

City of Tacoma

TO: Hyun Kim, Interim City Manager

FROM: Nicole Emery, City Clerk

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SUBJECT: Resolution – Appointing Hope Springer to the Climate and Sustainability Commission –

September 9, 2025

DATE: August 22, 2025

SUMMARY:

Appointing Hope Springer to the Climate and Sustainability Commission, to fill an unexpired term, to expire April 30, 2026.

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 Hope Springer to a short list for future vacancies on the Commission as they occur. A Commissioner has vacated their position as of July 18, 2025, which created a vacancy.

ISSUE:

A position needs 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 of the individual listed above.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.