



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Office of the City Clerk

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Debbie Racca-Sittre

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Appointment to the SA Climate Ready Technical and Community Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY:

Appointing David Walter (District 8) to the SA Climate Ready Technical and Community Advisory Committee as the Energy Industry Representative for the remainder of an unexpired term ending May 31, 2023.

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.

On November 9, 2021 the Community, Health, Environment and Culture Committee moved to approve and forward the nomination to the full City Council for approval of Mr. David Walter as the Energy Industry representative of the SA Climate Ready and Technical and Community Advisory Committee.

ISSUE:

Board and Commission appointments require full City Council approval.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Office of the City Clerk will continue to promote vacancies.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

In order to proceed with the direction of the City Council, the Office of the City Clerk recommends approval of the Board and Commission Appointments.