



Legislation Text

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Approving the appointment of Tara Beard as the Housing Director in the Department of Planning and Economic Development.

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy for a Housing Director in the Department of Planning and Economic Development, and the City requires the vacancy to be filled; and

WHEREAS, Tara Beard has applied for the position of Housing Director and has over 18 years of experience in the areas of housing policy, community development, land use planning, and transit-oriented development; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Beard most recently served as the Manager of Livable Communities and Housing Policy with the Metropolitan Council and is an expert in housing policy, working to create safe, stable, and equitable housing options for the community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Beard has also served the Twin Cities community in other positions throughout her career including Hennepin County, the City of Hopkins, and the City of Minneapolis working on key initiatives including authoring and implementing housing policy plans, working on the Southwest Light Rail Transitway, the Minneapolis LifeSciences Corridor, and the Mills District of Downtown Minneapolis; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Beard received her Bachelor's Degree in Architecture and Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning with a concentration in Housing and Community Development from the University of Minnesota and is certified through the American Institute of Certified Planners; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Beard demonstrates a long-standing commitment to supporting affordable housing policies across the Twin Cities metropolitan region and possesses a nuanced understanding and commitment to supporting the unique characteristics of Saint Paul; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Beard demonstrates a passionate personal and professional commitment to racial equity; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Saint Paul City Administrative Code, Section 10.03, the Housing Director shall be appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the Council; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the appointment of Tara Beard as the Housing Director in the Department of Planning and Economic Development effective April 18, 2022.