
Subject		Candidate for council
Comment		We need to have some equal representation on city council while maintaining quality candidates. Yo shiko Grace Matsui is a female, minority and highly qualified. She has been involved in making this city better far before any political aspirations. She is the best candidate, will serve this city well, and will help build bridges needed between some factions in this city so we can move forward.
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Last Name		Mills
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City		DesMoines
State		WA
Zip		98198
Phone		2065366917
Email		toniann1966@gmail.com
Subject		Appoint Yoshiko Grace Matsui"
Comment		Let us be clear! DesMoines needs to adress the lack of diversity on our council! The City issues are more than an attitude problem Mr Harris, we need to stop the whitewashing and do more than provide lip service to our BIPOC community members! Representation SHOULD matter and Yoshiko not only represents our BIPOC community and has the experience needed. Thank you Toni Mills
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Last Name		Ani O'Leary
Address1		1009 S. 229th Pl.
City		Des Moines
State		WA
Zip		98198
Phone		6199339965
Email		akassabian@gmail.com
Subject		Recommendation for Open Position 6
Comment		Dear Council Members, I am writing to request that the Des Moines City Council vote to appoint Grace Yoshiko Matsui for open position 6. She is an outstanding candidate for the position and would be a great addition. With kind regards, Ani O'Leary
Do you wish to be contacted by the City Clerk's Office with instructions on how to participate in the City Council Zoom meeting?		No
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Email address		akassabian@gmail.com

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City		Des Moines
State		Wa
Zip		98198
Phone		+12065956751
Email		jim_cecelia@msn.com
Subject		Open City Council Position
Comment		I am writing to express my strong endorsement of Yoshiko Grace Matsui. She is exactly what balance this current council lacks and adds a much needed perspective representing our diverse city. She has very impressive credentials both in education and real world experience. Please consider reaching beyond the known and comfortable choice and proving Des Moines is a forward looking city.
Do you wish to be contacted by the City Clerk's Office with instructions on how to participate in the City Council Zoom meeting?		No
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Last Name	Sevores
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City	Des Moines
State	WA
Zip	98198
Phone	206-683-4217
Email	sevores@comcast.net
Subject	I am writing to support Yoshiko Grace Matsui
Comment	I understand this is the decision of the council however I think it would be a mistake to not consider the community's continuing desire for change. Two new members were voted to the council for 2022, Harry and Gene. In 2020 two new members were voted to the council, JC and Anthony. The decision at hand is to replace Anthony. I believe all the candidates are qualified. Vic Pennington should not be your choice. He joined the council prior to the "2016 financial crisis". He resigned before fulfilling his commitment to the citizens of Des Moines. "I'm done with my work there..." is the quote from the Federal Way Mirror in January 2020. He made this decision in January 2020 after being appointed Fire chief in February 2019. I find the timing of the decision unsatisfactory. I find his separation from the South King Fire puzzling. He held the position less than 2 years. His application states he retired. "Fire Chief steps down..." is the headline from a Federal Way Mirror article. The article uses various forms of the word separate. Neither Vic nor board member Bill Gates responded to request for comments. The Firefighter Union executive membership and members are unaware of the circumstances surrounding his unexpected departure. Lastly, I find a story where Vic is named a defendant as part of a lawsuit from firefighters. As you know Yoshiko is a long term Des Moines resident. She has County, City, and local government experience. She ran for city council in the most recent election. She is an active member in the Des Moines Community-Farmers Market, Legacy Foundation, Food Bank, blood drive and many more examples. She has human resources experience which I find appealing. Those that work in human resources typically have great positive interpersonal skills. They effectively interact with others with active listening and empathy. They concentrate on the people side of management, relationships. Other skills negotiation, organizational, team management, branding, data analysis. She has similar interests to mine, safety, attracting business, and services for children and seniors. However, Yoshiko is more qualified than the rest for a position on the City Council. She will bring a woman's perspective to the council. Our population is 51% female, yet we have one woman on the city council. All members of the city deserve to be represented. Also true, Yoshiko is a person of color. Our population is 56% white. There is no representation for people of color. Again, our entire community needs to be represented. With these numbers our council should be 4 women, 3 men and 4 white and 3 people of color. I would not object to the appointment of Tad Doviak. He has held leadership positions. He has a strong desire to be on the City Council. He is an active member concentrating on the safety and security of Des Moines. Tad is interested in similar issues that I am which is bringing businesses to downtown Des Moines and services for our children and seniors. Thank you for taking the time to consider Yoshiko Grace Matsui. Marnie Sevores 22018 13th Avenue S Des Moines, WA 98198 206-683-4217 https://www.federalwaymirror.com/news/new-south-king-fire-chief-steps-down-from-des-moines-city-council-seat/ https://www.federalwaymirror.com/news/fire-chief-vic-pennington-steps-down-from-south-king-fire-and-rescue/?fbclid=IwAR08e3_ZT2GLASO_Rlj5oef75hVt8V2CUQNR83o3uDWt5dL5XCv-g660H_o https://www.firelawblog.com/2021/11/13/washington-state-firefighter-sue-to-block-king-county-vaccine-mandate/ https://worldpopulationreview.com/us-cities/des-moines-wa-population
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From: Scott Sparrowhawk <stwobirds@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 27, 2022 4:54 PM
To: _CityCouncil
Subject: Appoint Yoshiko Grace Matsui

