

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

July 18, 2017

City Council

STAFF

Christine Macrina, Boards and Commissions Coordinator

SUBJECT

Resolution 2017-072 Appointing Arsineh Hecobian to the Air Quality Advisory Board of the City of Fort Collins.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to appoint Arsineh Hecobian to fill a vacancy that currently exists on the Air Quality Advisory Board due to the resignation of Robert Kirkpatrick. Arsineh Hecobian's term is to begin immediately and is set to expire on December 31, 2018.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Robert Kirkpatrick resigned from the Air Quality Advisory Board on March 20, 2017; applications were solicited in May and June. Councilmembers interviewed Arsineh Hecobian on July 5, 2017, and the interviewers recommend this appointment begin immediately, with term expiring December 31, 2018.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Application (PDF)

APPLICATION FOR BOARD OR COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP



**ATTACHMENTS TO APPLICATION MUST BE LIMITED TO TWO PAGES
INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR APPOINTMENT**

**If you have questions or need more information, contact:
City Clerk's Office (300 LaPorte Avenue) at 970.416.2525**

Eligibility Requirements - 1 year residency within the Fort Collins Growth Management Area

Board or Commission: Air Quality Advisory Board

Name: Arsineh Hecobian

Mailing Address: _____ **Zip:** _____

Residence: _____ **Zip:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Work Phone:** _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Have you resided in the Fort Collins Growth Management Area for at least one year? Yes No

Which Council District do you live in? District 4

Current Occupation: Research Scientist **Employer:** Colorado State University

Recent and/or relevant work experience (please include dates) 2013-2016: Project manager for Garfield and North Front Range oil and gas development air quality impact projects. 2015: Project manager for City of Fort Collins and Town of Timnath oil and gas development air quality impact projects. Participant in NASA (2008), NCAR(2002), NOAA(2006), and NPS (2016,2017) air pollution measurement projects. Published 16 scientific manuscripts

Recent and/or relevant volunteer experience (please include dates) I have previous volunteer experience as board member of Homenetmen girl scouts group in Las Vegas. I have also been volunteering at the Spring Creek Garden and the Fort Collins Museum of Art for the past 2 years. I have served as an advisory member to the Garfield County air quality management group.

Are you currently serving on a City board or commission? Yes No

If so, which one? _____

Why do you want to become a member of this particular board or commission? I have been conducting research in air quality since I received my Master's and Doctorate degrees and am very interested in taking the next step which is sharing my expertise in a way that benefits my community and learning more at the same time.

Have you attended a meeting of the board or commission you are applying to or talked to anyone currently on the board?
 Yes No

If yes, please share your experience:

I was present at the ESAB meeting held on January 10, 2017, where my supervisor presented our results from the North Front Range Oil and Gas Air Pollution Emission and Dispersion Study.

List any abilities, skills, certificates, specialized training, or interests you have which are applicable to this board or commission:

Ph.D. in Earth and Atmospheric Sciences from Georgia Institute of Technology
M.S. in Chemistry from University of Las Vegas, Nevada
Great written and oral communication skills
Very familiar with current air quality research and technology
Worked on an air quality project for the City of Fort Collins
Able to assimilate data and understand scientific reports

Briefly explain what you believe are the three most important issues facing this board or commission, and how do you believe this board or commission should address each issue?

- 1) The effects of oil and gas development on air quality: This issue will require collaboration between Fort Collins and nearby cities to understand and address the increased emissions from current oil and gas operations and the potential for future development. Part of the solution is working directly with oil and gas companies to help them use technologies and implement activities that mitigate air pollution as much as possible. CDPHE is currently working on a risk assessment project from the data collected at CSU. This report can be used to inform the Board's future decisions.

- 2) The effects of wildfire emissions on air quality: Wildfires can be the source of high particulate and gas emissions which can adversely affect human health. More information on the transport of the emissions, discussion of potential locations, and steps to reduce future fires can be helpful tools. Part of addressing this problem can be directed at helping landowners learn better land management techniques to keep their lands and houses safe and reduce potential air pollution too.

- 3) The effects of urban emissions on air quality: Northern Front Range has seen growth in recent years and is predicted to have more in coming years. This is great for economics and can make Fort Collins an even better place to live if handled correctly. The increase in population will mean more cars which will mean more emissions. Smart urban planning which balances the need for economic growth with forward-looking plans can help foster growth while keeping the environment (air) clean. This will also help us with any surface ozone non-attainment issues.

Please specify any activities which might create a serious conflict of interest if you should be appointed to this board or commission:

None that I know.

Have you ever been convicted of a crime (except for minor traffic offenses that resulted only in a fine)? Yes No
If yes, please explain in complete detail. State the nature and approximate date of the conviction, the sentence imposed, whether the sentence has been completed, and any other information you consider to be relevant

Upon application for and acceptance of appointment, board and commission members demonstrate their intention and ability to attend meetings. If appointed, frequent nonattendance may result in termination of the appointment.

By typing your name in the space provided, I submit my electronic signature and application to the City of Fort Collins and swear or affirm under penalty of perjury pursuant to the laws of the State of Colorado:

- that I meet the eligibility requirements of the position sought and
- that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Arsineh Hecobian **Date:** Jun-01-2017

Optional: How did you learn of a vacancy on this board or commission:

- Newspaper Cable 14 City News (Utility Bill Insert) Website
- Other (please specify) Colleague

RESOLUTION 2017-072
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPOINTING ARSINEH HECOBIAN TO THE AIR QUALITY
ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS

WHEREAS, a vacancy currently exists on the Air Quality Advisory Board of the City due to the resignation of Robert Kirkpatrick; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to make an appointment to fill the vacancy which currently exists on the Air Quality Advisory Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby makes and adopts the determinations and findings contained in the recitals set forth above.

Section 2. That the following named individual is hereby appointed to fill the current vacancy on the Air Quality Advisory Board, with a term to begin immediately and to expire as set forth below:

Air Quality Advisory Board

Expiration of Term

Arsineh Hecobian

December 31, 2018

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 18th day of July, A.D. 2017.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk