

# EUGENE CITY COUNCIL

## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



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### Interim Appointment to Toxics Board

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Meeting Date: September 9, 2013  
Department: Fire  
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Agenda Item Number: 2E  
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#### **ISSUE STATEMENT**

Due to a mid-term resignation, Advocacy Position 5 is currently vacant on the City's Toxics Board. The term for this position will expire on June 30, 2014.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Eugene Toxics Right-to-Know Program was created and adopted by citizen initiative in November 1996, and is governed by Section 54 of the Eugene City Charter. It requires that businesses meeting certain criteria report their hazardous substance use to the City, that the City make that information public, and that hazardous substance users pay fees as necessary to operate the program.

The City Council appoints a board of seven people to oversee the program, provide policy direction, and serve as an advisory board: three members are employed by, or are agents of, businesses required to report; three members have a demonstrable record of advocating for the public's right-to-know; and one member is neutral.

The recruitment process to fill the vacancy of Advocacy Position 5 on the Toxics Board was initiated mid-May, and concluded on June 30, 2013. The City received five applications for this position, and the Toxics Board interviewed four of those applicants on July 17, 2013; one of the applicants withdrew his name from the pool of candidates. Balloting results showed that five City Councilors voted to appoint Lisa Arkin to Advocacy Position 5. Lisa is scheduled to be nominated for appointment at the September 9, 2013, City Council Meeting.

#### **RELATED CITY POLICIES**

The Eugene Toxics Right-to-Know Program relates to the following Eugene City Council Goals and Outcomes: Safe Community; Sustainable Development; and Effective, Accountable Municipal Government.

The Toxics Board provides policy direction on the Eugene Toxics Right-to-Know Program, and serves as an advisory board to the City Council, working under the Eugene City Charter Section 54

(Amendment IV).

**COUNCIL OPTIONS**

1. Appoint Lisa Arkin to Advocacy Position 5 on the Toxics Board.
2. Decide not to appoint Lisa Arkin to Position 5, and provide other direction.

**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION**

The City Manager and the Toxics Board recommend the appointment of Lisa Arkin to Advocacy Position 5 on the Toxics Board.

**SUGGESTED MOTION**

Move to appoint Lisa Arkin to Advocacy Position 5 on the Toxics Board for the unexpired term of Alison Guzman, ending June 30, 2014.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Application of Lisa Arkin
- B. Current Toxics Board Roster

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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