

From: [Hayner, Jeff](#)
To: [Taylor, Christopher \(Mayor\)](#); [*City Council Members \(All\)](#)
Subject: Concerns over appointments
Date: Monday, June 17, 2019 3:29:00 PM

Dear Mayor Taylor and Council Colleagues,

I am writing to express my concerns over a few of tonight's recommended appointments to boards and commissions. It appears that a few of these folks - from the background search I could do, do not fit their descriptions put forth by Mayor Taylor. One person is described as an architect and on their own profile pages they call themselves "an aspiring architect, cultural critic" and "dog-hoarder". Not sure if this is a good fit for Planning Commission.

Another, Mr. Joe Malcoun, is put forth for a seat on ZBA reserved for a "developer". While Mr. Malcoun has purchased and is renovating a building for his inter-related companies, his own description is "early-stage investor" and his work is primarily in IT. I would also point out that Mr. Malcoun described me on Twitter as a "racist, classist POS" which I am told means "piece of shit". There was no evidence provided for his assertion, which I strongly refute.

In light of Mayor Taylor's admonitions for civil discourse, I suggest that Mr. Malcoun has not displayed the best temperament to hold a very strict position such as ZBA member, and I ask that his nomination be withdrawn, or opposed. He also is outspoken in his disdain for cars. The recent no-reason reduction of parking requirements by ZBA for Bristol Ridge has resulted in an overcrowded, under parked site plan – do we really need another car-hater on ZBA?

Add to the fact that he applied for no less than 8 boards and commissions, I have a hard time believing that this is not just an appointment for political favor. This suggestion is supported by his comments that he "can't wait to start fundraising against (the mayor's supposed opponents)". Mix in a little SPARK start-up funding he has received over the years and the potential for conflicts of interest are just too great.

There must be someone else qualified for this position, and when you bring that someone forward, they will have my support. Until then, I reject this particular candidate, and I ask the rest of you to join me in doing so.

Sincerely,

Jeff Hayner

From: [Hayner, Jeff](#)
To: [Bannister, Anne](#)
Subject: RE: Stephen's nomination for HRC
Date: Monday, June 17, 2019 1:59:00 PM

Now, let's talk about Joe Malcoun, who applied for 8 different seats and is being considered for ZBA as "a developer" - that's a stretch as far as I know

-----Original Message-----

From: Bannister, Anne <ABannister@a2gov.org>
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019 1:50 PM
To: Hayner, Jeff <JHayner@a2gov.org>; Nelson, Elizabeth <ENelson@a2gov.org>; Griswold, Kathy <KGriswold@a2gov.org>; Eaton, Jack <JEaton@a2gov.org>
Subject: RE: Stephen's nomination for HRC

Lauren raises a good point. I, too, don't think its good to have voting members on two commissions. Some of us spoke with Robin last Saturday at Juneteenth and she seemed fine with potentially not being confirmed for HRC.

From: Hayner, Jeff
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019 1:45 PM
To: Bannister, Anne; Nelson, Elizabeth; Griswold, Kathy; Eaton, Jack
Subject: FW: Stephen's nomination for HRC

-----Original Message-----

From: lauren.tatarsky@gmail.com [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019 8:12 AM
To: Hayner, Jeff <JHayner@a2gov.org>
Subject: Stephen's nomination for HRC

Hi Jeff,

This is Lauren Tatarsky, a former police task force member. I'm guessing you might remember me from the numerous times I've spoken at city council meetings. I have, at many junctures, appreciated your messaging support for the work of the task force and for police oversight work in general (especially in the form of opposing the erasure of history that has been attempted often from that body.)

I'm very concerned to hear Robin Stephens has been nominated for HRC after just being seated as chair on the ICPOC. As you know, she was detrimental to the task force's process and in part because of that, she is not respected by our black community leaders as a trusted spokesperson. It is also not appropriate for someone with multiple relationships to the city in regards to her work to also have power on two city commissions. I would take issue with anyone in that situation (as I do with Ramlawi sitting as council liaison to both commissions as well.) I'm hoping you might join your fellow council members in voting against her appointment to HRC. Thanks so much for your consideration.

Lauren

From: [Hayner, Jeff](#)
To: [Lumm, Jane](#)
Subject: appointment concerns
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 12:23:25 AM

Jane, please give me a call. I want to talk with you about some board and commission appointments of concern. It looks like the mayor is trying to flood important seats with anti-car, anti-neighborhood, pro-development candidates. This is of special concern for ZBA due to the binding nature of that body's decisions. We could be setting the city up for a series of lawsuits where developers claim advantages and variances given to others should apply to them – this is essentially throwing away the rules for site density, parking min/max, height, setbacks, etc.

Thanks,

Jeff Hayner