

5-1. Action Item: Confirm appointment of Robert Tunison to the Nampa Housing Authority for a five-year term expiring on September 30, 2030.

**Board of Commissioners**

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Debbie Kling, Mayor of the City of Nampa

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Nampa, ID 83651

**Dear Mayor Kling,**

The Nampa Housing Authority(NHA) Board of Commissioners proudly submits for your and the City Council's approval an application and resume from Mr. Robert J. Tunison, for a vacant position we currently have at NHA. Mr. Tunison is an attorney, whose major expertise is in lands law. This will be very beneficial to our agency, as we look to expand our footprint in the City of Namapa, in affordable housing. Our Board is autonomous from the city for the most part, with the exception of appointment of Commissioners. We do not follow normal city protocol on appointment of Board members, as we seek out specific disciplines that will help us with our operations, given we do not have the full resources of the city of Nampa, as we are very much independent from the city. Our process is very thoughtful however, and we seek out the best mix of commissioners as we can possibly find.

As you may recall, we have completed two major transactions that have changed how we conduct the business of affordable housing in our community. As we sought out a member for our vacancy the Board unanimously believed we needed an attorney, in part because of our transition, but also to help us keep on track when it comes to interpretation of the laws governing us. Having an attorney at the policy level will be a good thing for NHA, and we appreciate that we were able to attract a very apt attorney in Mr. Tunison

It is with great enthusiasm the Board requests you consider nominating him to this position as we believe he will serve our mission and the city well.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Respectfully,**

**Andrew R. Rodriguez, CEO**

*Equal Housing Opportunity*

**ROBERT J. TUNISON**

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**EDUCATION**

**UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO COLLEGE OF LAW**, Moscow, Idaho

J.D. NREL Emphasis • 3.29 G.P.A. • May 2017

*Activities:* Idaho Critical Legal Studies Journal, Managing Editor  
Honor Court, 3L Student Representative  
Environmental Law Society, Member and Treasurer  
Student Bar Association, 2L Representative

**UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO**, Moscow, Idaho

B.S., Finance • 3.5 G.P.A. • December 2011

*Activities:* Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity, President, Treasurer and Academic Chair  
Vandal Solutions, Manager of Finance

**EXPERIENCE**

**PRIVATE PRACTICE** • September 2019 – Present

*Tunison Law, PLLC – Caldwell, Idaho (Solo Practitioner)*

Experience in real property disputes, drafting easements, purchase agreements and handling HOA disputes. Prepared estate plans and handled probate matters, including litigation. Worked on forming businesses, business sales and acquisitions and gave general business advice. General civil litigation matters.

**OF COUNSEL** • March 2021 – Present

*Fisher Hudson Shallat – Boise, Idaho*

Focused on real property matters for the firm, which includes representing a local non-profit focused on affordable housing.

**LAW CLERK** • October 2017 – August 2019

*Honorable Ned Williamson – Blaine County District Court, Idaho*

Performed research activities, drafted memorandums, proposed orders and summary judgment decisions. Attended district court hearings and civil and criminal trials. Member of the Blaine County Drug Court team.

**LEGAL EXTERN** • Winter to Spring 2017

*Office of Attorney General, Natural Resources Division – Boise, Idaho*

Improved research and writing skills and gained knowledge in Idaho natural resources law including the SRBA and oil and gas regulations. Worked on some complex and unique legal situations regarding refill rights for irrigation water users. Attended staff meetings, meetings with office clients, administrative hearings and court hearings.

**LEGAL EXTERN** • Summer 2016

*University of Idaho Office of Research Assurances and Sponsored Programs – Moscow, Idaho*

Strengthened research and writing skills while working on various legal issues related to research at the university. Developed regulatory program for UAV use by faculty and students. Found exception to prohibited research that was accepted by supervisor and general counsel.

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Current Board Member and Member of the Caldwell Lions Club, Past Treasurer  
Admitted to the Idaho State Bar (October 2017)  
Admitted to U.S. District Court, District of Idaho  
Member of Idaho State Bar Real Property Section  
Member of Idaho State Bar Taxation, Probate & Trust Law Section  
Member of Idaho State Bar Environmental & Natural Resources Law Section

## **SKILLS**

Able to work independently and as part of a team. Can multitask and handle matters in different areas of the law. Have developed strong writing and research skills and ability to learn new areas of the law quickly.

## **INTERESTS**

In my free time I enjoy volunteering for the Caldwell Lions Club and outdoor activities such as camping, golfing, rafting, and skiing.



# Application to be considered for City-Appointed or Volunteer Positions

Applications will be accepted when vacancies occur.

## SECTION 1: Position applied for:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Airport Commission                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Council on Aging  | <input type="checkbox"/> Impact Fee Advisory Committee        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Historic Preservation Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Crow Management   | <input type="checkbox"/> Library Board                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Design Standards Committee / Building and Site Design Standards Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Nampa Development Corporation        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boards of Appraisers                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic and Community Development Commission                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nampa Housing Authority   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals   | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Course Commission  | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning and Zoning Commission       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee     | <input type="checkbox"/> Healthy Impact Nampa Coalition  | <input type="checkbox"/> Venue Management Advisory Commission |
|  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Wastewater Design Review Committee   |
|  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> General Volunteer Position           |

Name: Robert J. Tunison

Home Address: 19875 Kennebec Way, Caldwell, Idaho 83605

Telephone: (208) 870-8265

E-mail Address: robert@tunisonlaw.com

Occupation: Attorney

Are you currently serving on the above selected Commission/Board/Committee and wish to be reappointed?

- Yes  No (If yes, please skip to Section 3.)

## SECTION 2:

Are you a resident of the City of Nampa?  Yes  No

If not, do you live in Nampa's area of impact?  Yes  No

Why do you want to become involved?

I believe strongly in affordable housing and the mission of NHA to provide said housing to members of the community. I think this is one of the most important things currently affecting residents given the unsustainable increase in housing costs and that we all have a part to play.

Are you currently engaged in any local service clubs or other organizations?  Yes  No

If so, please list: Caldwell Lions Club

What areas of city government are of most interest to you? Those that help persons in the community that are most in need of it. Particularly services that help children, families, veterans and those with disabilities.

Have you participated in any level of volunteer government services in the past?  Yes  No

If so, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 3:

Do you understand the time commitment required to attend meetings and review/research data to make recommendations?  Yes  No

Signature RJ Tunison

Date: 1-17-2025

First time applicants must include a resume and letter of interest. Individuals wishing to be reappointed should include a letter indicating their reason for wanting to continue their service. **Please return completed application and supporting documentation to:** City Clerk's Office, City of Nampa, 411 3<sup>rd</sup> Street South, Nampa, ID 83651