

Making some points about the ABCs

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I'll make 4 points on the ABCs:

First, solicitors (or their firms) for ABCs should only be permitted to serve one ABC.

Second, there should be term limits. We need more turnover so that fresh ideas and experiences can be introduced. If you've served for 12 years (for point of discussion) on the planning commission, I would have no issue with you moving to the housing authority board and putting in additional time there. Some people want to contribute to their community through service, so this would allow them to continue to do so.

Third, all resumes submitted expressing interest in serving should be shared between City Council and the Mayor, and vice versa. This way they both know who is interested.

And, fourth, both the Mayor and Council should strive to have the ABCs as representative of community demographics as possible. Turnover mentioned in #2 would help that. There appears to be far too much "old boy network" at play, and while that may satisfy political and special interests, it doesn't necessarily satisfy the community's best interests.

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