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To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to you as a resident of Des Moines to please vote for her to be a member of the council. She is a person that I have noticed IN the community talking and LISTENING to people. You can tell by how she responds to a question, that she doesn't have an ego or put her self interest first.

I truly believe she puts the beliefs and interests of the community above her own. Her behavior has reflected this more than any person I can name. Everything from the story of how she came to be on the Water Board to her recent wildly successful Des Moines Community Blood Drive she organized shortly after I got sick a few months ago. She is trustworthy, smart, driven, and always fair. She's a do-gooder... give her a shot!

Please consider voting to include her on our City Council.

Thank you for your consideration,
Scott Sparrowhawk

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First Name		Rebecca
Last Name		Stapleton
Address1		
City		Des Moines
State		wa
Zip		98198
Phone		
Email		
Subject		Please choose Yoshiko Matsui for the available city council position
Comment		Please choose Yoshiko Matsui for the available city council position. She is the best candidate, and exactly the person that our city needs.
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To: _CityCouncil
Subject: Appoint Yoshiko

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Des Moines City Council members:

I support Yoshiko Grace Matsui to be appointed to the open city council position for the city of Des Moines, WA. Yoshiko's experience as an elected representative and her professional experience provide her with the skills, knowledge and capabilities to be an efficacious and valuable representative for the citizens of the city of Des Moines. While I do appreciate the time and energy that all the council members and those that have applied for this open seat have given to be a part of our representative democracy, the city council is lacking in actual representation of our citizenry. Referencing 2021 census demographic information Des Moines' city council should do the right thing and select someone other than another white male.

Respectfully,
Catherine Barashkoff
304 S 216th St
Des Moines, WA 98198
206.679.9421

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Last Name		Brush
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City		Des Moines
State		Wa
Zip		98198
Phone		206-501-9553
Email		shebrush@gmail.com
Subject		Appointment of Next City Council Member
Comment		I wish to provide public comment at tonight's meeting.
Do you wish to be contacted by the City Clerk's Office with instructions on how to participate in the City Council Zoom meeting?		Yes
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Last Name		Clevish
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City		Des Moines
State		Washington
Zip		98198
Phone		2063352574
Email		clevish@hotmail.com
Subject		Yoshiko Grace Matsui
Comment		Hello, I am writing to ask that you please select Yoshiko Grace Matsui to fill the vacated council position. I feel her experience in government and education as well as decades of anti-racism and LGBTQ advocacy will be a benefit to the city. I believe that improving diversity on the council is very important. The two other candidates seeking appointment are older white males and that demographic is well served with the five white men already serving on the council. Thank you for your consideration. Chris Clevish
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Last Name		David
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City		Des Moines
State		WA
Zip		98198
Phone		206-438-3575
Email		denino@gmail.com
Subject		I support Yoshiko Grace Matsui for Council Position #6
Comment		Dear Councilmembers, I'm writing to reiterate my support for Yoshiko Grace Matsui to be appointed to fill the vacancy in Council Position #6. You are tasked with appointing the most qualified person to fill this vacancy. I understand that there is room to interpret what "most qualified" means, and in fact each of you have different ideas about what it means. To me, and to many of the Des Moines residents and voters I've spoken to, with two candidates to choose from who are both very well qualified professionally, "most qualified" comes down to the one who best represents a segment of the population of Des Moines that's currently underrepresented on the City Council, and the one whose political ideology best aligns with the political ideology of the person the voters of Des Moines elected to the position before it was vacated. That person is Yoshiko Grace Matsui. I urge each of you to challenge

