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Annual Report

## Environmental Commission

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*Kathryn Bazan, Chair*

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## **Background**

A resolution ([20-688](#)) authorizing the adoption of the Comprehensive Environmental & Climate Action Plan (CECAP) passed on May 27, 2020. This resolution charged the City Manager to identify and convene an Environment and Sustainability Advisory Committee comprised of professionals and community members to advise on environment, sustainability, and CECAP implementation. Additionally, the resolution established that the City Manager will coordinate with the Environment and Sustainability Committee regarding the scope and potential roles of a permanent board or commission with a goal of implementation and making appropriate appointments between or around October 1, 2021 and January 1, 2022.

The permanent Environmental Commission was established through [Ordinance No. 31847](#), which passed on April 28, 2021, replacing the Environment and Sustainability Advisory Committee. The Commission consists of 15 members, one appointed by each Council Member and the Mayor, and is a diverse, inclusive, and representative group of professionals and community members. It also includes an additional eight non-voting technical panel members, each with expertise in one area of the CECAP.

Nominations to the EVC began in the fall of 2021 and the commission established a quorum in time to hold the first meeting on December 17, 2021.

## **Mission Statement**

As set forth in [Ordinance No. 31847](#), the mission of the EVC is to advise the Environment & Sustainability City Council Committee on issues related to the environment and sustainability, as well as to provide guidance on the implementation of the CECAP. The Commission will support equitable and effective action to resolve environmental issues as they arise.

The Commission is also charged with appointing an Environmental Health Committee within 60 days following the effective date of the establishment of the commission. This committee will include two members of the Environmental Commission with public health experience and three additional members of the public. Applications are being collected and appointments will be made in a timely fashion in compliance with the ordinance.

## Members

### **Commissioners**

District 1	Philip Hiatt Haigh	Appointed 10/05/2021
District 2	Mark Wootton	Appointed 10/13/2021
District 3	VACANT	
District 4	Candace Thompson	Appointed 12/01/2021
District 5	Tracy Wallace	Appointed 10/20/2021
District 6	Esther Villarreal, Vice Chair	Appointed 10/05/2021
District 7	Temeckia Derrough	Appointed 09/22/2021
District 8	Renee Roberson	Appointed 12/08/2021
District 9	Kathryn Bazan, Chair	Appointed 09/01/2021
District 10	VACANT	
District 11	Dr. Colleen Murray	Appointed 09/01/2021
District 12	VACANT	
District 13	Charles Dankert	Appointed 10/05/2021
District 14	Paula Day	Appointed 09/01/2021
District 15 (Mayor)	VACANT	

### **Technical Panel (non-voting)**

Buildings	Alan Hoffmann	Appointed 10/05/2021
Energy	Michael Martin	Appointed 10/05/2021

Zero Waste	Raj Daniels	Appointed 10/05/2021
	Alternate: Roshan Vani	
Ecosystems & Green Spaces	Micah Pace	Appointed 10/05/2021
Air Quality	Rita Beving	Appointed 10/05/2021
Transportation	Dr. Maria Boccalandro	Appointed 10/05/2021
Urban Agriculture	Cristian Camacho	Appointed 10/05/2021
Water Resources	David Marquis	Appointed 10/05/2021

### Summary of the Year

In accordance with the original resolution that adopted the CECAP and set forth initiation of nominations to this Commission in FY 21-22, the Commission did not meet during FY 20-21. Upon Council selection of a Vice Chair on December 8, 2021 and upon attaining a sufficient number of members to form a quorum, the first meeting of the EVC was held on December 17, 2021.

### **Key Themes / Objectives**

Staff met with the ENVIS Committee Chair in July 2021 to identify key themes and objectives for the FY 21-22 year including, but not limited to:

- Equity
  - Looking at environmental and public health issues/policies with a lens of equity; recognizing that the City's equity initiatives include environmental justice goals
  - Prioritizing the need for public input on policy discussions
- Holistic programmatic community outreach and engagement
- Effectively addressing air quality issues related to concrete batch plants
- Addressing discriminatory zoning
- Discussing new gas-powered landscape equipment policies (this topic will come back again for further discussion)
- Addressing energy poverty through increased weatherization programs

## Upcoming Objectives and Programs

Anticipated policy discussions during the FY 21-22 year include (but are not limited to) the following direct requests from Council:

- Updates to the Green Building Policy toward net zero construction
- Building Code updates
- Concrete Batch Plant Ordinance updates
- Development Code updates (specifically parking requirements and site greening factors)
- Fleet Conversion
- Policies concerning siting and implementation of solar photovoltaics

## Summary of Recommendations

Recommendations include encouraging City Council Members to complete remaining nominations to the Environmental Commission to ensure city-wide engagement and participation and developing templates necessary to communicate Environmental Commission recommendations to the Environment & Sustainability Committee.