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Name of Council Member

Endorsement

CONTESTED APPOINTMENTS

**Environmental Policy Commission**

(2-year term)

1 citizen member

\_\_\_\_\_ Edith Cecchini\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Michelle Kolacz

\_\_\_\_\_ Caitlin O'Sullivan

\_\_\_\_\_ Frank Whorton

\*incumbent

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**New Applicant or Current Member**

Current Member

Edith

First Name

Cecchini

Last Name

[Redacted]

Email Address

**Date of Birth**

[Redacted]

**Place of Birth**

[Redacted]

**Home Address**

[Redacted]

Street Address

[Redacted]

Suite or Apt

[Redacted]

City

[Redacted]

State

22304

Postal Code

[Redacted]

Primary Phone

[Redacted]

Alternate Phone

Employer

Job Title

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**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Environmental Policy Commission: Submitted

Edith Cecchini

**Type of Position/Role**

CITIZEN

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**Demographics**

**Do you currently live in the City of Alexandria?**

Yes  No

**If yes, how long?**

12 years

**Have you ever attended a meeting of the Board or Commission for which you are applying?**

Yes  No

**Have you ever served the City of Alexandria in any capacity?**

Yes  No

**If yes, please explain**

As a Commissioner for the Environmental Policy Commission for the past two years.

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**Interests & Experiences**

**Statement of Interest/Why You Should Be Appointed**

I am re-applying to the EPC to continue to contribute to the implementation of the EAP and to support other environmentally progressive initiatives.

**Are you currently a member of a City Board, Commission, Committee or Authority?**

Yes  No

**If yes, please list the board:**

Environmental Policy Commission

**How many terms have you served on this board?**

Completed one two-year term

Edith Cecchini

**If you have served more than two consecutive terms on this board, please state the specific qualifications you possess which merit consideration for continued service:**

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Yes  No

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Yes  No

**If applicable, will you comply with the provisions of the City's conflict of interest requirements in City Ordinance 2867?**

Yes  No

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND (Please list certificates, diplomas, degrees, seminars, etc.):**

MA, International Education BA, International Affairs

Edith Cecchini

**SUMMARY OF WORK AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE (Please list titles and duties for the past five years):**

Project Director for a large national environmental advocacy non-profit - focused on reducing plastic and other debris in our waterways (1.5 years) Board Member of Sustainable Harvest International - agriculture and carbon drawdown NGO (2 years) Regional Director for an international NGO (3 years) working on sustainable development goals related to women's equality/corporate supply chains Program Officer for an international NGO working with U.S. government agencies on training programs in energy, education, health, and entrepreneurship (7 years)

**REFERENCES (Please list names and addresses of four references that you have contacted and support your application).**

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New Applicant

**Michelle**

First Name

**Kolacz**

Last Name

[Redacted]

Email Address

**Date of Birth**

[Redacted]

**Place of Birth**

[Redacted]

**Home Address**

[Redacted]

Street Address

[Redacted]

Suite or Apt

[Redacted]

City

[Redacted]

State

**22314**

Postal Code

[Redacted]

Primary Phone

[Redacted]

Alternate Phone

**Freelance**

Employer

**Sustainability Consultant**

Job Title

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**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Environmental Policy Commission: Submitted

Michelle Kolacz

## Type of Position/Role

Citizen-at-large

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## Demographics

Do you currently live in the City of Alexandria?

Yes  No

If yes, how long?

17 months

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Board or Commission for which you are applying?

Yes  No

Have you ever served the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

Yes  No

If yes, please explain

NA

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## Interests & Experiences

### Statement of Interest/Why You Should Be Appointed

I understand the urgency of which we must address climate change and protect the environment. Climate change affects every single person in varying degrees from a financial, social, and environmental standpoint. This is knowledge that I act upon not only my professional life, but in my personal life as well. Thus, I am always trying to find ways to increase my sustainable impact and make a difference. I believe that being a part of the Environmental Policy Committee would allow me to help create solutions and meaningful change for the better. Sustainability is the most interdisciplinary and creative field in modern history. My expertise and experience would add a unique perspective to the committee. A research and design background have given me a thorough understanding of engineering effective reports, products, and processes. Collaborations and leadership, often with interdisciplinary and multinational teams, coupled with diverse project backgrounds have allowed me to demonstrate not only success, but strategy, creativity, resourcefulness, and the ability to communicate well while working with/managing a wide range of individuals. Furthermore, I work with honesty, integrity, and the desire to help make the world a better place. I believe these are skills that would be an asset to this committee and I am honored to be considered for the appointment.

