

Kenai Peninsula Borough
Office of the Borough Mayor

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brent Johnson, Assembly President
Members of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

FROM: Mike Navarre, Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor *MN*

DATE: December 1, 2022

RE: Resilience and Security Advisory Commission Appointment

In accordance with Ordinance 2020-25, appointments from the borough to the Advisory Planning Commission are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Assembly. The following appointments are forwarded to the Assembly for consideration and confirmation:



Resilience and Security Advisory Commission -At-Large Seat (Borough Wide)

- Willow King – Term Expires 09/30/2023

Thank you for your consideration.

Kenai Peninsula Borough
Office of the Borough Clerk

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mike Navarre, Borough Mayor
THRU: Robert Ruffner, Planning Director 
FROM: Michele Turner, Acting Borough Clerk 
DATE: December 1, 2022
RE: Verification of Resilience and Security Advisory Commission Applicants

The annual notice of vacancy for the Resilience and Security Advisory Commission Seats was advertised on August 1, 2022. The application period closed on August 30, 2022. Seats have remained open until filled.

Per Ordinance 2020-25, appointed members shall have experience in at least one of the ten areas defining the scope of the commission. Sustainability commissioners shall submit a resume with their application to be appointed by the mayor and approved by the assembly.

The attached applications are submitted herewith for your consideration.

AT-LARGE SEAT (Borough-wide)

- Willow King Resident Address listed in Soldotna

cc: Land Management

Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Department

Resilience & Security Advisory Commission Application Submitted 2022-11-14 11:05:22

Seat: At-Large Seat (Borough-wide) Term Expires 09/30/2023

Name: Willow King
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 855 Kasilof, AK 99610
Residential Address (if different from mailing address): 48420 Moose Run Ave. Soldotna, AK 99669
Email: chilledpadthai@aol.com
Mobile: 9073947413
{Work:caption} {Work:value}
Home Phone:
Occupation or place of employment: Self Employed
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In which of the 10 areas defining the scope of the commission do you have experience?

Divert materials that would otherwise be discarded in landfills within the borough to extend the lifetime of landfills and save taxpayer dollars;

* I have a lot of interest and passion for this area of work. My business, The Goods + Sustainable Grocery is a collection zone for the Pilot Plastic to Lumber project going on right now. I am willing to invest my time in seeing that this project gets scaled to the community sized level as quickly and efficiently as possible. I also have an earthship building project in Kasilof where my husband and I have been practicing building techniques with many, many reclaimed materials over the course of 15 years.

Improve cost and energy efficiency of buildings;

* I have a fair amount of knowledge surrounding more efficient heat capture/thermal mass/insulation building techniques. Storage of BTUs generated by operation of commercial equipment and/ or household appliances. Reclaimed building materials hold great promise as the cost of construction materials climbs ever higher.

Increase use of local, clean energy to (a) modernize electricity generation, storage and distribution; (b) increase energy independence; (c) diversify the grid and reduce supply volatility;

* I have no major experience in this realm excepting that my husband is a career electrician and has spent multiple years working on renewable energy installations. So I do have access to his knowledge base.

Support hazard mitigation planning that accounts for changing environmental conditions;

* I have interest in this discussion, not much tangible experience.

Improve food security through support of local agriculture, protection of the ecological integrity of fish and wildlife habitat, protection of water resources, and other means;

* Food security and building a sustainable local food culture is the passion of my life. Ecological Conservation of waterways and salmon habitat plays a close second. I grew up commercial fishing and have seen the decline of the Kenai River King Salmon and as a board member of Cook Inletkeeper, have dedicated much of my time to protecting our watershed and working on keeping salmon habitat intact.

Conduct cost-benefit analyses of sustainable resource initiatives;

* I have worked with several different nonprofits over the years and am at least familiar with overseeing large annual budgets and comprehending project proposals including financial projections

Actively engage and communicate with borough communities to develop and institute sustainable resource initiatives through community workgroups, task-forces, online media, etc.;

* Yes. This is something i actively engage with already.

Seek funding to support the work of the commission; and Other similar efforts focused on protection of our natural resources, economy, security and wellbeing.

* I am not very talented at procuring funding for my own small business startup but am happy to help communicate with possible funders and/or generate words to support funding applications.

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Comments (areas of interest, additional experience or qualifications, etc.):

As a mother of 3 Third generation Soldotnans, I have a vested interest in seeing our community thrive in a resilient, sustainable way. I have dedicated much of my adult life to working on many of the areas within the scope of this commission.

Many thanks