

City of Tacoma

TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager FROM: Nicole Emery, City Clerk Chris Bacha, City Attorney

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SUBJECT: Resolution – Appointing individuals to the Urban Design Board –

December 10, 2024

DATE: November 6, 2024

SUMMARY:

Appointing the following individuals to the Urban Design Board:

- Appointing Chris Reeh to the "Design and Development Professional No. 1" position to serve a three-year term, effective January 1, 2025, to expire December 31, 2027.
- Appointing Clara Cheeves to the "Design and Development Professional No. 2" position to serve a three-year term, effective January 1, 2025, to expire December 31, 2027.
- Appointing Deborah Ranniger to the "Design and Development Professional No. 3" position to serve a three-year term, effective January 1, 2025, to expire December 31, 2027.
- Appointing Brett Santhuff to the "Design and Development Professional No. 4" position to serve a two-year term, effective January 1, 2025, to expire December 31, 2026.
- Appointing Stephanie Gowing to the "Allied Community Representative No. 5" position to serve a three-year term, effective January 1, 2025, to expire December 31, 2027.
- Appointing Krystal Monteros to the "Allied Community Representative No. 6" position to serve a two-year term, effective January 1, 2025, to expire December 31, 2026.
- Appointing Jennifer Weddermann to the "Allied Community Representative No. 7" position to serve a two-year term, effective January 1, 2025, to expire December 31, 2026.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Deputy Mayor Hines and Council Members Diaz, Sadalge, and Walker.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

Appointing individuals to the Urban Design Board (Board) best aligns with the strategic priority policy related to improving design outcomes and supporting innovative urban design within the City's designated Growth Centers. Its purpose is to review Urban Design Project Review permits, advise on urban design-related matters, and support design excellence citywide. Board members will reflect a mix of professional experience, community interests related to urban design, and geographic diversity and will assist in review of the largest, most significant projects.

BACKGROUND:

The Board was established by City Council Ordinance No. 28966, to coincide with the Urban Design Project Review Permit and process that will become effective on January 1, 2025. At the October 30, 2024, Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee special meeting, the Committee conducted interviews and recommended the appointment of the individuals listed above.

ISSUE:

Positions need to be filled on the newly created Board.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Committee could not appoint individuals to serve on the Board.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.