

Business Item

Metropolitan Council



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Appointments to the Livable Communities Advisory Committee

District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minnesota Statutes 473.25
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Charles A. Zelle, Chair
Division/Department:	Regional Administration

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the following two-year appointments through July 2024 to the Livable Communities Advisory Committee:

Development Finance

- James Terrell

Development (2 openings)

- James (Kou) Vang
- Alondra Cano

Transportation

- Samantha McKinney

Background

The Livable Communities Advisory Committee (LCAC) reviews and recommends funding awards to the Council under the Livable Communities Demonstration Account and Transit-Oriented Development grant categories. This is a technical review group with broad expertise that reviews complex development and redevelopment proposals against the program's criteria for project that create more housing choice, support living wage job creation, and connect jobs, housing, and regional amenities to create a more equitable region. The committee typically meets Thursday mornings from October-December.

The LCAC has 15 members who are appointed by the Metropolitan Council. Fourteen of the 15 members serve in a specific area of expertise. The 15th member is the Committee Chair and does not represent a specific area of expertise. There is a priority for members who represent historically underrepresented communities or those who work directly with historically underrepresented communities. The bylaws set two-year terms for LCAC members. The Chair is appointed or reappointed each year.

Expertise Areas:

- **Local Government:** Planning, economic or community development
- **Development Finance:** Affordable housing finance, private banking, real estate, mixed-

- use development; public finance
- **Development:** Equitable development strategies, new development, redevelopment
- **Transportation:** Development relationship, transportation specialty, multimodal transportation
- **Environment:** Integration of natural and water resources in development, climate mitigation and adaptation, environmental justice
- **Site Design:** Landscape architecture, land planning specialty, urban design, public space design
- **Community Engagement:** Community organizing, arts-based engagement, engagement strategy

Rationale

Four expertise area representatives are up for reappointments on the Livable Community Advisory Committee. All four of the appointments are available due to term expirations.

To help make recommendations for the appointments a nominating committee was convened with Council Member Chai Lee, Council Member Susan Vento, current LCAC member Meg McMahan and Livable Communities staff Hannah Gary. The nominating committee hosted interviews on May 26 and June 9 for the nine applications that were received for the open positions. The nominating committee reviewed the application materials, interviewee comments and other input received to develop its recommendation. The panel consulted with Chair Zelle, and their appointment recommendations are noted above.

If appointed, the Development Finance, Development, and Transportation appointees will complete two-year terms ending July 2024.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Appointing member to LCAC is necessary to keep the committee functioning. LCAC work advances all five Thrive Outcomes through helping add or preserve a diversity of land uses, housing types and jobs supporting economic competitiveness over other regions.

Funding

N/A

Small Business Inclusion

No known opposition.