	yourselfs to make the Council a deliberative body that welcomes the widest diversity of opinion and experience possible, with the understanding that the best decisions and the best policies come from actively seeking out different perspectives, not from circling the wagons and trying to defend against them. The better represented the people of Des Moines are on the Council, the better all of you will be equipped to guide Des Moines toward becoming the great city every one of us wants it to be. Please vote for Yoshiko Grace Matsui. Thank you. David Denino
Do you wish to be contacted by the City Clerk's Office with instructions on how to participate in the City Council Zoom meeting?	Yes
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City		Seattle
State		WA
Zip		98198
Phone		2063726647
Email		steveedmistonQ45@gmail.com
Subject		Appoint Yoshiko Grace Matsui to open council seat
Comment		I support the appointment of Yoshiko Grace Matsui to the open council seat. Yoshiko is extraordinarily qualified to serve - based upon her work experience, her experience as an elected official, her ability to represent the lived experiences of women and our BIPOC and LGBTQ communities, her wide support in our community, and, based on my several discussions with her, her intellect, passion, warmth, and sense of humor. I believe she is the most qualified to serve the diverse needs of our city.
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From: Melody Edmiston <edmistonmelody@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 7:07 PM
To: _CityCouncil
Subject: Appoint Yoshiko Grace Matsui

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Many things I could say about the appointment but this is foremost on my mind.

There is a time for everything. Now is the time to set traditional politics aside. Do an above board vote. Hold your card on your forehead at the same time to proclaim where you stand. Yoskilo Grace Matsui stands for transparent governance and represents a nod towards equity and inclusion and standards of service.. Do you?

Mr. Pennington has pinned his candidacy on his lengthy work experience and recent role as Fire Chief, as well as his service as a prior city council member. If the decision will be made on this basis, I presume due diligence has been performed on Mr. Pennington's most recent employment and separation from South King Fire & Rescue. The media reporting on this has been limited. The Federal Way Mirror on January 26th quoted SKFR chair Bill Gates in relation to the separation from Pennington after two years that "a change in leadership would be beneficial to both parties," that "the fire district requires a "significant transformation to confront systemic challenges that have plagued us for years," and that "[The] pandemic and vaccination mandate has taken its toll on the fire chief, employee morale and overall service delivery to the community." Further, the new interim chief stated, "we've already identified several long-standing issues that are being addressed with a renewed effort on transparency going forward." In his application, Mr. Pennington characterized his separation as "retirement," but retirement was not reported as the basis for separation by media. It seems necessary to understand why a change in leadership was deemed "beneficial" to SKFR; what "systemic challenges that have plagued us for years" remained unresolved at SKFR; what "long-standing issues" needed to be addressed and why "renewed effort on transparency going forward" was required. It is possible that there is nothing relevant here to be learned from adequate due diligence. However, if the basis of appointing the candidate is the claim of superior work experience, then due diligence is the council's job, is expected by the community, and should be performed in relation to any candidate (including Ms. Matsui and Mr. Doviak) to be appointed.

Mr. Pennington has been a public servant. For everything there is a season. Now is the time to move on.

With great respect for our process and brave transparency.

Respectfully,

Melody Edmiston
Des Moines Citizen

Bonnie Wilkins

From: Chair, 30th District Democrats <chair@30thdemswa.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 9:08 PM
To: _CityCouncil
Subject: Support Yoshiko Grace Matsui
Attachments: Resolution in Support of Yoshiko Grace Matsui for Des Moines.docx

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Hello Des Moines City Council,

Our body that has members who live in Des Moines, has passed a resolution to show support for Yoshiko Grace Matsui for the City Council appointment. Please see the attached document.

Thank you,

Joshua Fike
30th District Democrats, Chair
206-940-8796

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Zip		98198
Phone		2065716071
Email		Daf5706@comcast.net
Subject		Yoshiko Grace Matsui
Comment		
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Bonnie Wilkins

From: Doreen Harper <doreen@harperstudios.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 12:03 PM
To: _CityCouncil
Cc: Harper Doreen
Subject: Appoint Yoshiko Grace Matsui

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Dear City Council,

I am writing again to ask that you appoint Yoshiko to the City Council.

