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SUBJECT: Consideration and recommendation of applicants to the Climate and Sustainability Commission
DATE: March 12, 2026

PRESENTATION TYPE:
 Committees, Boards and Commissions Interviews

SUMMARY:
 The Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee will interview and may recommend up to six applicants to the full City Council for appointment or reappointment to the Climate and Sustainability Commission. Recruitment efforts for the open seats included distributing a new release and posting on the City’s website, and notifying over fifteen organizations. Below is a list of the applicants:

| APPLICANTS | COUNCIL DISTRICT |
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| Sean Arent | 4 |
| Alicia Blake | 1 |
| Chelsea Brown | 1 |
| Daniel Purcell | 1 |
| Michael Chang (seeking reappointment) | 1 |
| Justine Jadallah (seeking appointment to a Member position) | 2 |
| Hope Springer (seeking reappointment) | 2 |
| Laura Svancarek (seeking reappointment) | 4 |
| Casey Twiggs (seeking reappointment) | 3 |

BACKGROUND:
 With the passage of Ordinance No. 29014, the Climate and Sustainability Commission (Commission), will replace the current Sustainable Tacoma Commission on May 1, 2025. The Commission will maintain the same vital mission of bringing community accountability, transparency, and vigilance to the long-term implementation of Tacoma’s Climate Action Plan and sustainability initiatives. All commission members currently serving on the Sustainable Tacoma Commission will continue their terms without interruption.

The Commission consists of thirteen members appointed by the City Council. Membership is for three years, includes a balanced representation of stakeholders, such as the environmental community, small business, labor, housing, industry and port, transportation, education, building industry; and members must reside within the boundaries of the City.



ISSUE:

Positions need to be filled on the Commission.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Commission will continue to operate without full membership.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff requests the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee recommend the appointment or reappointment of up to six applicants to the Climate and Sustainability Commission, which will be forwarded to the full City Council on April 21, 2026.