

Climate Emergency Mobilization Commission

Fact Sheet on Commissioners' Roles

- The Climate Emergency Mobilization Commission (CEMC) was created in [Ordinance No. 187126](#). The CEMC is advisory to the Mayor and City Council. The CEMC however, is not advisory to the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office, which was established to operate within the Department of Public Works under the Board of Public Works' authority.
- CEMC shall coordinate its programs with other public agencies charged with climate emergency response, toxic pollution regulation and mitigation, and resilience actions to avoid duplication of effort and create effective working relationships. In addition, all other City boards, offices, departments, agencies and bureaus of the City shall cooperate with the CEMC.
- CEMC's Duties and Responsibilities:
 - Advise the Mayor and City Council on the following issues:
 - Climate emergency
 - Toxic pollution
 - Biodiversity
 - Environmental justice and health concerns
 - Job creation and a just transition for jobs related to the fossil fuel industry
 - Citywide mobilization to address the impacts of these issues upon the City's communities and the global community
 - Advise on environmental justice considerations:
 - Integrating environmental justice into City programs, policies and activities to improve/mitigate negative health impacts to disadvantaged communities
 - Addressing environmental justice by ensuring equitable and meaningful involvement in the City's decision-making
 - Building capacity in disproportionately burdened communities to become involved in City decision making
 - Promoting collaborative problem solving
 - Strengthening partnerships between the City, communities and organizations
 - Increasing/enhancing research and assessment approaches to these issues
 - Provide reports and recommendations to the Mayor and City Council on:
 - Climate emergency
 - Resilience response efforts
 - Environmental justice and environmental equity metrics, such as reduction of greenhouse gas and toxic pollution emissions
 - Strategic implementation plans and timelines
 - Emergency and non-emergency climate mitigation
 - Resilience and adaptation programs
 - Public education and outreach through community assemblies

- Commission Rules and Procedures
 - This is not a mandatory requirement but, if the CEMC desires, the CEMC may adopt administrative rules and procedures for the CEMC to implement its duties, including:
 - Establishing guiding principles
 - Setting regular meetings
 - Releasing agendas
 - Developing procedures

- Executive Director to the CEMC
 - The Executive Director has the following powers and duties:
 - Perform those duties imposed by Charter, ordinance, or order of CEMC, provided, however, that the Commission, through such orders, does not advise or manage the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office or the Director of the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office;
 - Administer the CEMC's affairs as its chief administrative officer and secretary, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - Coordinating CEMC meetings;
 - Preparing and/or facilitating the preparing of reports and recommendations developed by CEMC, and submitting them to City Council and the Mayor;
 - Serving as the Commission's liaison to other departments, boards, commissions, the Mayor, committees, and Council;
 - Expending the funds of the Commission in accordance with the provisions of the budget appropriations or of appropriations made after adoption of the budget