

Planning Commission – Board Appointment –Michael R. Gallegos

INTRODUCTION:

Mayor Becker is recommending that Michael R. Gallegos be appointed to serve on the Planning Commission, if appointed Mr. Gallegos will be filling a vacancy and serve the term through July 1, 2012.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Michael R. Gallegos resides in Salt Lake City, District One. He is currently employed with Salt Lake County Community and Economic Development as the Division Director. He has 32 years of experience and is very much interested in the future of Salt Lake City, particularly in sustainability of developments and preservation of unique residential neighborhoods. He is currently serving on the North Temple Trax Community Advisory Committee.

RESPONSE DEADLINE:

If you have any objection to this appointment, please let Chris know by March 27, 2009.

CURRENT COMPOSITION OF PLANNING COMMISSION:

The Planning Commission consists of eleven voting members who are appointed to four-year terms, and must reside in Salt Lake City. Current members include: Frank Algarin, District 6; Tim Chambless, District 6; Babs Delay, District 3; ; Peggy McDonough, District 7; Susie McHugh, District 7; Prescott Muir, District 5; Kathleen Scott, District 4 and Matthew Wirthlin, District 7; Mary Woodhead, District 2.

BOARD STRUCTURE:

The Planning Commission's mission is to initiate and propose amendments to the zoning ordinance and zoning maps; prepare general plan relating to the growth and development of City lands; prepare surveys and studies of existing conditions and trends of growth and probable future requirements of the City; hear and decide appeals of administrative decisions; and hear and decide application for conditional uses, planned developments and subdivision amendments. According to City Ordinance, combined expertise of the Planning Commission members should include experience in banking, development, contracting, engineering, geology and seismology, law, ecology, the behavioral sciences, historical preservation, architecture and landscape architecture, should not be limited to professionals only, but represent a cross-section of the community.