


Agenda Report Reviewed by:
 City Manager: 

**CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
 CITY COUNCIL
 AGENDA ITEM**

Meeting Date: October 4, 2022
To: Honorable Mayor and Honorable City Councilmembers
From: Kari Svanstrom, Planning Director
 City Administration
Subject: Approval and Receipt of Vacancies on the Climate Action Committee
Recommendation : That the Mayor and City council Accept the Report and Authorize Staff to Begin the Recruitment Process
Funding: Currently Budgeted: _____ Yes _____ No XX N/A
 Net General Fund Cost: N/A
 Amount: \$0

Account Code/Costs authorized in City Approved Budget (if applicable) AK (verified by Administrative Services Department)

INTRODUCTION:

This item is to request that the City Council Accept the Report and Authorize Staff to Begin the Recruitment Process for the openings on the Climate Action Committee.

BACKGROUND:

At its January 7, 2020 meeting, the Council authorized the formation and composition of the Climate Action Committee (CAC) to address climate change policy and issues. At its October 20, 2020 meeting the Council appointed the initial members to the CAC. Since that time, a two year term limit was set, with CAC members initially volunteering for either 2 or 3-year terms

The CAC composition is flexible, up to 13 members appointed by Council. The current membership is as follows, with positions to be announced as part of this recruitment highlighted in yellow (those not highlighted are either appointed by the Council/Planning Commission, or would have terms ending December 2023):

City Councilmember- Zero Waste Rep	Diana Rich
City Councilmember – SCTA/RCPA Rep	Sarah Glade Gurney
Planning Commissioner	Evert Fernandez / Deborah Burnes
Sebastopol business owner	(currently filled by Deborah Burnes, if another business owner is recruited, Deborah would continue as the Planning Commission rep.)
Sebastopol Climate Action/Climate Group representative	Liselotte Pierce
Sebastopol Climate Action/Climate Group representative	Dena Allen
Sebastopol Climate Action/Climate Group representative	Alex Goodman
Sebastopol Climate Group / climate background representative	Gerald Glaser

Youth Representative	Argus Brent
Zero Waste Representative	Ambrosia Thomson
Rights of Nature background	Sunai Shanti Sikand
Climate background	Woody Hastings
Climate background	Kenna Lee
Climate background	Joshua Somine
Youth Representative (ages 17-23)	VACANT (formerly Jesenia Garcia)
Environmental justice representative	VACANT

DISCUSSION:

The recruitment is to fill the openings are for a business owner representative; several climate background/group representatives, second youth representative, and an environmental justices advocate.

City Staff will initiate the public application process for the upcoming vacancies. Applications will be available on the City website and at City Hall. Notice of the vacancy will be published and the application period will be open for a period of approximately six weeks (October 6, 2022 through November 17, 2022). Staff will agendize the interview(s) and recommendation for appointment for a future City Council meeting.

GOALS:

This item relates to City Council Goal 5: Provide open and responsive Municipal Government Leadership, as it communicates the CAC’s work to the Council and general community. It also relates to General Plan Goal CSF 6, policy SCF 6-1, Continue to maximize public participation in local government actions and maintain excellent levels of City government services.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

As of the writing of this staff report, the City has not received any public comment. However, staff anticipates receiving public comment from interested parties following the publication and distribution of this staff report. Such comments will be provided to the City Council as supplemental materials before or at the meeting. In addition, public comments may be offered during the public comment portion of the agenda item.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

This item was noticed in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and was available for public viewing and review at least 72 hours prior to scheduled meeting date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with the recommended action tonight.