Are you currently a member of a City Board, Commission, Committee or Authority?

Yes  No

Michelle Kolacz

**If yes, please list the board:**

NA

**How many terms have you served on this board?**

NA

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NA

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Yes  No

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NA

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Yes  No

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NA

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Yes  No

**If yes, please explain:**

NA

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Yes  No

Michelle Kolacz



If applicable, will you comply with the provisions of the City's conflict of interest requirements in City Ordinance 2867?

Yes  No

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND (Please list certificates, diplomas, degrees, seminars, etc.):**

I am currently preparing for the LEED Green Associate certification. My estimated completion is by the end of summer 2021. University of Cambridge - Business Sustainability Management Certificate - (Distinction - Excellent) Kent State University - MFIS - Fashion Industry Studies - Thesis on marketing, and sustainability (4.0) Kent State University - BA with honors - Fashion Design - Honors thesis on sustainability and technology Beaumont School (for girls) - Honors high school diploma - Academic Scholar and Business Scholar Look up to Cleveland - Leadership Certificate

**SUMMARY OF WORK AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE (Please list titles and duties for the past five years):**

Sustainability Consultant – Freelance -Advising companies, organizations, and individuals as to how they can be more environmentally, financially, and socially responsible by assessing their current status and creating a list of recommendations with an action plan that considers sustainability in both the short and long term. Designer – Freelance -Encouraged sustainability through graphic and fashion design by working on projects and assisting clients whose goals focus on furthering objectives in alignment with the sustainable goals of the United Nations. Clients have included individuals as well as organizations. Designer and NASA SUITS Finalist (Internship) - Advanced Telerobotics Research Laboratory - Collaborated with a cross-functional team to create a research device. Competed as a finalist for NASA SUITS and helped with the Artemis Mission. Master's Candidate – Kent State University - Identified opportunities and designed processes for academic and industry application - Researched business strategy, sustainability, packaging, and consumer behavior - Presented work nationally and internationally Graduate Research Assistant – Kent State University - Conducted research with quantitative, qualitative, and generative design methods - Coordinated and ran focus groups and meetings - Created engaging and effective lessons for students - Reviewed student assignments Sustainability Consultant (Practicum) – Smithers-Oasis Company - Evaluated the company, analyzed information, and made recommendations - Created reports and presentations - Advised upper level executives on sustainable development Research Analyst – Cotton Incorporated - Contracted as the lead for the project - Collected, interpreted, managed, and analyzed data - Researched sustainable solutions for the textile, product, and apparel industry - Wrote a report for internal distribution Designer (Internship) - Naeem Khan - Enhanced skills in design development, client relations, marketing, and sales - Sourced materials and assisted with product creation - Worked New York City fashion week and market week

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Michelle Kolacz

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New Applicant

Caitlin

First Name

O'sullivan

Last Name

[Redacted]

Email Address

**Date of Birth**

[Redacted]

**Place of Birth**

[Redacted]

**Home Address**

[Redacted]

Street Address

[Redacted]

Suite or Apt

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

22302

City

State

Postal Code

[Redacted]

Primary Phone

[Redacted]

Alternate Phone

Flatwater, Inc.

Employer

Federal Contractor

Job Title

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**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Environmental Policy Commission: Submitted

Caitlin O'sullivan

## Type of Position/Role

Member, Citizen

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## Demographics

Do you currently live in the City of Alexandria?

Yes  No

If yes, how long?

About 1 year

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Board or Commission for which you are applying?

Yes  No

Have you ever served the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

Yes  No

If yes, please explain

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## Interests & Experiences

### Statement of Interest/Why You Should Be Appointed

I am extremely passionate about environmental issues and would love the opportunity to ensure Alexandria remains at the forefront of sustainable development. I have a JD from Northeastern University School of Law and a Masters of Environmental Law and Policy from Vermont Law School. My career includes experiences with federal/state/municipal environmental law, and economic development.

