

## **Council Member Appointments**

**Date:** July 12, 2023

**To:** City Council

**From:** Mayor Olivia Chow

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Mayor Chow recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Clerk to canvass Members of Council for their interest in appointment or reappointment to Council committees, local boards, City corporations and external agencies and report to a special meeting of the Striking Committee to be called for the purpose of recommending a new slate of appointments for Council consideration.

### **SUMMARY AND COMMENTS**

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This recent by-election provided an incredible opportunity for all of us to hear more about people's priorities across our city. In the face of a deepening housing crisis, a sense of unease in our communities, and a transit system that is less reliable, it has become harder and harder for people to get by. People are being squeezed out of our city and far too many are being left behind. And we, as the City, are struggling financially with a budget hole left behind by a global pandemic and the longstanding need for a new deal for cities.

This election people sent a clear message that they want life to improve in our city. They are calling on all of us to find the determination to work together to help change course. I not only believe that this is possible, I know it is absolutely necessary.

Over the last few weeks I have had the distinct privilege of sitting down with Members of Council to hear directly what their priorities are for their local communities and for our city. There are many more conversations to be had in the coming days. And it is through these conversations that I have been made even more hopeful for the future of our city because I can see clear common ground across City Council. As we continue the term but also begin it anew, it is incumbent on us to find unity of purpose so that we can chart a better way forward.

**SIGNATURE**

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Oliva Chow  
Mayor

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