Although Vic is a great and kind human and I value his contributions to the community, I see this as an opportunity to become a more informed voter at the next election. Yoshiko Grace Matsui has already filed for candidacy for the 2023 Municipal Election. Her intent is clear and her ability to lead should be demonstrated during the remaining term for the empty seat. It would be the fair and just decision to allow Yoshiko to demonstrate to all of the voting residents of Des Moines, what her capabilities and priorities are so that we can all make informed decisions at the next election cycle. To me, this seems like the best investment in the future at this time. Appointing her now would allow her to start working with the team of council members on mutually agreed upon missions and to keep following through on them if she wins her seat in 2023. Since Vic has not filed to run, his intent is unknown and our investment of time is a factor that should be seriously considered.

Thanks again,
Doreen Harper
Des Moines resident and small business owner

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City		Des Moines
State		WA
Zip		98198
Phone		206-445-2099
Email		billinscott@yahoo.com
Subject		Three Capable Applicants - Yoshiko Helps Align with Resident Diversity
Comment		Mayor and City Council Members, The great strength of Des Moines is our people and their commitment to community. We have three outstanding applicants for the vacancy of City Council Position 6 who demonstrate the absolute best from our community. Each is qualified, capable and dedicated to serve on the Council, and we appreciate their willingness to serve. Each understands Des Moines is at a critical point in history with its economic development plans, including the essential Marina redevelopment. All applicants have expressed their commitment to aggressively press forward with these efforts. From this group of three outstanding individuals, the question becomes "What do residents need from their Council?" We believe it is diversity resembling our community, an individual with cultural and social attributes that can reach into, and communicate with, the many diverse corners of Des Moines. This points to Yoshiko Grace Matsui. We thank the three candidates who are pillars in the community. We appreciate their leadership in our community and recognize the importance of our Council's decision. Thank you for the opportunity to provide our thoughts and comments. Sincerely, Patti and Bill Linscott
Do you wish to be contacted by the City Clerk's Office with instructions on how to participate in the City Council Zoom meeting?		Yes

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City		Des Moines
State		WA
Zip		98198
Phone		2063227332
Email		lorie916@gmail.com
Subject		Appointment to City Council
Comment		As a resident of the Redondo neighborhood, I strongly endorse Yoshiko Grace Matsui for appointment to the open city council position. I was very impressed by Ms. Matsui's background during her earlier run for DM City Council, and I think she has much to offer to the City of Des Moines. Thank you for considering my comment.
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Bonnie Wilkins

From: gmcnsoccer@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 10:19 PM
To: _CityCouncil
Subject: Appoint Yoshiko Grace Mitsui

Yoshiko Grace Mitsui will make a great City Council member for Des Moines. Her experience working with a large city government like Seattle, and dealing with police departments, fire departments, public safety, city budgets, and municipal codes, will allow her to jump right in to help govern our city. Her background in education and helping kids will enable her to prioritize programs that will help the children of our community, which is an area that has been ignored recently. The development of the Marina is important to Yoshiko and she will continue to support that process. Her success as a water district commissioner shows her ability to be a great leader and fiscal administrator. Yoshiko's love of the community is evident by her volunteer work and willingness to work hard to help people. Des Moines is a diverse community and needs a diverse city council, so please appoint Yoshiko as the newest City Council member.

Regards,
Gary McNeil

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City		Des Moines
State		WA
Zip		98198
Phone		253 228 1538
Email		katquilt73@gmail.com
Subject		City Council Vacancy
Comment		Thank you, city council members for accepting public comment regarding the city council vacancy. Vic Pennington, Tad Doviak and Yoshiko Grace Matsui are very qualified, unique individuals with different backgrounds, work experiences and qualifications meeting the expectations of this position. We are certainly honored to have each of them apply. The city of Des Moines will thrive under their added leadership to the council. My family has lived in Des Moines since the 1950s. What exciting changes have occurred since that time. Our community is very diverse as individuals with various cultures make our little town by the sound their home. I feel it is time to embrace our individuality: placing on the city council a person representing that diversity. Grace has stated "The demanding work of a city councilmember requires us to listen closely to the concerns, particularly of under-served or under-represented residents, and propose programs and services that reflect that they have been heard". Grace has worked in government and higher education. She previously stated she will bring those skills to the council to "set a course for Des Moines that incorporates the viewpoints of the residents." The council should embrace our

