

Mulcihy, Robert

From: Stults, Missy
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2021 10:52 PM
To: Mulcihy, Robert; MacDonald, Joshua
Subject: FW: Update about me

Flagging we have another immediate vacancy on the Commission.

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From: Jay Zocher <jayzocher@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2021 10:49 PM
To: John Mirsky (EC) <johnmirsky@gmail.com>
Cc: Colvin-Garcia, Carlene <carlene.colvin.garcia@gmail.com>; Stults, Missy <MStults@a2gov.org>
Subject: Re: Update about me

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John,

Thanks for the follow up, and sorry that I never responded to your previous email. I was thinking that maybe I would try to grit it out, because things haven't started to get much crazier than usual, and then I lost track of your email and didn't get back to it.

I have really enjoyed my time on the Energy Commission, and have learned so much over the years. But it would probably be for the best for me to resign my position on the Energy Commission. I will be out of town visiting family at the time of the July meeting, so if it is helpful, you can consider my resignation to be effective immediately. From what you mentioned in the Commission meeting, it sounds like you had quite a few applicants for the other three recent openings, so hopefully you are in a good position to fill a fourth. If for some reason you are not able to fill the fourth position right away. I could stay on longer to help maintain a quorum in meetings, until you are able to fill the position.

Please keep me on the email list and meeting invites for the Transportation Electrification Sub-Committee, and I will try my best to stay involved with that when I can, and possibly get more involved later when things settle down for me.

Thanks again for the opportunity to serve on the Commission, and I think we've really made some exciting progress over the past couple years. Hopefully the momentum just keeps growing and growing!

Jay

On Tuesday, June 8, 2021, 11:11:32 PM EDT, John Mirsky <johnmirsky@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Jay,

When I saw you tonight at the commission meeting, I recalled this email thread. Have you reached any conclusions on continuing vs. interrupting your service as a commissioner? It would be helpful for us to know in the next couple of days.

Thanks,

John

On Wed, May 12, 2021 at 11:51 AM John Mirsky <johnmirsky@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Jay,

Thanks for reaching out to us and providing an update on your professional circumstances and their impact on your personal life, including on your service on the Energy Commission. I apologize for the late response.

First of all, speaking on behalf of the commission leadership and staff (and most likely the entire commission), we very much appreciate your contributions to the commission and its working groups the last few years. You have consistently been among the most active members, regularly providing input, raising concerns and generating new ideas.

As far as your continued service on the commission is concerned, as you likely recall, the commission's bylaws contain the following statement: "If a member misses more than 3 regularly scheduled meetings in a 12 month period, the Chair shall notify the Mayor and may recommend removal of the member." It is our understanding that I have some discretion on how to handle individual cases and circumstances when it comes to member absences; on the other hand, I want to hold to the spirit of the clause.

In light of the above, I think you - not we - are in the best position to recommend our joint course of action. If you think you can generally fulfill the attendance conditions in the bylaws, we'd love to have you remain on the commission. If it's highly likely that is not possible, then it is probably best to recognize that proactively; should that be the case, we would welcome your continued participation in one or more working groups and you possibly rejoining the commission when things settle down with your situation.

Let us know how you'd like to proceed, if possible by this Sunday.

Thanks,
John

P.S. No matter what happens, we are indeed looking forward to a ride in a Rivian! I'm sure the interior of the vehicle is its best feature!!

On Tue, May 4, 2021 at 6:42 PM Jay Zocher <jayzocher@yahoo.com> wrote:

Energy Commish Peeps,

I think most of you have known that Rivian is moving the majority of their people to California, and that I've been weighing my decision for quite some time.

As of late last week, I have finally made an official decision, and I will be staying in Michigan, and will be staying with Rivian.

There were a lot of factors involved, but one of the biggest ones was that our kids will be going into 9th and 11th grade next year, and we felt that the timing was just not good to uproot them and move across the country.

I'm going to be staying in my current engineering role working with the Style Studio through about the end of the year, and will probably soon be starting frequent business trips out to California to support them onsite, since nearly all of that group is already there. While working from home the rest of the time, my schedule is becoming a bit more hectic, as more of the meetings are skewing later in the day with the 3 hour time difference.

Around the beginning of next year, I will probably be transferring to a different to-be-determined role, that will be more conducive to working more full time back in Michigan.

That all said, I would really like to continue with my roles on the Energy Commission and the Transportation Electrification Sub-Committee, but I don't yet know how hectic my life is going to get, and I may need to do some simplification. I don't think that I need to step down immediately, and can try it out for a little while, to see how it goes. But if you have anyone waiting in the wings to join the Energy Commission, or want to put out feelers for potential new Commission members, I would be willing to step aside at any convenient time. I wouldn't want to be a drain on trying to get a quorum, if you've got other interested people that can better commit their time and effort.

I would be interested in staying on the Transportation Electrification Sub-Committee, and worst-case I could try to keep up with the email communication, and attend meetings when available. Probably when I'm back in Michigan full time, I could get more involved with this again. And eventually, I need to get you all an exhilarating ride in a Rivian, once we get them on the road, and I can get my hands on one!

I've really enjoyed and personally grown from my time being civically involved with the Energy Commission, and I give it some credit for helping me to get my job at Rivian. But I have felt that I haven't been able to give as much effort to the Energy Commission as I would like to, just due to how busy my life is all around. So I wouldn't want to stand in the way if you can fill the position with someone who can be a more active contributor.

Thanks and talk to you all soon at next week's meeting.

Jay