



TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager
FROM: Nicole Emery, City Clerk
Chris Bacha, City Attorney
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SUBJECT: Resolution – Appointing and reappointing individuals to the Climate and Sustainability Commission – April 29, 2025
DATE: April 15, 2025

SUMMARY:

Appointing and reappointing the following individuals to the Climate and Sustainability Commission:

- Appointing Justine Jadallah to the “Youth Member” position, to expire April 30, 2026.
- Reappointing Matthew Benedict to serve a three-year term, effective May 1, 2025, to expire April 30, 2028.
- Reappointing Evlondo Cooper to serve a three-year term, effective May 1, 2025, to expire April 30, 2028.
- Reappointing John Doherty to serve a three-year term, effective May 1, 2025, to expire April 30, 2028.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Council Members Diaz, Hines, Sadalge, and Walker.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

Appointing individuals to the Climate and Sustainability Commission (Commission) best aligns with the strategic priority policy related to fostering neighborhood, community, and economic development vitality and sustainability because the Commission oversees implementation of Tacoma’s Climate Action Plan as the City and community reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

BACKGROUND:

At the April 9, 2025, Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee meeting, the Committee conducted interviews and recommended the appointment and reappointment of the individuals listed above.

ISSUE:

Positions need to be filled on the Climate and Sustainability Commission.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Commission would continue to operate without full membership.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee recommends the appointment and reappointment of the individuals listed above.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.