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## Letter: NOW Jacksonville-Honorable Hans Tanzler

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26 June 1972

The Honorable Hans Tanzler  
City Hall  
220 East Bay Street  
Jacksonville, Florida

RE: Community Relations Commission  
Vacancies

Dear Mayor Tanzler:

Our Jacksonville community and members of NOW among them, are beginning to be aware and to appreciate your recent and, hopefully, developing commitment to just and full representation of women citizens in government. Members of NOW, Jacksonville, were sincere in promising you our cooperation in your efforts to include concerned women in your governing deliberations.

Accordingly, we wish to submit the names of five people for appointment to the Community Relations Commission. They are: Joan Edelson, Violet Parker, Elizabeth Phillips, Diana Salkeld and Betty Teague. Each of these persons plans to send you a resume soon or certainly will upon your request. Each of these persons has made and continues to make a contribution to the betterment of our Jacksonville community. Each is very well qualified for appointment to the Commission.

We recognize that full representation of women cannot come about immediately, even though you are committed to it, ultimately. However, it does appear to us that of all the advisory groups, the Community Relations Commission manifests the most obvious mockery of representative participation; that is, the advisory group dealing with community relations doesn't even pretend to approximate or acknowledge through its membership, the population makeup of the community.

Since we are aware that there are now or will soon be several openings on the Commission, we knew we could help you concretely to appoint two or three new women to this Commission.

At one time, recently, Mr. Newsome publicly maintained that women are not willing to volunteer for the community; we have taken the time to find five good people more than ready and willing to work. As we have maintained before, we do not want to sit back and complain that you are not consulting Jacksonville women, especially Jacksonville feminists; therefore, five different kinds of people were approached for the Commission. We understand that one or two of our recommendations might be objectionable to you, leaving at least two or three people you can accept.

We look forward to more communication with you.

Sincerely,

cc: Nathan Wilson  
Richard Bowers

**NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN**



**RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENTS TO THE JACKSONVILLE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION**

**26 June 1972**

**Joan Edelson**



**Violet Parker**



**Elizabeth Phillips**



**Diana Salkeld**



**Betty Teague**

