



## CITY OF ALBANY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STAFF REPORT

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Reviewed by: NA

**SUBJECT:** Student and Student-Affiliated Appointments to City Advisory Bodies

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### **SUMMARY**

This report is provided to aid in facilitating the selection of student/student affiliated applicants for appointment as City Council as a Whole seats on Advisory Bodies to the City Council.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council discuss the recommendations provided by City Council Members and select two applicants to be appointed and ratified as the two City Council as a Whole appointments for the Climate Action Committee; Parks, Recreation & Open Space Commission; Policing Commission; and the Racial Inclusivity & Social Equity Commission.

### **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

The Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-21 on April 17, 2023 and Ordinance No. 2023-02 on May 1, 2023, updating policy and the Albany Municipal Code regarding student and student-affiliated appointments to Advisory Bodies to the City Council. Six of the Advisory Bodies to the City Council (Arts Committee, Climate Action Committee, Parks, Recreation & Open Space Commission, Policing Commission, Racial Inclusivity & Social Equity Commission, and the Transportation Commission) will be comprised of 7 Members, all appointed by the City Council. Appointments shall be in accordance with Section 3.23 of the Albany City Charter, however, the Albany student and student-affiliated seats do not need to be residents of the City, and the term for these seats will be consistent with the 2-year term for all advisory body members. The appointments shall include:

- One (1) appointment made by each City Council Member,
- One (1) appointment made by the City Council as a whole to be filled by a high school student attending a high school within the City of Albany,
- One (1) appointment made by the City Council as a whole to be filled by either a high school student attending a high school within the City of Albany or an adult affiliated with students at the school level within the City of Albany.

Information on City Advisory Bodies and the call for applicants was sent out through various means of communication including distributing flyers, visiting the high schools located in Albany, and outreach at the City's recent Community Expo event to encourage high school students to apply. The City Clerk Office received several applications for the Council as a Whole seats and City Council Members have submitted recommendations for the Advisory Bodies as listed below (applications are on file with the City Clerk Office).

Recommendation for **Climate Action Committee** City Council as a Whole seats (2 seats):

- Katy Vigil-McClanahan (adult affiliated with student) recommended by Council Member Jordan

Recommendations for **Parks, Recreation & Open Space Commission** City Council as a Whole seats (2 seats):

- Jeremy Chen (student) recommended by Council Member Jordan
- Martin Oji (adult affiliated with student) recommended by City Council Member Jordan

Recommendations for **Policing Commission** City Council as a Whole seats (2 seats):

- Alex Li (student) recommended by Council Member Jordan
- Aidan Yu (student) recommended by Council Member Hansen-Romero and Council Member Jordan
- Matthew Hamity (adult affiliated with student) recommended by Council Member López

Recommendations for **Racial Inclusivity & Social Equity Commission** City Council as a Whole seats (2 seats):

- Erin Cho (student) recommended by Council Member López
- Ife Fane (student) recommended by Council Member Jordan
- Charlotte Trenkle (student) recommended by Vice Mayor Miki
- Kara Witalis (adult affiliated with student) recommended by Council Member Jordan and Vice Mayor Miki

### **SUSTAINABILITY/SOCIAL EQUITY CONSIDERATION**

The selection and ratification of appointments of high school students and/or adult affiliated with school level students increase youth representation and engagement within local government and allows City Council to obtain input from youth in a variety of key local government priority areas.

### **CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE**

City Council Strategic Plan Goal 4: Encourage Community Connectivity Through Diversity, Equity & Inclusivity.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION**

None.