

Agenda No. 431

REPORT

Reappoint Jeff Bachrach and Ben Bortolazzo to the Planning and Sustainability Commission for terms to expire May 31, 2025 (Report)

As Mayor and Commissioner of Finance & Administration, I request Council confirmation of the following reappointments to the Planning and Sustainability Commission:

<u>Reappointment</u>	<u>Term</u>
Jeff Bachrach	June 1, 2021 – May 31, 2025
Ben Bortolazzo	June 1, 2021 – May 31, 2025

The Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) is composed of 11 volunteer members with expertise in a range of areas. Both these reappointments have served their first 4-year term on the PSC, and I'm requesting confirmation for their second (final) 4-year terms.

Jeff Bachrach is a land-use and real estate attorney in the Portland area, who is also well-known as an advocate for affordable housing. He served nine years on the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Portland (now Home Forward), including three years as Chair. He's a former board member of REACH Community Development Corporation and the Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Portland. He currently serves on Central City Concern's Real Estate Committee and is the principal of Bachrach Law, P.C. His experience with large master-planned communities, knowledge of Oregon's land use system, and passion for providing

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affordable housing in Portland have proven to be key areas of knowledge, particularly in our current housing climate.

Ben Bortolazzo is the Director of Planning & Design at Otak. He holds a Master of Architecture degree with a certificate in Urban Design from the University of Washington, as well as an Architecture Diploma from IUAV Venezia in Italy. Ben has vast professional experience in the US, Europe, and the Middle East, working on a wide variety of projects ranging from single-to multi-family housing, to master planning, to long-range and regional planning. He has worked extensively with the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, consulting on the Better Housing by Design project, the Central City Floor Area Ratio Bonus and Transfer Study, and the Portland Plan Growth Scenarios.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Wheeler

Mayor

Action Taken: June 9, 2021 Confirmed

Commissioners voted as follows (Yea or Nay)

Rubio - Yea

Ryan - Yea

Hardesty - Yea

Mapps - Yea

Wheeler - Yea