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To the City of London Civic Works Committee,

We, members of the Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee (ESACAC), wish to welcome you to your new roles.

Our Community Advisory Committee reports directly to the Civic Works Committee. We hope to foster a collaborative, productive working relationship between our two Committees. The new Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee is prepared to receive and work on items that are handed down to us via civic administration, but we also hope to have your support when we bring forward ideas, suggestions and feedback related to [our mandate](#). We are committed to listening, sharing expertise, asking questions, and supporting community engagement in environmental stewardship and action.

The purpose of this letter is to extend a standing invitation from the Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee to all members of City Council to attend our meetings. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month beginning at 3 pm. We believe that direct conversations between members of our Advisory Committee and members of Council can provide mutual benefits, improve understanding of topics related to environmental stewardship and action, help to realize emerging opportunities in Wards across the City, and ensure that community voices are heard.

We recognize that an environment and climate emergency lens may be useful for supporting decisions by Council on matters outside the purview of the Civic Works Committee. Therefore, in addition to reporting to the Civic Works Committee via civic administration, our Committee looks forward to acting as a resource to help advise members of Council in general on reaching their goals, whenever is appropriate.

Our Committee is comprised of community representatives with expertise in the following areas:

- Climate change planning
- Biodiversity conservation
- Sustainable building design
- Urban forestry
- Ecological restoration
- Low-impact development
- Wildlife management
- Waste management and recycling
- Energy transitions
- Public education, engagement, consultation

In the months and years ahead, City Council will need to make important decisions to help London meet its targets under the Climate Emergency Action Plan. The Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee is ready to serve the City of London and members of Council to the best of our ability.

Regards,

Members of the Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee (ESACAC)

Submitted by
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