

RESOLUTION NO. 24-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A NON-VOTING YOUTH CHAIR POSITION WITH THE SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD AND APPOINTING PARKER JACOBSON-BERTANZETTI TO BE THE FIRST YOUTH CHAIR.

WHEREAS, from rising seas to extreme precipitation to increasing temperatures, climate change impacts all residents of Fort Lauderdale and, particularly, our youth; and

WHEREAS, Fort Lauderdale's youth are the members of our community who will live the longest with climate related impacts and who will also be the ones to find and implement solutions to our climate change challenges; and

WHEREAS, the City's Sustainability Advisory Board was created to act in an advisory capacity to the City Commission with regards to environmental sustainability, addressing strategies associated with climate change, sea level rise, resource use, greenhouse gas emissions, conservation, renewable energy and energy efficiency, considering ecological, economic and social equities; and

WHEREAS, since June 2024, Ms. Parker Jacobson-Bertanzetti, a high school junior in Fort Lauderdale, has been attending every SAB meeting and offering input on the topics discussed by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Advisory Board sent a Communication to City Commission presented on October 15, 2024, which recommended adding a non-voting Youth Chair position to the Board and recommended appointing Parker Jacobson-Bertanzetti to that position; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission requested an opportunity to meet Ms. Jacobson-Bertanzetti before appointing her; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2024, Ms. Jacobson-Bertanzetti appeared before the Commission and introduced herself via a presentation, which described her interests in sustainability and the SAB in particular; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to establish the non-voting Youth Chair position with the Sustainability Advisor Board and to appoint Ms. Parker Jacobson-Bertanzetti to

that position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, hereby establishes a non-voting Youth Chair position with the Sustainability Advisory Board to serve up to six consecutive one-year terms.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, hereby appoints Ms. Parker Jacobsen-Bertanzetti to be the first Youth Chair of the Sustainability Advisory Board.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon final passage and adoption.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

City Clerk
DAVID R. SOLOMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM
CORRECTNESS:

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