Are you currently a member of a City Board, Commission, Committee or Authority?

Yes  No

If yes, please list the board:

How many terms have you served on this board?

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Caitlin O'sullivan

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Yes  No

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Yes  No

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Yes  No

**If applicable, will you comply with the provisions of the City's conflict of interest requirements in City Ordinance 2867?**

Yes  No

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND (Please list certificates, diplomas, degrees, seminars, etc.):**

Northeastern University School of Law, J.D. Vermont Law School, Masters of Environmental Law and Policy Fairfield University, Bachelor of Arts

**SUMMARY OF WORK AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE (Please list titles and duties for the past five years):**

Assistant to Acting Chief, U.S. Dept. of the Interior - Division of Capital Investment (Contractor with Flatwater Inc.) • Formulate high-level policy, guidance, and forms to ensure consistent application of enacting statute and regulations to all Indian Loan Guarantee Program activities. • Advise Zone Managers and other colleagues on questions involving environmental law, and construction law. • Review and draft transactional documents for new loans and modifications of existing loans. • Draft affidavits, briefs, debt cancellation orders, and settlement agreements. • Perform research on environmental law and sustainable development standards that may impact projects guaranteed by Program. EHS Regulatory Compliance Attorney, Enhesa Inc. • Tracked and analyzed proposed and newly adopted environmental, health, and safety (EHS) regulatory requirements from across North America. • Developed and updated permitting, operational, and regulatory compliance protocols for use by general counsel, site managers, and engineers at Fortune 500 companies. • Delegated reports to colleagues, and organized team meetings to discuss recent U.S. federal developments and other content related issues. • Provided legal advice to clients on updates to federal laws including the Clean Water Act, National Environmental Policy Act, and Clean Air Act. • Performed audits of client facilities and provided conclusions and advice for correcting issues identified during audits.

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Caitlin O'sullivan

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New Applicant

Frank

First Name

Whorton

Last Name

[Redacted]  
Email Address

**Date of Birth**

**Place of Birth**

**Home Address**

[Redacted]  
Street Address

[Redacted]  
Suite or Apt

[Redacted]  
City

[Redacted]  
State

22314  
Postal Code

[Redacted]  
Primary Phone

[Redacted]  
Alternate Phone

U.S. Army

Employer

Contract Specialist

Job Title

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**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Environmental Policy Commission: Submitted

Frank Whorton

## Type of Position/Role

Citizen-at-large

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## Demographics

Do you currently live in the City of Alexandria?

Yes  No

If yes, how long?

4 years

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Board or Commission for which you are applying?

Yes  No

Have you ever served the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

Yes  No

If yes, please explain

Attended the Alexandria City Academy in Fall, 2019. Will be attending the Eco-City Academy in Fall 2021.

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## Interests & Experiences

### Statement of Interest/Why You Should Be Appointed

I have long been interested in science, nature, climate and the environment in which we live. I am familiar with how the city is governed by attending the Alexandria City Academy, where I never missed a meeting and our tour of TES was one of the most interesting for me. If appointed, I understand the importance of serving, having been an active duty US Air Force officer for 21 years and a Federal employee for the last 11 years. I will meet my commitment by becoming educated in the Commission's role in the community and putting in the hours necessary to become a valuable member of the Commission's team. Having moved to the Carlyle/Eisenhower area in Feb 2017 and then since July, 2019 owning a home in the Old Town waterfront area, I am invested in keeping our environment healthy, safe and as clean as possible.

Are you currently a member of a City Board, Commission, Committee or Authority?

Yes  No

If yes, please list the board:

N/A

Frank Whorton

**How many terms have you served on this board?**

N/A

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Yes  No

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Yes  No

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND (Please list certificates, diplomas, degrees, seminars, etc.):**

See Uploaded Resume for Masters Degree, Undergraduate and Certifications.

Frank Whorton



**SUMMARY OF WORK AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE (Please list titles and duties for the past five years):**

Please see attached resume.

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