	diversities, be challenged to think differently as viewpoints come from different cultures in our community. I encourage city council members, when you vote tonight, consider how diversity can be represented on our Des Moines city council by voting for Yoshiko Grace Matsui.
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Last Name		Stream
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City		Des Moines
State		WA
Zip		98198
Phone		
Email		cstream2@gmail.com
Subject		Support for Yoshiko Grace Matsui for open city council position
Comment		I support Yoshiko Grace Matsui for the open city council seat. - She is a good communicator and listener; she has a lot of experience working in city government. - She is interested in improving the business development in Des Moines. - She has a proven track record volunteering in the community, she is very accessible and visible with the residents in Des Moines. I think the city council should have a balance of legacy council members along with new members who bring new perspectives to the city council. Thanks for your consideration!
Do you wish to be contacted by the City Clerk's Office with instructions on how to participate in the City Council Zoom meeting?		No
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City	DES MOINES
State	Washington
Zip	98198
Phone	206-949-1001
Email	c.urquhart@kavu.com
Subject	Yoshiko Grace Matsui for Interim City Council.
Comment	Yoshiko is a forward thinking natural leader and public servant with the navigation skills and diverse connections in multiple local agencies to make actual progress. Her experience with the King County Water District is an asset we cannot pass up. We need to utilize her understanding of agencies like this to tackle one of the biggest challenges we have, cleaning up the contamination of our waterfront with sewage. Her HR experience tells me she understands the laws of fair and equitable process and representation of individuals as well as minority groups. She is going to do what is right and lawful, not what she is told to do. Her work on various boards tells me she understands procedure and process, so we do not need to worry about her "getting up to speed". Yoshiko has already thrown in her hat for the next race, and this is the perfect opportunity to see how she performs. I appreciate your consideration for Yoshiko.
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Bonnie Wilkins

From: Susan White <susanrdo@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 11:00 AM
To: _CityCouncil
Subject: Support for Yoshiko Matsui

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Please consider appointing Yoshiko for the vacant council seat. She is well qualified and would provide needed diversity on the CC.

Thank you!

Susan White

AGENDA ITEM

BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL City of Des Moines, WA

SUBJECT: Appointment to Vacant
Council Position #6

AGENDA OF: March 3, 2022

DEPT. OF ORIGIN: City Clerk

DATE SUBMITTED: February 25, 2022

CLEARANCES:

APPROVED BY CITY CLERK
FOR SUBMITTAL: 

Purpose and Recommendation:

The purpose of this agenda item is to appoint a candidate to fill the vacant City Council position number six.

Motion: "I move to nominate _____ to fill Council position number six, effective immediately and expiring on December 31, 2023."

Background:

Following the resignation of Councilmember Anthony Martinelli, applications were solicited from the public between January 27 and February 11, 2022. The City received four complete applications for the vacant position and they are available for public view on the City's website. The following individuals applied:

1. Yoshiko Grace Matsui
2. Tad Doviak
3. Priscilla Vargas
4. Vic Pennington

At the February 24, 2022 meeting, the City Council conducted interviews of the applicants. Applicant Priscilla Vargas withdrew her name from consideration at the meeting.

Discussion

At this meeting, the Council may select one of the three remaining applicants to fill the vacant seat. Pursuant to Council Rule 33, the Council is tasked with appointing the most qualified person available to temporarily fill the vacant seat until an election is held, at which point the citizens will elect a candidate to permanently fill the seat.

Bonnie Wilkins

From: JOAN B <JOANB222@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2022 12:13 PM
To: _CityCouncil
Subject: Point Yoshiko Grace Matsui

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Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Council,

I am again writing to support Yoshiko Grace Matsui.

I'd like to point out that when Luisa Bangs was appointed to fill Vic's spot one of the reasons given was that she was a "female person of color" and representative our community. Well, I'm going to use those same words here. The council does not need another white male. The council needs someone representative of the community and another female.

Please appoint Yoshiko!

