

Agenda No. 431

REPORT

Reappoint Jeff Bachrach and Ben Bortolazzo to the Planning and Sustainability Commission for terms to expire May 31, 2025 (Report)

As Mayor and Commissioner of Finance & Administration, I request Council confirmation of the following reappointments to the Planning and Sustainability Commission:

| <u>Reappointment</u> | <u>Term</u> |
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| Jeff Bachrach | June 1, 2021 – May 31, 2025 |
| Ben Bortolazzo | June 1, 2021 – May 31, 2025 |

The Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) is composed of 11 volunteer members with expertise in a range of areas. Both these reappointments have served their first 4-year term on the PSC, and I'm requesting confirmation for their second (final) 4-year terms.

Jeff Bachrach is a land-use and real estate attorney in the Portland area, who is also well-known as an advocate for affordable housing. He served nine years on the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Portland (now Home Forward), including three years as Chair. He's a former board member of REACH Community Development Corporation and the Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Portland. He currently serves on Central City Concern's Real Estate Committee and is the principal of Bachrach Law, P.C. His experience with large master-planned communities, knowledge of Oregon's land use system, and passion for providing

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Mayor Ted Wheeler

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Consent

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affordable housing in Portland have proven to be key areas of knowledge, particularly in our current housing climate.

Ben Bortolazzo is the Director of Planning & Design at Otak. He holds a Master of Architecture degree with a certificate in Urban Design from the University of Washington, as well as an Architecture Diploma from IUAV Venezia in Italy. Ben has vast professional experience in the US, Europe, and the Middle East, working on a wide variety of projects ranging from single-to multi-family housing, to master planning, to long-range and regional planning. He has worked extensively with the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, consulting on the Better Housing by Design project, the Central City Floor Area Ratio Bonus and Transfer Study, and the Portland Plan Growth Scenarios.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Wheeler

Mayor

Action Taken:

Commissioners voted as follows (Yea or Nay)

Rubio -

Ryan -

Hardesty -

Mapps -

Wheeler -

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Reappoint Jeff Bachrach and Ben Bortolazzo to the Planning and Sustainability Commission for terms to expire May 31, 2025 (Report)

Contact name: Julie Ocken

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Presenter name: Andrea Durbin, BPS Director

For the Zoom Council session, please include BPS Director Andrea Durbin and PSC staff Julie Ocken and the reappointees:

Jeff Bachrach (jeffb@bachrachlaw.com)

Ben Bortolazzo (ben.bortolazzo@otak.com)

Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

Reappoint two PSC members for their second and final 4-year term (through May 31, 2025).

The Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) is composed of 11 volunteer members with expertise in a range of areas. These two serving Commission members have provided valuable input and contributions to the PSC since the start of their terms, and a second term for each is warranted for continuity to work coming before the PSC in the upcoming years.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

There are no financial or budgetary impacts.

Community impacts and community involvement:

The PSC has specific responsibility for the stewardship, development and maintenance of the City's Comprehensive Plan, Climate Action Plan and Zoning Code. By holding public hearings and discussing issues and proposals, the PSC develops recommendations to City Council in hopes of creating a more prosperous, educated, healthy and equitable city. Having a diversity of opinions is critical for the Commission to make thoughtful and informed recommendations.

The appointees went through an interview process with Mayor's and Commissioner Rubio's staff, as well as BPS leadership, in April-May 2021.

100% Renewable Goal:

N/A

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

- YES:** Please complete the information below.
- NO:** Skip this section