

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM

Meeting Date: February 16, 2021
To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
From: Vice Mayor Gurney/Councilmember Rich
Subject: Re-designation of the Alternate Seat on the Climate Action Subcommittee as the Council's SCTA/RCPA Representative and Correction to Title
Recommendation : That the City Council Approve the Request the redesignate the Alternate Seat on the Climate Action Subcommittee as the Council's SCTA/RCPA Representative and Approve Correction of Title
Funding: Currently Budgeted: _____ Yes _____ No XX N/A
Net General Fund Cost:
Amount: \$

Account Code/Costs authorized in City Approved Budget (if applicable) AK (verified by Administrative Services Department)

INTRODUCTION: This item is to request that the City Council Approve the Request the redesignate the Alternate Seat on the Climate Action Subcommittee as the Council's SCTA/RCPA Representative and Approve Correction of Title

BACKGROUND:

On December 3, 2019 the City Council adopted a City Council Resolution declaring a climate emergency and committing to ongoing actions to restore a safe environment. On January 7, 2020 the City Council approved the creation of a Climate Action Subcommittee. The Climate Action Subcommittee includes a cross-section of community members from all sectors working together to create a recommendation to the City Council on specific actions.

DISCUSSION:

The Climate Action Subcommittee consist of eleven (11) to thirteen (13) members from the following backgrounds:

- One City Councilmember
- One Planning Commissioner
- One Member of City Staff (Planning Director or designee)
- Youth (ages 17-23)
- Sebastopol business owner
- Sebastopol Climate Action or other local climate group representative
- Environmental justice/equity background
- Rights of nature background
- Climate background
- Reside within Sebastopol city limits
- Reside outside Sebastopol city limits within the 95472-zip code

The list of current Climate Action Subcommittee members are listed below:

- Gerald Glaser

- Alex Goodman
- Dena Allen
- Josho Somine
- Kenna Lee
- Liselotte Pierce
- Sarah Elliot
- Sunali Shanti Sikand
- Woody Hastings
- Diana Rich, Councilmember
- Luke Lindenbusch, Planning Commissioner
- Sarah Gurney, Councilmember (Alternate)

Currently, the Council has dedicated one seat on the new Climate Action Subcommittee to a Council Member and, recently, a second seat to a new Alternate, to accommodate having two Council Members involved.

I believe the second seat should be designated for the Council's Representative to the SCTA/RCPA and was "mislabelled" as Alternate. Having the RCPA Rep on the Climate Action Subcommittee will make coordination of regional efforts more likely and more successful, an important benefit for the City and County to reach climate goals.

This re-designation would ensure parallel composition to the Zero Waste Sub-Committee, where the City's Representative to the Waste Management Agency/Zero Waste serves as the second Council Member.

The action tonight is requesting approval to redesignate the Councilmember (Alternate) to SCTA/RCPA Council liaison. It is also requested that the Title be corrected from "Sub-Committee" to "Committee" as it is defined as a Standing Committee and is subject to the Brown Act.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

As of the writing of this staff report, the City has not received any public comment. However, if staff receives public comment from interested parties following the publication and distribution of this staff report such comments will be provided to the City Council as supplemental materials before or at the meeting. In addition, public comments may be offered during public comment.

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 scheduled meeting date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal cost associated with this item tonight.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council Approve the Request to redesignate the Alternate Seat on the Climate Action Subcommittee as the Council's SCTA/RCPA Representative and Approve Correction of Title to Committee.

Attachment:

None