

CITY OF ALBANY SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

2024

YEAR END REPORT



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CHAIR

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MISSION

Established in 2013 by the City Council, the Sustainability Advisory Committee, now known as the City of Albany Sustainability Commission is dedicated to advancing sustainability practices and uniting action on climate change within Albany. Composed of eighteen members, including Albany residents and key city officials, the Sustainability Commission is a dynamic force driving positive change. Together, we are shaping a greener future for Albany by promoting energy efficiency, environment.

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In 2024, the Albany Sustainability Commission (ASC) focused on enhancing its organizational framework to better advance its mission to promote a more sustainable and resilient Albany. One of the key accomplishments this year was the development and submission of a legislative proposal to revise the governing law of the Commission. This revision, which was officially submitted and approved by the Common Council included the following updates:

1. Renaming the Committee:

- a. To better reflect our role and scope of influence, the Sustainability Advisory Committee has proposed a name change to the Albany Sustainability Commission. This change aligns with our commitment to leadership in sustainability planning and implementation.

2. Expanding Board Membership:

- a. The proposed legislation recommends increasing the number of voting members from 15 to 19, creating more opportunities for diverse perspectives and experiences to guide our work. This includes prioritizing representation from historically underrepresented communities to ensure an inclusive approach to sustainability initiatives.
- b. The Director of Sustainability is now an official member of the Commission with full voting rights. This ensures alignment between city operations and the Commission's policy recommendations while fostering stronger collaboration between the ASC and the Office of Sustainability.

In addition to these structural improvements, the Albany Sustainability Commission spent most of 2024 developing a comprehensive Sustainability and Resiliency Advisory Memorandum. This document outlines actionable strategies and policies designed to guide the City of Albany in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, transitioning to renewable energy, electrifying buildings and transportation, and adapting to the impacts of climate change.

The Advisory Memo reflects our commitment to equity and inclusivity, emphasizing support for historically underserved neighborhoods and fostering community-driven solutions. It serves as a roadmap for immediate action and a vision for Albany's long-term sustainability goals.

As we close 2024, we look forward to continued collaboration with the Albany Common Council, the Office of the Mayor, and community stakeholders to turn these recommendations into impactful initiatives that benefit all residents. Together, we can create a more sustainable and resilient Albany.

Respectfully Submitted,

Violetta De Rosa, Chair
Albany Sustainability Commission



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