

**CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM**

Meeting Date: February 6, 2024
To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
From: City Administration / Kari Svanstrom, Planning Director
Subject: Climate Action Committee (SCAC) Appointments
Recommendation: That the City Council appoint the three applicants based on the one interview conducted earlier in the agenda and reapplication of two serving members
Funding: Currently Budgeted: Yes No Not Applicable
Account Code: N/A

INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE:

The item is to request the City Council to make an appointment from the interview conducted earlier from the one application received, and make reappointments for two positions on the Sebastopol Climate Action Committee (SCAC).

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

SEBASTOPOL CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE (SCAC) – TWO YEAR TERMS

The Climate Action Committee (SCAC) meets the second Tuesday of each month from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris Street, Sebastopol, CA. Appointments are two years and the term ending date for the current vacancies will be December 31, 2026.

The current Climate Action Committee Members are as follows, (members who had terms end on December 31st, 2023 are bolded and highlighted):

| MEMBERS | TERM ENDING DATE | CATEGORY | STATUS |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Kenna Lee | 12/31/2023 | Resident, Climate Background | Reapplied |
| Liselotte (Lisa) Pierce | 12/31/2023 | Resident, Climate Background | Reapplied |
| Sunali Shanti Sikand | 12/31/2023 | Rights of Nature | |
| Dena Allen | 12/31/2023 | Resident, Climate Background | |
| Zeno Switjtink | 12/31/2024 | Resident, Climate Background | |
| Josho Somine | 12/31/2024 | Ecological Background | |
| Alexander Goodman | 12/31/2024 | Climate Background | |
| Emmett Hopkins | 12/31/2024 | Climate Background | |
| Deborah Burnes | 12/31/2023 | Business Owner Representative | |
| Evert Fernandez | Appointed | Planning Commission Liaison | |
| Ambrosia Thompson | Appointed | Zero Waste Representative | |
| Sandra Maurer Diana Rich City Council Liaisons | Coincides with assignment to RCPA and ZWS appointments | | |
| Youth Representative | | | Vacant |
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The City Council received three applications from the following individuals for seven open positions on the Climate Action Committee, two of these applicants are reapplying and one new application.

| <u>Name of Applicant</u> | <u>Category</u> |
|--------------------------|--|
| Kenna Lee | Resident, Climate Background (re-applying) |
| Lisa Pierce | Resident, Climate Background (re-applying) |
| Phillip Carter | Resident, Climate Background (new application) |

Staff recommends Council to reappoint the two experienced applicants on the Climate Action Committee and appoint the one new applicant, Phillip Carter, based on the interview conducted earlier on the agenda.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

This Item is Not a "Project" Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).

GOALS:

This action supports the following 2019 City Council Goals and General Plan Actions:
 Goal 5: Provide Open and Responsive Municipal Government Leadership

PUBLIC COMMENT:

As of the writing of this staff report, the City has not received any public comment. Any comments received following the publication and distribution of this staff report 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 the scheduled meeting date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Council appoint the three applicants based on the one Interview conducted earlier in the agenda and reapplication of two serving members.

City Council also has the following options:

- Do not make an appointment from the interview conducted earlier in the agenda.
- Request to schedule interviews of the two reapplying Climate Action Committee members.
- Do not appoint anyone from the three received applications and reopen the application period for the five regular open positions and two youth positions

Attachments:

Approvals:

Department Head Approval: Approval Date: January 31st, 2024

CEQA Determination (Planning): Approval Date: January 31st, 2024

The proposed action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Administrative Services/Financial Approval:

Costs authorized in City Approved Budget: Yes No N/A

City Attorney Approval: Approval Date: _____

CEQA Determination (Planning):

The proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Administrative Services/Financial Approval:

Costs authorized in City Approved Budget: Yes No N/A

City Attorney Approval:

Approval Date: 1/31/24

City Manager Approval:

Approval Date: 1/21/24