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To: Scott Morelli, City Manager; Linda Cohen, Mayor; and City Council
From: Julie Rosenbach, Sustainability Director
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Subject: Forming a joint Portland/South Portland Ad-Hoc Committee for Climate Action & Adaptation Planning

On July 10 2017, the South Portland City Council adopted a resolve to join the Mayors National Climate Agenda ("Climate Mayors"), pledging to take actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in a manner consistent with the goals outlined in the Paris Agreement. Since then, staff have been working with Portland to put together a joint strategy for developing Climate Action & Adaptation Plans (CAAP) to meet this commitment.

With the goals, project description, partnerships, and funding in motion, the Sustainability Department is requesting approval to form a joint Portland/South Portland Ad-Hoc steering committee to guide the development of our Climate Action & Adaptation Plans. This committee will be comprised of recognized regional leaders in energy, transportation & land use, waste reduction, and adaptation.

The charge of the Ad-Hoc Committee for Climate Action & Adaptation Planning will be to:

1. Develop a vision for reducing emissions 80% by 2050, identifying innovative strategies that will lead to deep and measurable decarbonization of our energy systems. This is going to require programs that go beyond incremental improvements and make transformative changes to our core energy systems.
2. Provide technical input on the goals, strategies, and actions proposed for each key area of the Climate Action & Adaptation Plan (high performing buildings & energy, transportation & land use, waste reduction, and adaptation) in terms of feasibility, barriers to implementation, the quantity of avoided emissions, and any additional co-benefits. This will help the Cities prioritize actions toward its long-term goal.
3. Review and provide input on each city's Climate Action & Adaptation Plan, so that it has clear and compelling actions that achieve targeted emissions reductions and result in improvements in quality of life, build prosperity, and enhance community resilience.

Staff from South Portland and Portland recommend the following people to serve on this committee based on their recognized expertise in one of the key topic areas:



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CLIMATE ACTION & ADAPTATION PLAN
PORTLAND/SOUTH PORTLAND JOINT STEERING COMMITTEE

| | NAME | ORGANIZATION | TARGET AREA |
|----|-------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Tim Schneider | Tilson Technology | energy |
| 2 | Addy Smith-Reiman | Portland Society for Architecture | energy |
| 3 | Dave Low | Portland 2030 District | energy |
| 4 | Tex Haueser | South Portland Planning & Dev. Director | energy, transportation & land use |
| 5 | Tyler Kidder | GrowSmart Maine/Climate Table | energy, transportation & land use |
| 6 | Barry Woods | Revision Energy | transportation & land use |
| 7 | TBD | South Portland Economic Dev. Director | land use & adaptation |
| 8 | Martha Sheils | New England Environmental Finance Center | adaptation |
| 9 | Bill Needleman | Portland Waterfront Coordinator | adaptation |
| 10 | Pete Slovinsk | Maine Geological Survey | adaptation |
| 11 | Kristina Egan | GPCOG | transportation & land use |
| 12 | Cheryl Sessions | Portland Housing Authority | energy & land use |
| | Julie Rosenbach | South Portland Sustainability | overall |
| | Troy Moon | Portland Sustainability | overall |