

I object to the appointment of Ms. Wright to the Construction Industry Representative position.

I believe there is a serious conflict of interest and I question the transparency of the selection process.

Ryan Hyke, the Construction Industry Representative who recently resigned from the Board was VP of the Pile Drivers union.

Ms. Wright is also a member of the Pile Driver's Union and has been an active participant in the many meetings about the Noise Review Board's proposal to require a Noise Variance Permit for pile driving.

The Citizen-at-large position was posted and finalists were interviewed by a selection committee. I was among those finalists, but I was not selected. I will not speculate here as to why I think that was.

However, it does not appear that the Construction Industry Representative position was posted. How did Ms. Wright learn of the vacant Construction Representative position? Ms. Wright was interviewed by the same selection committee. Were there any other "finalists" for that position or was she the only person considered? Were there any other applicants for that position?

Commissioners Fish, Eudaly & Fritz, you and your staff worked diligently on a Resolution to "Enhance community service opportunities and strengthen the transparency and accountability of City advisory bodies".

On November 8, 2017 the City Council passed that resolution.

Commissioner Fish you stated at that meeting:

- "...the thing that I have learned loud and clear is that if we don't appoint committees that are broadly representative of the community and are balanced, all these rules are not going to prevent skewed results from those committees..."
- "...I think the piece that we have to take very seriously... is the process by which we appoint people to serve on these very important oversight bodies..."
- ...And I think we...have to....be very vigilant about who we appoint, making sure that there is a diversity of voices at the table, and not a stacked deck.

One of the goals of the resolution was to establish "values to guide transparent selection processes. "

There was also concern expressed about conflicts of interest and the makeup of selection committees.

This selection committee consisted of:

Paul van Orden, Noise Control Officer

Kathy Couch, Noise Control Office

Jamie Hurd, Noise Review Citizen-at-Large Board Member

Pollyanne Birge, Commissioner Eudaly's office

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The selection process for the Construction Industry Representative position appears to blatantly fly in the face of this resolution.

With the issue of the pile driving proposal still outstanding I find it very disturbing that the Construction Industry Representative position is being filled by another member of the Pile Driver's Union.

I urge you to not confirm Ms. Wright's nomination.

The Construction Industry Representative position should be posted and emails should be sent out to gather more applications as was done with the Citizen-at-large position.

A selection committee **not** made up of the Noise Review Board Members and Noise Control Office staff should be established and a new selection process undertaken.

As you are aware, the Noise Review Board voted in September 2016 to propose an amendment to Title 18 to remove the exemption for pile driving and require a Noise Variance Permit. Here we are 18 months later and the proposal still has not been brought to City Council by the Noise Control Officer, Paul van Orden.

I find it interesting that there are now only two members left who were on the Noise Review Board at the time that vote was taken.

What is the point of having Citizen Advisory Boards if their recommendations are never presented to City Council?