



Environmental Policy Advisory Committee (EPAC)

Resolution 2021-38

Request

- Resolution 2021-38 establishes the Environmental Policy Advisory Committee (EPAC), as identified in the Environmental Consulting Services Scope of Work
- To provide key and critical input and direction early on in the process of development of City Wide Environmental Policy
- Driving focus of the committee is centering policy around the needs of populations most directly influenced by negative environmental impacts



Role of the EPAC

- Provide recommendations to Staff, Planning Commission, City Council on methods to improve community environmental quality outcomes in an equitable manner
- Areas of focus may include:
 - Energy efficiency and energy reduction
 - Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reduction at a community wide and municipal level
 - Water use and water quality
 - Brownfield remediation
 - Land use policy
 - Air quality
 - Health equity
 - Sustainability



Environmental Justice and Equity Role

- Advise City Council and Staff on meaningful methods and strategies for the City to engage historically underrepresented communities on environmental issues
- Help facilitate conversations with the community around topics of environmental justice and equity, and policy solutions to address them
- Analyze data and draft policies developed



Meetings and Duration

- In person or virtual meetings
- The EPAC will meet a maximum of 7 times, as outlined within the environmental consulting services scope of work
- Will conclude following the final meeting or on December 31, 2022, whichever occurs first



Long Term Citizen Involvement

- More long standing, permanent committee, board, or commission could be established in the future following recommendations from ECS contract
- Based on results, findings, and overall direction the City decides to move forward and implement



Composition / Structure

- 11 participants and 3 alternates
- Focus on ensuring group represents diverse economic groups, backgrounds, age groups, genders, nationalities, languages, abilities
- Membership criteria outlined in resolution:
 - At least 1 representative from each ward
 - At least 1 member from a community nonprofit
 - No more than two owners of property that reside outside the City.
 - Focus on larger proportion of representation from Core City



Recruitment

- Members will be recruited from the existing Boards and Commissions as well as the general public, so long as they meet the criteria for appointment.
 - City employees and Council members, their immediate family members, and other elected officials are not eligible for participation.
- Notification of this opportunity will be shared:
 - City website (c3gov.com/environment)
 - Social media channels via flyers and video
 - Recruitment materials & application developed in English and Spanish
- Application process coordinated with the City Clerk
- Community Development Staff can provide supplemental analysis of application pool for subcommittee's consideration in review and selection of advisory committee members
 - Based on equity metrics developed by Lotus & AMBG



Timeline

- If resolution passes tonight, City would have 3 ½ weeks to recruit and advertise for the commission.
Deadline to submit applications July 2
- Q2 Board and Commissions Subcommittee
Interviews scheduled for July 10
- First meeting to commence in Mid-August



Question For Council

Is a 3 ½ week recruitment period appropriate, or does the subcommittee desire to schedule an ad-hoc interview date for this committee?

- Pro: more time for recruitment = higher likelihood of meeting quorum & ensuring composition of group meets diversity goals
- Con: additional delay of group formation may impact timeline outlined in scope





Questions?

