



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#24-1165

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: January 7, 2025

TITLE: Resolution Establishing a Non-Voting Youth Chair Position with the Sustainability Advisory Board and Appointing Parker Jacobson-Bertanzetti to be the First Youth Chair - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a Resolution supporting the creation of a non-voting Youth Chair position with the Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) and appointing Ms. Parker Jacobson-Bertanzetti to that position.

Background

Last June, Parker Jacobson-Bertanzetti, a high school junior attending the Pine Crest School in Fort Lauderdale, expressed an interest in the City's SAB. Ms. Jacobson-Bertanzetti is highly interested in sustainable City planning and wanted an opportunity to learn about the City's sustainability and resiliency initiatives and represent the interests and perspectives of the City's younger residents. The Board welcomed Ms. Jacobson-Bertanzetti's participation, and she has since attended SAB meetings since June 2024. To formally recognize the great value she brings to the Board and to the City, the SAB is requesting the City Commission create a new non-voting position on the SAB entitled Youth Chair, which shall be nominated by the Commission at large and serve for up to six (6) 1-year terms. The Board also requests that the City Commission nominates and appoints Ms. Jacobson-Bertanzetti to be the first Youth Chair on the Board.

This request was conveyed to the Commission in a communication received by the Commission on October 15, 2024 (CAM #24-1004). On November 19, 2024, Ms. Jacobson-Bertanzetti introduced herself via a presentation at the City Commission regular meeting.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2024 Commission Priority, advancing the Infrastructure and Resilience initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 3: Be a sustainable and resilient community.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Ready*.

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- The Climate Change Element
- Goal: 1. Develop mitigation and adaptation strategies to reduce emission that contribute to climate change.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - SAB Communication

Exhibit 2 - Resolution

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