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MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council Members

FROM: Office of the Mayor

DATE: October 21, 2025

RE: Appointment of One New Member to the Privacy Advisory Commission

The Mayor's Office respectfully requests that the City Council consider the appointment of one new member to the Privacy Advisory Commission to fill an existing vacancy.

The Privacy Advisory Commission continues to play a vital role in protecting residents' privacy rights and ensuring responsible use of surveillance technologies through careful oversight of privacy policies, data governance practices, and community engagement on digital rights issues. Adding a qualified new commissioner will enhance the commission's diversity of perspectives and technical expertise, while supporting ongoing initiatives to protect privacy.

Proposed Actions:

- Appoint one new member to fill the vacant commission seat
- Ensure enhanced commission capacity for upcoming surveillance oversight and privacy policy initiatives

Next Steps: The Mayor's Office will present the appointment recommendation at the next Council meeting. The proposed new member offers valuable skills and community connections in digital rights advocacy that will complement the commission's existing expertise in privacy protection work.

We greatly appreciate any support you can provide in expediting this process and welcome the Council's prompt consideration of this appointment.