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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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To: Mark F. Miller, City Manager

From: Robert J. Bruner, Assistant City Manager
M. Aileen Dickson, City Clerk

Subject: City Clerk Aileen Dickson Named Democracy Fellow – National Conference on Citizenship

Democracy Fellows at the National Conference on Citizenship has accepted City Clerk Aileen Dickson as a fellow for the Summer 2021 cohort.

Democracy Fellows is a 3-month part-time fellowship that focuses on increasing civic participation, resident engagement, and participation in elections. Fellows from municipalities all across the United States work locally to develop action plans that can be implemented in all 50 states, and support leaders at all levels of government, with the end-goal of 100% participation. The duties include developing a comprehensive strategy to engage residents and register voters; develop Democracy Plans to help enfranchise underserved communities or members of the community; engage high school and college students to encourage registering and voting; make voting more accessible and easier to understand; break down barriers that prevent residents from participating in government; and, much more.

The National Conference on Citizenship was founded in 1946 after WWII, and chartered by Congress in 1953, as a nonpartisan organization dedicated to increasing civic involvement and community engagement. The Democracy Fellows program was founded by the NCoC in 2020.