Joan Bailly

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City	Des Moines
State	Wa
Zip	98198
Phone	2064060261
Email	mybutler@q.com
Subject	City Council #7
Comment	My husband and I would defiantly want to nominate Vic Pennington for the council seat that is vacant. Vic is an honest smart experienced leader of our city! We have known Vic for at least 30 years and have witnessed him to be an active member of this city and displaying amazing leadership. Vic has lived here longer than most, he lives on the grounds his Moms house was on. It's amazing he would even want to take on this position, we would be highly lucky to have him on this Council. It would actually be an honor! We don't need another that would disrupt and work against the grain of this city council, another that would continue to try and decide this city. Vic would defiantly fit in and would continue to make this city what it is, awesome! Please please elect Vic, for the sake of our city!
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Email		kacm@comcast.net
Subject		I support Yoshika Matsui
Comment		I support Yoshika Matsui for counsel member.
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Kathryn Coulbourn

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To: kacm@comcast.net; _CityCouncil <CityCouncil@desmoineswa.gov>
Subject: RE: Contact Information 2022-02-26 09:50 AM(PST) Submission Notification

Hi Kathryn,

Thank you for your email. You have indicated you would like to make public comment at this Thursday's meeting. Here is the link to register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/7ZUlf-gspjMuHNADpkiDtfOSVqHqR322O5yM>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Mayor Mahoney will call you when it's your turn to speak, at which time you will have 3 minutes.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

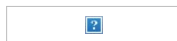
Thank you,

Bonnie

Bonnie Wilkins, CMC | City Clerk-Communications Director

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Subject	I support Yoshika Matsui	
Comment	I support Yoshika Matsui for counsel member.	
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To: [CityCouncil](#)
Subject: Grace matsui for counsel
Date: Thursday, February 24, 2022 6:52:50 PM

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Please strongly consider Grace for council member seat position
Alonso Mora.
Des Moines resident since 2010

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Last Name		Mora
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City		Des Moines
State		Wa
Zip		98198
Phone		2533049163
Email		lsdesmoines@gmail.com
Subject		New Counsel Member
Comment		Please appointment Yoshiko Grace Matsui as our new Counsel Person at tonight's meeting. I believe she brings strong quantities to the table. Thank you for your consideration. Lindsay Mora
Do you wish to be contacted by the City Clerk's Office with instructions on how to participate in the City Council Zoom meeting?		No
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Bonnie Wilkins

From: J Saul <jsaul42@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2022 4:45 PM
To: _CityCouncil
Subject: Priscilla Vargas for City Council Position

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Hello Des Moines City Council,

As your constituent in our fabulous village on the Salish Sea, I'm urging you to appoint Priscilla Vargas to the open position on our city council.

Priscilla has a passion for our city that will translate into positive action for a better, stronger, viable community for all of us.

She has experience that will allow her to be effective from the start of her appointment, in communication, organization, and outreach.

She is a breath of fresh air and advocacy for Des Moines!

She had my vote in November and she has my vote now. I hope she has your vote too.

With appreciation,

Julie Saul
206-755-9831

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City		Des moines
State		Wa
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Subject		I support Yoshiko Grace Matsui for City Council
Comment		She is the most qualified.
Do you wish to be contacted by the City Clerk's Office with instructions on how to participate in the City Council Zoom meeting?		No
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City		Des Moines
State		WA
Zip		98198
Phone		2066051885
Email		megacious@comcast.net
Subject		I support appointing Yoshiko Grace Matsui for City Council
Comment		I believe Yoshiko Grace Matsui is the most qualified candidate for City Council. Not only does she have the most impressive resume of all three candidates, we need more diversity on the City Council. In a community that is almost 50% people of color and 51% women, the Council needs to be more reflective of this diversity. Currently there is only ONE woman on the Council and NO people of color. This needs to change now so that women and people of color who live in Des Moines will feel that someone on the Council understands their issues.
Do you wish to be contacted by the City Clerk's Office with instructions on how to participate in the City Council Zoom meeting?		No
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	Last Name	Thorell
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	City	Des Moines
	State	WA
	Zip	98198
	Phone	2063665665
	Email	patricethorell@gmail.com
	Subject	City Council Appointment
	Comment	Dear City Council Members, I support Yoshiko Matsui for the open council position 6. She is a brilliant woman with substantial knowledge of city and water district operations. Please thoughtfully consider the need for social equity and the representation of diverse perspectives when selecting our newest Council Member. Thank you, Patrice Thorell
Do you wish to be contacted by the City Clerk's Office with instructions on how to participate in the City Council Zoom meeting?		No
	wantCopy	True
	Email address	patricethorell@gmail.com

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Bonnie Wilkins

From: Candace Urquhart <curquhart@kavu.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2022 6:35 PM
To: _CityCouncil
Subject: INTERIM CITY COUNCIL MEMBER VOTE.

