

AGENDA ITEM #5

MEETING: Community Health, Environment, & Culture Committee

DATE: November 9, 2021

DEPARTMENT: Office of Sustainability

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Douglas R. Melnick, AICP, ISSP-SA, CNU-A

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: All

SUBJECT:

SA Climate Ready Technical Advisory Committee Energy Industry Vacancy

SUMMARY:

A recommendation to fill the Energy Industry vacancy on the SA Climate Ready Technical and Community Advisory Committee be filled by Mr. David Walter.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City Council adopted SA Climate Ready, Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) on October 17, 2019 through Ordinance 2019-10-17-0840.

In order to effectively implement the SA Climate Ready Plan, two externally-recruited committees were recommended to be established: a Technical and Community Advisory Committee and a Climate Equity Advisory Committee. Members of both committees will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Technical expertise in elements related to climate mitigation and adaptation or other important areas related to plan implementation;
- Representation of important perspectives; and
- The ability to collaborate.

On October 8, 2020, City Council approved the full slate of recommended candidates for the Technical & Community Advisory Committee and the Climate Equity Advisory Committee.

The Technical & Community Advisory Committee is comprised of 24 Members total; 17 at-large members, 5 organizational members, 1 research collaborator from Southwest Research Institute, and 1 Chair or Vice Chair of the SA Climate Ready Climate Equity Committee. The mission for this Committee includes advising City Staff/City Council on the implementation of the CAAP, and long-term sustainability plans, such as the SA Tomorrow Sustainability Plan. The Committee is designed to provide expertise, diverse perspectives, and input regarding implementation of the CAAP as the City works to achieve greenhouse gas reduction and adaptation goals.

In August 2021, Stephanie Moreno, the Energy Industry representative, resigned from the SA Climate Ready Technical and Community Advisory Committee. A call for applications was issued on September 14, 2021. Two applications were received for the Energy Industry vacancy and the applicants were interviewed on October 29, 2021 by a subcommittee of the Community Health, Environment and Culture Committee comprised of Councilwoman Ana Sandoval and Councilman Mario Bravo. Following interviews, the subcommittee selected Mr. David Walter as the recommended replacement. Mr. Walter is Vice President of Business Development for NuStar Energy, has extensive experience in the energy sector, and is a resident of District 8.

ISSUE:

In order to effectively implement the SA Climate Ready Plan, it is essential that all sectors are represented, as per ordinance, on the SA Technical and Community Advisory Committee and the recommended candidate will fill the current Energy Industry vacancy.

ALTERNATIVES:

Community Health and Equity Committee can decide not to recommend Mr. David Walter to the full City Council for consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There are no fiscal impacts.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Community Health, Environment and Culture Committee recommend Mr. David Walter's appointment to the SA Climate Ready Technical and Community Advisory Committee as the Energy Industry representative to the full City Council for consideration.