

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Appoint Jessica Gittemeier to the Planning and Sustainability Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2022 (Report)

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For the Zoom Council session, please include Julie Ocken, Andrea Durbin, and the appointee, Jessica Gittemeier (jjgittemeier@gmail.com).

Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

To confirm the appointment of Jessica Gittemeier to the Planning and Sustainability Commission for a term January 1, 2021 through December 2022.

The Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) is composed of 11 volunteer members with expertise in a range of areas. The 2-year Youth Position is currently vacant, and this appointment will fill that position.

Jessica (Jessie) is a second-year law student at Lewis & Clark College. She is interested in policy and in building resilient and sustainable communities in an innovative way. Her interest in food and agriculture policy, as well as equity and environmental issues will complement the existing makeup of the Commission. In her interviews and application, she noted the PSC as a voice for the public – and that she wants to help figure out how to actively include the community in decision-making. She'd like to ensure the Commission reaches people in their daily lives and hears voices that are often marginalized.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

There are no financial or budgetary impacts.

Community impacts and community involvement:

The PSC has specific responsibility for the stewardship, development and maintenance of the City's Comprehensive Plan, Climate Action Plan and Zoning Code. By holding public hearings and discussing issues and proposals, the PSC develops recommendations to City Council in hopes of creating a more prosperous, educated, healthy and equitable city. Having a diversity of opinions is critical for the Commission to make thoughtful and informed recommendations.

The Youth Commissioner position was made available in March 2020, however, as that coincided with the onset of COVID-19 protocols and work-from-home order, we extended the application deadline to October 2020 to ensure youth who were interested in the position were able to apply after the start of the new school year.

100% Renewable Goal:

N/A

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

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