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I would appreciate your vote for Yoshiko.

Best,
Candace Urquhart

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Bonnie Wilkins

From: Tracey Vargas <wondertracey@gmail.com>
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Subject: Council

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Yoshiko Grace Matsui should be appointed. We need diversity and a fresh perspective in our new council member not the same old that never ever changes.

Tracey Vargas
Sent from my iPhone

Bonnie Wilkins

From: Rebecca Alexander <rebecca@alexapolis.com>
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 9:02 AM
To: _CityCouncil
Subject: City Council candidate - Yoshiko Grace Matsui

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Dear Des Moines City Council,

I appreciate your consideration of Yoshiko Grace Matsui for the open city council position. I believe Yoshiko will represent our city and its residents superbly. Yoshiko will bring not only her professionalism and government experience but also diversity. Diversity, not just in appearance but also in thought, is so important to continue to move our great city forward and into an even more amazing society. Yoshiko understands the challenges that residents of color face, that residents who are women face, and residents who are LGBTQ+A face. She will have a seat at the table to bring up and remind our city leaders of the challenges that under-represented citizens face and the experiences that they have had.

It is important for our city to have different voices and dissenting opinions in order to support all of our residents. Pressure and friction create diamonds. We all need other viewpoints and sharing of different life experiences in our lives. We cannot empathize with others' journeys if we do not hear their history. Yoshiko will be an asset to the city council and will help us create an even more spectacular diamond of a community.

Thank you for your time,
Rebecca Alexander
24030 22nd Pl S
Des Moines, WA 98198
rebecca@alexapolis.com

