

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE May 19, 2023

TO Honorable Mayor Johnson and Members of the Dallas City Council

SUBJECT **Public Hearing and Ordinance Amendment in Support of Environmental Commission**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information on an ordinance amending Chapter 2, Administrative Code, and for a related public hearing to be held as a part of the May 24, 2023, City Council Agenda. The ordinance forming the Environmental Commission that the City Council approved on April 28, 2021, requires this amendment and a public hearing.

In the original City Council resolution (CR 20-0688) adopting the Comprehensive Environmental and Climate Action Plan (CECAP), there was a requirement to develop a diverse, inclusive, and representative group of professionals and community members to advise the City Council on environment, sustainability, CECAP implementation, and to support achieving equitable and effective environmental and climate action.

To accomplish this requirement, Dallas City Council approved CR 21-0700, adopting Ordinance 31847 on April 28, 2021. This ordinance formed the original Environmental Commission, comprised of one commissioner from each council district with a community action or environmental background and eight non-voting technical panel members to advise on the eight areas of the CECAP. Additionally, the ordinance requires the formation of an Environmental Health Committee comprised of community members with medical, environmental health, or public health backgrounds. This ordinance also established a commission format, defined a meeting framework, and set sunset and end-of-service dates for the Environmental Commissioners and Environmental Health Committee Members.

Both the Environmental Commission and the Environmental Health Committee are beneficial to the Environment & Sustainability Committee, advising on policies concerning batch plants, environmental justice indicators, actions to be considered for the Racial Equity Plan, landscape equipment transition, building code updates, Urban Forest Master Plan implementation, and most recently, recommendations for technical specifications to ensure that the projects constructed as a part of the 2024 Bond Program support CECAP goals towards net zero construction.

This item will be on the May 24, 2023, Agenda, as the formational ordinance requires, to provide the public hearing and ordinance amendment and continue the efforts of this body beyond June 14, 2023. We recommend an additional two-year extension until June 18,

2025, so the Environmental Commission and Environmental Health Committee terms correspond to Council Member office terms.

Please let us know if you have questions or need additional information. Please direct questions to Carlos Evans at carlos.evans@dallas.gov; 469-617-1925.



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