



**METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT  
OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY**  
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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** MEMBERS OF THE METRO PLANNING COMMISSION  
**FROM:** METRO NASHVILLE PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
**SUBJECT:** CONFIRMATION OF DOWNTOWN CODE DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBER  
**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

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**BACKGROUND**

The Downtown Code Design Review Committee is comprised of eight (8) voting members. One member shall be nominated by each of the following with confirmation by the Planning Commission: Chamber of Commerce, Civic Design Center, Downtown Partnership, and the Urban Residents Association. One member shall be appointed by each the following: Mayor, Vice-Mayor (on behalf of Metro Council), Historic Commission, and the Planning Commission. Each member shall be a design professional, with a degree or several years of experience in architecture, landscape architecture, planning or urban design. The members nominated by the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Nashville Downtown Partnership shall be exempt from this requirement.

The DTC DRC is established to review applications seeking Concept Plan approval and modifications to the Downtown Code (the zoning district for Downtown). The DTC recognizes that deviations from the design standards of the Downtown Code from time to time requires the exercise of judgment and that design and business representatives from within the community should inform the exercise of that judgment. Members are familiar with the downtown area and have knowledge of development, design, and land use practices.

The Chamber of Commerce has nominated Paula Harris as their new representative. Paula is a Principal at Thrivence, a Nashville-based management consulting firm and was previously the executive vice president and chief relationship officer for Barge Design. She has many years of experience working in the greater Nashville area.

Planning Staff has received official nomination from the Chamber of Commerce and confirm that she meets the prerequisites for confirmation by the Planning Commission.