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Last Name		Davidson Caswell
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City		Des Moines
State		WA
Zip		98198
Phone		2063548081
Email		breedavidsoncaswell@gmail.com
Subject		Speaking in support of Yoshiko Grace Matsui
Comment		I would like to speak briefly in support of Yoshiko
Do you wish to be contacted by the City Clerk's Office with instructions on how to participate in the City Council Zoom meeting?		Yes
wantCopy		True
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Last Name		Davis
Address1		20622 4th Pl S.
City		Des Moines
State		wa
Zip		98197
Phone		2093242432
Email		sna.susan@gmail.com
Subject		Candidate for council
Comment		We need to have some equal representation on city council while maintaining quality candidates. Yo shiko Grace Matsui is a female, minority and highly qualified. She has been involved in making this city better far before any political aspirations. She is the best candidate, will serve this city well, and will help build bridges needed between some factions in this city so we can move forward.
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Last Name		Mills
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City		DesMoines
State		WA
Zip		98198
Phone		2065366917
Email		toniann1966@gmail.com
Subject		Appoint Yoshiko Grace Matsui"
Comment		Let us be clear! DesMoines needs to adress the lack of diversity on our council! The City issues are more than an attitude problem Mr Harris, we need to stop the whitewashing and do more than provide lip service to our BIPOC community members! Representation SHOULD matter and Yoshiko not only represents our BIPOC community and has the experience needed. Thank you Toni Mills
Do you wish to be contacted by the City Clerk's Office with instructions on how to participate in the City Council Zoom meeting?		
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Last Name		Ani O'Leary
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City		Des Moines
State		WA
Zip		98198
Phone		6199339965
Email		akassabian@gmail.com
Subject		Recommendation for Open Position 6
Comment		Dear Council Members, I am writing to request that the Des Moines City Council vote to appoint Grace Yoshiko Matsui for open position 6. She is an outstanding candidate for the position and would be a great addition. With kind regards, Ani O'Leary
Do you wish to be contacted by the City Clerk's Office with instructions on how to participate in the City Council Zoom meeting?		No
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State		Wa
Zip		98198
Phone		+12065956751
Email		jim_cecelia@msn.com
Subject		Open City Council Position
Comment		I am writing to express my strong endorsement of Yoshiko Grace Matsui. She is exactly what balance this current council lacks and adds a much needed perspective representing our diverse city. She has very impressive credentials both in education and real world experience. Please consider reaching beyond the known and comfortable choice and proving Des Moines is a forward looking city.
Do you wish to be contacted by the City Clerk's Office with instructions on how to participate in the City Council Zoom meeting?		No
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Name	Value
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Last Name	Sevores
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City	Des Moines
State	WA
Zip	98198
Phone	206-683-4217
Email	sevores@comcast.net
Subject	I am writing to support Yoshiko Grace Matsui
Comment	I understand this is the decision of the council however I think it would be a mistake to not consider the community's continuing desire for change. Two new members were voted to the council for 2022, Harry and Gene. In 2020 two new members were voted to the council, JC and Anthony. The decision at hand is to replace Anthony. I believe all the candidates are qualified. Vic Pennington should not be your choice. He joined the council prior to the "2016 financial crisis". He resigned before fulfilling his commitment to the citizens of Des Moines. "I'm done with my work there..." is the quote from the Federal Way Mirror in January 2020. He made this decision in January 2020 after being appointed Fire chief in February 2019. I find the timing of the decision unsatisfactory. I find his separation from the South King Fire puzzling. He held the position less than 2 years. His application states he retired. "Fire Chief steps down..." is the headline from a Federal Way Mirror article. The article uses various forms of the word separate. Neither Vic nor board member Bill Gates responded to request for comments. The Firefighter Union executive membership and members are unaware of the circumstances surrounding his unexpected departure. Lastly, I find a story where Vic is named a defendant as part of a lawsuit from firefighters. As you know Yoshiko is a long term Des Moines resident. She has County, City, and local government experience. She ran for city council in the most recent election. She is an active member in the Des Moines Community-Farmers Market, Legacy Foundation, Food Bank, blood drive and many more examples. She has human resources experience which I find appealing. Those that work in human resources typically have great positive interpersonal skills. They effectively interact with others with active listening and empathy. They concentrate on the people side of management, relationships. Other skills negotiation, organizational, team management, branding, data analysis. She has similar interests to mine, safety, attracting business, and services for children and seniors. However, Yoshiko is more qualified than the rest for a position on the City Council. She will bring a woman's perspective to the council. Our population is 51% female, yet we have one woman on the city council. All members of the city deserve to be represented. Also true, Yoshiko is a person of color. Our population is 56% white. There is no representation for people of color. Again, our entire community needs to be represented. With these numbers our council should be 4 women, 3 men and 4 white and 3 people of color. I would not object to the appointment of Tad Doviak. He has held leadership positions. He has a strong desire to be on the City Council. He is an active member concentrating on the safety and security of Des Moines. Tad is interested in similar issues that I am which is bringing businesses to downtown Des Moines and services for our children and seniors. Thank you for taking the time to consider Yoshiko Grace Matsui. Marnie Sevores 22018 13th Avenue S Des Moines, WA 98198 206-683-4217 https://www.federalwaymirror.com/news/new-south-king-fire-chief-steps-down-from-des-moines-city-council-seat/ https://www.federalwaymirror.com/news/fire-chief-vic-pennington-steps-down-from-south-king-fire-and-rescue/?fbclid=IwAR08e3_ZT2GLASO_Rlj5oef75hVtBAV2CUQNR83o3uDWt5dL5XCv-g660H_o https://www.firelawblog.com/2021/11/13/washington-state-firefighter-sue-to-block-king-county-vaccine-mandate/ https://worldpopulationreview.com/us-cities/des-moines-wa-population
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Sent: Sunday, February 27, 2022 4:54 PM
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Subject: Appoint Yoshiko Grace Matsui

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To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to you as a resident of Des Moines to please vote for her to be a member of the council. She is a person that I have noticed IN the community talking and LISTENING to people. You can tell by how she responds to a question, that she doesn't have an ego or put her self interest first.

I truly believe she puts the beliefs and interests of the community above her own. Her behavior has reflected this more than any person I can name. Everything from the story of how she came to be on the Water Board to her recent wildly successful Des Moines Community Blood Drive she organized shortly after I got sick a few months ago. She is trustworthy, smart, driven, and always fair. She's a do-gooder... give her a shot!

Please consider voting to include her on our City Council.

Thank you for your consideration,
Scott Sparrowhawk

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First Name		Rebecca
Last Name		Stapleton
Address1		
City		Des Moines
State		wa
Zip		98198
Phone		
Email		
Subject		Please choose Yoshiko Matsui for the available city council position
Comment		Please choose Yoshiko Matsui for the available city council position. She is the best candidate, and exactly the person that our city needs.
Do you wish to be contacted by the City Clerk's Office with instructions on how to participate in the City Council Zoom meeting?		No
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