



TO: Elizabeth Pauli, Interim City Manager

FROM: Doris Sorum, City Clerk

COPY: Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee Members

SUBJECT: Consideration and recommendation of applicants to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission – May 2, 2017

DATE: April 5, 2017

SUMMARY:

The Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee will review and recommend up to four members to the full City Council for appointment to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission. Below is a list of the applicants:

APPLICANTS	COUNCIL DISTRICT
Matthew Benedict	3
Zac Christian	1
Sheree Cooks	4
Todd Hay	1
Emily Kalnicky	Outside City Limits
Chris Karnes	3
Jaclyn Layton	2
Colin McCann	3
Chrissy Cooley (seeking reappointment)	3

BACKGROUND:

The Sustainable Tacoma Commission works with the Office of Sustainability, which is responsible for implementing the strategies in the Climate Action Plan and measuring the city's progress as it reduces greenhouse gas emissions. Both the Office and the Commission were created by a City Council resolution in October 2008.

The Sustainable Tacoma Commission consists of eleven members appointed by the City Council. Membership is a balanced representation of stakeholders, such as the environmental community, small business, labor, housing, industry and port, transportation, education, building industry, and residents.

The Commission oversees implementation of Tacoma's Climate Action Plan as the City and community reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It is intended to bring citizen accountability, transparency, and vigilance to the long-term implementation of Tacoma's Climate Action Plan, as developed by the Green Ribbon Climate Action Task Force.

ISSUE:

Four positions need to be filled.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Commission will continue to operate



FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff requests that the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee recommend the appointment four members to the Sustainable Tacoma Commission, which would be forwarded to the full City Council on May 2, 2017.

ATTACHMENTS:

Sustainable Tacoma Commission applications
Current Roster