

Resolution of the City of Minneapolis

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Reframing the Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission (CEAC) to emphasize, be more inclusive of, and led by, community voices.

Whereas, the City works with businesses and communities to achieve environmental outcomes that enhance quality of life and work in Minneapolis;

Whereas, the Mayor and City Council have set as one of the City's top goals that Minneapolis shall be a City where the local environment is clean and healthful for all residents and which recognizes its share of responsibility on behalf of future generations for addressing global environmental challenges;

Whereas, the City Council passes resolutions and policies aimed at improving health and supporting economic development using environmentally conscious efforts in communities that face the cumulative effects of environmental pollution, as well as social, political, and economic vulnerability, such as Green Zones and the Minneapolis Climate Action Plan, and has engaged the City's Sustainability Office to pass such resolutions; and

Whereas, the City has numerous committees and commissions on pertinent topics, and addressing environment and environmental justice issues is a cross-cutting priority that needs coordination across City government and communities;

Whereas, the City's appointed Boards and Commissions provide an opportunity to hear directly from residents and impacted stakeholders, and the communities and demographics most impacted by environmental pollution often have the fewest seats at these formal tables;

Whereas, policy informed by impacted stakeholders ensures that decisions are improved through local knowledge and creates buy-in for effective implementation and community empowerment for positive change;

Whereas the City now recognizes and is actively paying attention to the severity of environmental injustice within its jurisdiction;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the permanent advisory body founded in April 1990 as the Minneapolis Environmental Commission (MEC), renamed in 1994 as the Minneapolis Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee, and renamed again as the Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission (CEAC) in 2006, be reorganized as set forth below so that it may better fulfill its obligations to advise on the environmental effects of City policies, programs and

projects with local or global impacts in a more inclusive, equitable and culturally responsive manner.

Be It Further Resolved that the duties and membership of the CEAC are as follows:

- 1) The CEAC shall work closely with the Sustainability Office by providing advice and comments on projects, programs and policies referred to CEAC by City staff and environmental justice communities and organizations in the City. CEAC may suggest environmental priorities for City policies, programs and projects in accordance with criteria including but not limited to community impact, timeliness, environmental justice, and equity.
- 2) The CEAC membership should represent those who live and work within the City of Minneapolis, with intentional inclusion of Indigenous, communities of color, low-income residents, persons of varying ages (particularly those under the age of 24), persons with disabilities, and other marginalized communities that hold knowledge and expertise on issues related to the environment and environmental justice. The CEAC shall consist of 19 members appointed as follows:

[INSERT MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION]

All members shall serve no more than three consecutive 2-year terms and replacement of these members shall be nominated and appointed in accordance with the City's Open Appointment process, as set forth in the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, Section 14.180. Appointed members shall be replaced if they miss three consecutive monthly meetings without contacting staff and / or the chair or vice chair.

Be It Further Resolved that the Sustainability Office shall have primary responsibility for staffing the CEAC. The CEAC may from time to time ask the Sustainability Office to arrange for additional staff from other City departments who may be more appropriate for a specific task or issue.

Be It Further Resolved that the effective date of this Resolution shall be September ____, 2018.

MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION -- SEVERAL OPTIONS

Residents (Environmental Justice Community Representative)	<i>Current:</i> 4 (0)	10 (2)	12 (2)	13 (2)	16 (2)	15 (2)
Technical Advisors	4	3	2	3		4
Advocacy	4	3	2			
Industry	4	0	0	0	0	0
Agency	3	3	3	3	3	0

