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Date

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RECOMMENDATION FROM COUNCILMEMBER GATTO FOR APPOINTMENT OF LEAH RUDOLPHI TO THE PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Seat 14 on the Plan and Zoning Commission is vacant due to the October 1, 2021, resignation of Rocky Sposato, who was appointed on July 1, 2021 for a five year term which would have ended on June 30, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, the Plan and Zoning Commission currently has 6 male members and 7 female members, with two vacancies; and

WHEREAS, the gender balance requirement imposed by Iowa Code § 69.16A, prohibits the appointment of another female to the Plan and Zoning Commission at the present time unless the City “has made a good faith effort to appoint a qualified person [of the required gender] for a period of three months but has been unable to make a compliant appointment”; and,

WHEREAS, Council Member Gatto is responsible for nominating a candidate for appointment to the vacant Seat 14 on the Plan and Zoning Commission, and has nominated Leah Rudolphi, who resides at 601 East Vine, Unit 116, Street, Des Moines, IA 50309 for appointment to that seat.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa as follows:

1. The City Council hereby makes the following findings of fact:
 - a) A good faith effort has been made for more than three months to appoint a qualified male to fill the unexpired portion of the vacancy in Seat 14 created by Mr. Sposato’s resignation from the Plan and Zoning Commission, in compliance with the gender balance requirements by Iowa Code § 69.16A, but the City Council has been unable to make a compliant appointment.
 - b) Leah Rudolphi is highly qualified by training and experience for appointment to the vacant seat.
2. The City Council hereby approves the appointment of Leah Rudolphi to Seat 14 on the Plan and Zoning Commission to fill the unexpired portion of the term for Seat 14, said term to end on June 30, 2026.



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MOVED BY Gatto to adopt. Second by Boesen.

FORM APPROVED:

Judy K. Parks-Kruse
Assistant City Attorney

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CERTIFICATE

I, P. KAY CMELIK, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

J. M. Franklin Cownie Mayor

P. Kay Cmelik City Clerk