



MEMORANDUM

TO: Deschutes County Board of Commissioners
FROM: Peter Gutowsky, AICP, Director
DATE: March 20, 2024
SUBJECT: Planning Commissioner Appointment and Reappointment

The Board of County Commissioners (Board) will consider appointing a person for an at-large Planning Commission position on March 27. The term runs through June 30, 2027. There is also an opportunity for the Board to reappoint the Planning Commissioner representing the Bend area to a second four-year term, starting on July 1, 2024.

I. BACKGROUND

The Community Development Department (CDD) initiated a one-month recruitment process in February for an at-large Planning Commissioner vacancy. Twelve candidates applied. After coordinating with the Board individually, five will be interviewed on March 22. Toni Williams, Planning Commissioner Chair and Jessica Kieras, Vice Chair will participate with me in one of three panels. Each will be paired with a county commissioner.

Susan Altman will complete her first four-year term as a Planning Commissioner representing the Bend area on June 30, 2024. She recently expressed interest in serving a second term at the pleasure of the Board. Her standing on the Planning Commission is excellent. Last year, she was the vice-chair.