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A Recommendation for the SA Climate Ready Technical and Community Advisory Committee Energy Industry Vacancy

ITEM #5

**Community Health, Environment, and Culture Committee Meeting
November 9, 2021**

Douglas Melnick, AICP, ISSP-SA, CNU-A, Chief Sustainability Officer

Background



- On June 22, 2017, City Council passed a resolution in support of the Paris Climate Agreement; directing city staff to develop a plan to help San Antonio meet the objectives of this agreement.
- On October 17, 2019, City Council adopted the SA Climate Ready Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP).
- To effectively implement the CAAP, the plan called for two externally-recruited committees: a Technical and Community Advisory Committee and a Climate Equity Advisory Committee.
- 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 Energy Industry representative resigned from the Technical and Community Advisory Committee.

Committee Details



Technical & Community Advisory Committee

- 17 at-large members, 5 organizational members, 1 research collaborator, and the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Climate Equity Committee.
- 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.
- Mission: Advise City staff and City Council on the advancement and equity-centered implementation of the SA Climate Ready Plan, as well as related long-term sustainability plans, such as the SA Tomorrow Sustainability Plan.

Climate Equity Advisory Committee

- 10 at-large representatives from community-based organizations and other key stakeholders representing the interests of low-income populations, communities of color, and marginalized populations, and the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Technical and Community Advisory Committee.
- Mission: provide input on the implementation of the CAAP to ensure an equity-centered approach and equitable outcomes.

Selection Process

- A call for applications was released on September 14, 2021.
- Two applications were received for the energy industry vacancy.
- A CHECC subcommittee consisting of Councilwoman Sandoval and Councilman Bravo, with support from the Office of Sustainability and the Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, interviewed both applicants on October 29, 2021.
- The subcommittee selected Mr. David Walter, Vice President of Business Development for NuStar Energy as the preferred candidate.

Recommendation



Staff recommends approval of Mr. David Walter as the energy industry representative for the SA Climate Ready Technical and Community Advisory Committee and for the committee to refer Mr. Walter to the full City



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At-Large

Name	Employer	Job Title
DeeDee Belmares	Public Citizen	Climate Justice Organizer
Ashley Bird	Texas Butterfly Ranch	Monarch Butterfly and Pollinator Festival Manager
Rick Cavender	Audi Dominion	Dealer Principal
James E. Cooper Jr.	Project QUEST	Employer Engagement Specialist
Estella Cota-Trevino	Freese and Nichols, Inc.	Engineer III
Matt Cox	Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.	Associate
Dr. Neil Debbage	UTSA	Assistant Professor
Ashley Harris	USAA	Director, Government Relations
Stephen Lucke	Gardopia	CEO
Dr. Kelly Lyons	Trinity University	Professor
Francisco Manon	Credit Human a Federal Credit Union	Senior Manager Support Services
Richard McDonald	HEB	Corporate Director Environmental Affairs
Vacant	Energy Industry	
Dr. Jimmy Perkins	Retired (UT Health)	Retired (Dean, School of Public Health)

At-Large Continued

Name	Employer	Job Title
John Plescia	Spurs Sports and Entertainment	Director of Building Operations
Rosalinda Sanquiche	C. H. Guenther and Son	Sustainability Manager
Richard Weber	World Resources Institute	Sr. Operations Manager, Climate and Economics

Organizational

Name	Employer	Job Title
Melissa Bryant	SARA	Director of Technical Services
Karen Guz	SAWS	Conservation Director
Kathleen Horne	VIA	Senior Vice President, Development
Marvin Pair	Joint Base San Antonio	Air Program Manager
Angela Rodriguez	CPS Energy	Director, Climate Strategy and Sustainability

Research Collaborator

Name	Employer	Job Title
Miriam Juckett	SWRI	Senior Program Manager



Climate Equity Advisory Committee

At-Large

Name	Employer	Job Title
Aaron Arguello	MOVE Texas	Advocacy Organizer
Adelita Cantu	UT Health Science Center San Antonio	Associate Professor
Anacua Garcia	Southwest Workers Union	Community Organizer
Jesus Garcia-Gonzalez	Catholic Charities Archdiocese of San Antonio, Inc.	Grants Director
Harjot Kaur		Environmental Attorney
Diana Lopez-Perez	Centro por la Justicia	Executive Director
Eloisa Portillo-Morales	NRDC	City Strategist
Joshua Scott	St. Philip's College	Administrator Department Chair for Automotive Technology
Dr. Joe Simpson	Texas A and M University-San Antonio	Assistant Professor of Sociology
Tristan Tovar	San Antonio Housing Authority	Sustainability cOORDINATOR

Demographics – Technical & Community



American Indian and/or Alaska Native	Asian	Black or African	Hispanic /Latino/a	White/Non-Hispanic	Other/ Multiple	N/A or No Answer				
		1	5	15	2					
Gender										
Female	Male	Other								
11	12									
Age										
18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65 - 74	75 or older	N/A			
	3	7	9	3	1					
Sexual Minority										
Yes	No	N/A								
2	20	1								
Council District - Live										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	N/A
4	4				1	2	3	3	3	3