



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor
REPLACEMENT AGENDA ITEM #24

June 22, 2020

Honorable Maly D. Rosado, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Appointments to Planning & Zoning Commission

Dear Council President Rosado,

Attached for your consideration is a resolution confirming the appointments of Andrés Jiménez-Franck as an alternate member, Kelvin Thomas as a regular member, and Juliana García-Uribe as an alternate member to the Planning and Zoning Commission. In addition, it would appoint Jonathan Harding, currently an alternate member, as a regular member.

As you know, the Planning and Zoning Commission is an essential part of Hartford city government. The Commission is responsible for preparing and approving Hartford's Plan of Conservation and Development (currently the "Hartford 400" plan, adopted May 2020) at least every ten years. It reviews and approves the City's Capital Improvement Program, reviews all resolutions and ordinances that relate to public land and building, and is the decision-making body for planning and zoning matters for the City of Hartford. The Commission recently won a national award for the zoning code it developed in 2016.

These three individuals will add the specific areas of expertise required by the Charter and the Municipal Code, to the Commission.

Mr. Jiménez-Franck is an attorney in private practice who is a member of the Connecticut Hispanic Bar Association and has experience in real estate transactions. He has worked with youth at the Center for Latino Progress in Frog Hollow, sharing his experiences with them, and he has volunteered in other ways around the city. He is a resident of the CSS/CON neighborhood and previously lived in both the West End and Asylum Hill.

Mr. Thomas is an attorney at the Hartford, and among other areas of practice, he has worked in commercial asset-based and real estate lending, commercial litigation, and landlord-tenant law. He chairs the board of Kinsella Arts, Inc., and he is the Chair-Elect of Hartford Young Professionals and Entrepreneurs, a program of the Metro Hartford Alliance. He is a graduate of West Point and served in the U.S. Army in Afghanistan, earning a Meritorious Service Medal and the Bronze Star.

Ms. García-Uribe is an attorney in private practice, and a member of the Immigration Practice Group at her firm. She represents clients who have been victims of crimes, including domestic violence, during their immigration proceedings, and through her work she has developed a deep understanding of a diverse set of worldviews and experiences. She speaks Spanish and French and is a resident of the West End, where she is active in the West End Civic Association.

Resumes of these individuals are attached for your review.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luke A. Bronin".

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SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY:

Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

City of Hartford, June 22, 2020

WHEREAS, The Hartford Planning and Zoning Commission is responsible for adopting the City's Plan of Conservation and Development, preparing the Capital Improvement Plan, and making decisions on planning and zoning within the city; and

WHEREAS, The Commission is composed of seven regular members and three alternates; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor has appointed Jonathan Harding and Kelvin Thomas as regular members of the Commission and Andrés Jiménez-Franck and Juliana García-Urbe as alternate members, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council hereby confirms the following

Andrés Jiménez-Franck (U), 140 Huyslope Avenue, Unit 533, Hartford, CT 06106
For a term expiring on the first Monday in February 2021
Replacing Jonathan Harding as alternate

Kelvin Thomas (D), 777 Main Street, Unit 1212, Hartford, CT 06103
For a term expiring on the first Monday in February 2021
Replacing Melvyn Colón

Juliana García-Urbe (D), 210 Terry Road, Hartford, CT 06105
For a term expiring on the first Monday in February 2022
Replacing Kevin Henry (expired term)

Jonathan Harding (D), 157 Beacon Street, Hartford, CT 06106
For a term expiring on the first Monday in February 2021
Replacing Sara C. Bronin (expired term)