

CITY & BOROUGH OF SITKA
BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPLICATION

Municipal Clerk's Office, 100 Lincoln Street, Floor 3
Phone: 907.747.1826 Fax: 907.747.7403 Email: clerk@cityofsitka.org

Submit this completed application AND either a letter of interest or resume to the Municipal Clerk's Office by noon on the Wednesday prior to an advertised Assembly meeting.

Board/Commission/Committee Applying For: Sustainability Commission

Name: Aurora Taylor

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Length of Residence in Sitka: 6 years Registered to vote in Sitka? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Employer Business Name and your position: Aleut Community of St. Paul; Environmental Grant Writer

Organizations you belong to or participate in:

Sitka Homeless Coalition

Southeast Sustainable Partnership (SSP)

Explain your main reason for applying:

I hope to continue to work on our four annual goals, especially noting the recent AML Electric Vehicle shipping constraints given our CBS Assembly's resolution to decarbonize municipal operations. I also would like to see my term as Chair through to completion in January 2026.

What experience or credentials will you bring to the board, commission, or committee membership?

I have 3 years of experience on the board, including one year as Vice Chair and one year as the Chair, which is my active role now. I have further experience participating in the Solid Waste Advisory Group which specifically looks at municipal solid waste priorities within the Commission.

Appointments are typically made during Assembly meeting open sessions. However, Assembly members may vote to discuss applicant(s) in closed executive session. In this case, do you wish to be present when your application is discussed? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Potential conflicts of interest that may arise from your appointment must be disclosed. These may include, but are not limited to, a substantial financial interest of \$1000 annually that could be influenced by your appointment, or an immediate family member employed within the scope of this appointment. **Do you have any potential conflicts of interest to disclose?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain: N/A

I understand this is a volunteer position appointed by the City and Borough of Sitka Assembly and requires regular meeting attendance. I further understand this application is public information and the merits of my appointment may be discussed at a public forum. In addition, my name may be published in media outlets. If I am appointed to serve, I will follow all laws, procedures, and practices associated with my appointment.

I certify that the information in my application is true and accurate.

Date: 9/29/2025

Applicant Signature: Aurora Taylor

City and Borough of Sitka Assembly
100 Lincoln St.
Sitka, AK 99835

September 29, 2025

RE: Aurora Taylor's Letter of Intent for Reapplication for the CBS Sustainability Commission

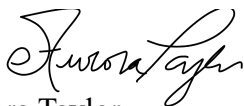
Dear CBS Assembly:

I am writing to convey my intent to reapply for a 3-year term seat on the Sustainability Commission and strong desire to continue to serve on this body. I have been on the Sustainability Commission since its inception in 2022 and would be honored to continue in this role. Since joining, I have gained experience in municipal governance, including my role as the Vice Chair in 2024 and currently as the Commission Chair. I am excited to continue to advance our priorities, most notably with my involvement on the Solid Waste Advisory Group that focuses on municipal solid waste initiatives with a subgroup of Commissioners and City staff.

My post-secondary education and professional experience have primed me to succeed at this role and offer technical insight into topics of sustainability. I have a Bachelor of Science in Climate Change and Environmental Science, and completed the UAS Fishery Technology Certification program in Sitka, with curricula focused on topics of renewable energy, ecosystem health, and Southeast Alaskan fisheries.

I worked for multiple years as Sitka Tribe of Alaska's Fisheries Biologist, focusing on shellfish biomass mapping and projections, harmful algal blooms, and Klag Bay sockeye escapement and monitoring. This position exposed me to the importance of local and Tribal stewardship and gave me practical knowledge of managing and implementing projects in and around Sitka. In my current role, I work remotely from Sitka with a Tribal Government in the Pribilof Islands, as the Environmental Grant Writer for the Aleut Community of St. Paul. As a grant writer for another Alaskan island community, I've gained substantial experience with planning and implementing environmental programs and infrastructure projects. My job includes many facets of developing and evaluating workplans, budgets, and reports under complex logistics while considering potential for positive impact. This technical experience within environmental contexts are all traits I will continue to bring to the Sustainability Commission.

Thank you for your consideration,


Aurora Taylor