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**TITLE:**

Appointment of Economic Sustainability Commission Member to Racial Equity Commission

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this agenda item is for Council to formally appoint a representative from the Economic Sustainability Commission (ESC) to serve as a voting liaison member of the Racial Equity Commission.

**DEPARTMENT:** Town Clerk / Economic Development

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**INFORMATION:** The Racial Equity Commission Town Code Ordinance, which was adopted on April 27, 2021, and amended on June 21, 2022 (Attachment A), states that “1 voting liaison member shall be selected from the Economic Sustainability Commission.” The Economic Sustainability Commission representative seat has been vacant for some time on the Racial Equity Commission.

Economic Sustainability Commission (ESC) members are in consensus that Jim Porto be formally appointed by Council to serve as the ESC representative on the Racial Equity Commission. Mr. Porto has volunteered to serve in this capacity. The minutes from the March 9, 2022 ESC meeting reflect vote was taken in favor of Mr. Porto serving on the Racial Equity Commission as a representative of the ESC upon Town Council approval (Attachment B).

This appointment by Council would formally place Mr. Porto on the Racial Equity Commission as the ESC representative. Mr. Porto would serve a two-year term, with an option to serve for two sequential terms, per the ordinance.

**FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT:** N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that Council formally approve the resolution (Attachment C) and appoint Mr. Porto to serve on the Racial Equity Commission as the representative of the ESC.