

METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: MEMBERS OF THE METRO PLANNING COMMISSION

FROM: METRO NASHVILLE PLANNING DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF DOWNTOWN CODE DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBER

DATE: SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

BACKGROUND

The Downtown Code Design Review Committee (DTC DRC) is comprised of eight (8) voting members. One member shall be nominated by each of the following with confirmation by the Planning Commission: Chamber of Commerce, Civic Design Center, Downtown Partnership, and the Urban Residents Association. One member shall be appointed by each the following: Mayor, Vice-Mayor (on behalf of Metro Council), Historic Commission, and the Planning Commission. Each member shall be a design professional, with a degree or several years of experience in architecture, landscape architecture, planning or urban design. The members nominated by the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Nashville Downtown Partnership shall be exempt from this requirement.

The DTC DRC is established to review applications seeking Concept Plan approval and modifications to the Downtown Code (the zoning district for Downtown). The DTC recognizes that deviations from the design standards of the Downtown Code from time to time requires the exercise of judgment and that design and business representatives from within the community should inform the exercise of that judgment. Members are familiar with the downtown area and have knowledge of development, design, and land use practices.

The Chamber of Commerce and Nashville Downtown Partnership have made nominations for their representation on the DTC DRC.

The Chamber of Commerce has nominated Rebecca Ozols as their new representative. Rebecca serves as Vice President of Growth and Strategy for BELL Construction. She has been engaged with industry related organizations such as Urban Land Institute, Associated General Contractors of Tennessee and others and was NAIOP Developing Leader of the Year in 2022.

The Nashville Downtown Partnership has nominated Chrissy Cassetty as their new representative. Chrissy serves as the Director of Economic Development with the Downtown Partnership and has been working with the Partnership since 2008. Since that time, more than



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450 retailers and restaurants have opened their doors in the downtown area. Crissy is charged with recruiting unique and quality retailers and restaurants that fit the merchandising mix outlined by Downtown Works. She holds an MBA degree from Millsaps College.

Planning Staff has received official nominations from the Chamber of Commerce and Nashville Downtown Partnership and confirm that the nominees meet the prerequisites for confirmation by the Planning Commission.