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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #20-0584		

DATE:

TO

The Honorable President and
 Members of the City Council
 City Hall, Room 400
 100 North Holliday Street

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The Office of Sustainability is in receipt of City Council Bill #20-0584, “An Ordinance concerning Commission on Sustainability – Officers. For the purpose of allowing the appointment of co-chairs for the Commission on Sustainability.”

Creating the possibility of a co-chair role for the Commission on Sustainability can be a means to increasing effective governance. Appointing co-chairs provides an opportunity for diversity in a key leadership role and offers a more manageable workload for the two people in the unpaid role. The rationale for this approach is not to divide a set of responsibilities into two smaller jobs, but rather to create a two-person team who can share and expand a governance role. Having co-chairs adds a second perspective and additional insights, which with an active, 21-member Commission, can be beneficial.

The Office of Sustainability supports City Council Bill #20-0584.

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