



# CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No: 30787

## RESOLUTION

R16 - 2024

*Introduced by the Administration on February 7, 2024*

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Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) Reappointment

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***Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That***

City Council does hereby give advice and consent to the following reappointment to the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC).

**Arundhati (Tinku) Khanwalkar**  
**Term Expiration: 01/04/2027**

	Yea	Nay
Candida Affa	X	
Ce-Ce Gerlach	X	
Daryl Hendricks	X	
Santo Napoli	X	
Natalie Santos	X	
Ed Zucal	X	
Cynthia Y. Mota, President		
TOTAL	6	0

***THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the above copy of Resolution No. 30787 was adopted by the City Council of Allentown on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024, and is on file in the City Clerk's Office.***

  
 City Clerk



**MATT TUERK**  
**MAYOR**

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**TO:** Michael Hanlon  
City Clerk

**FROM:** Matt Tuerk  
Mayor

**DATE:** January 30, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Authorities, Boards, Commissions Appointments

Mayor Tuerk has approved the following appointments for City Council's consideration.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Authority/Board/Commission</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Arundhati Khanwalkar	Environmental Advisory Council	1/4/2027
Tim M. O'Brien	Environmental Advisory Council	1/4/2027

Khanwalkar (Tinku) has served previous terms and is a dedicated member of the Council. The Mayor would like Tinku to be reappointed, as her term expired in 2023. O'Brien is an Allentown resident with professional experience in the subject of environmental welfare. O'Brien will be filling a vacant position on the Council.

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## ARUNDHATI (TINKU) KHANWALKAR

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### Profile

Over 30 years of experience working as in-house lawyer for a large energy company in the Lehigh Valley. Focused primarily on environmental policy and strategy and on corporate compliance and ethics. Retired in 2019 to devote more time to advancing local environmental sustainability.

### Experience

**Managing Attorney at AVK Counsel, PLLC, Allentown, PA January 2020 - 2022**  
Responsible for all firm matters

**Founder and Chief Operating Officer, Energy 18H LLC, Allentown, PA August 2020 - 2023**

Responsible for operations of benefit LLC devoted to renewable energy research

**Senior Counsel and Corporate Compliance Director, PPL Corporation, Allentown, PA 2015 - 2019**

Supported Global Chief Compliance Officer on corporate compliance and ethics program, including overseeing external assessments of the program and making significant structural enhancements to the program. Also supported Vice President of Public Affairs and Sustainability on responding to evolving public expectations related to environmental disclosures, carbon inventory and climate action planning.

**Senior Director, Environmental Management Department, PPL Corporation, Allentown, PA 2009 - 2015**

In charge of 30-person corporate environmental department providing technical advice on a wide range of environmental issues, including regulatory compliance, permitting, litigation and environmental policy and sustainability strategy.

**Senior Counsel, PPL Corporation, Allentown, PA 1989 - 2009**

Provided environmental counsel on a wide range of issues including permitting, regulatory compliance, litigation defense and sustainability strategy.

### Education

**Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore MD (BA) — 1979**

**Columbia University in the City of New York (JD) — 1983**

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### Current Community Involvement

Allentown EAC — Chair from 2014 - 2022. Currently lead on all energy issues and main supervisor of college interns

BSA - Minsi Trails Council — Chair of Board's Enterprise Risk Management Committee and member of Board's Executive Committee

Allentown Water and Sewer Compliance Review Board — Appointed in 2015. The Board provides guidance and input to Allentown's Office of Compliance with respect to compliance with the water and sewer concession lease agreement between the City of Allentown and the Lehigh County Authority.

Lehigh Valley Public Media — Board member and chair of Audit Committee; member of Content and Education Committee

Lehigh Valley EAC Network — co-founder of the network whose mission is to facilitate and coordinate environmental action by municipalities across the Lehigh Valley.

Other involvement: Court Appointed Special Advocate; League of Women Voters

### Past Community Involvement

Nature Conservancy; Baum School Board of Trustees; Friends of the Allentown Parks; Allentown Art Museum; Lehigh Valley Audubon Society; National Parks; NRDC; Sierra Club; Southern Poverty Law Center; ACLU; Lehigh Valley Bird Town Coalition (founder); BSA - Minsi Trails Council (Chair of Enterprise Risk Management Committee), Big Brothers Big Sisters (Board Member), PennFuture (Board member); Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce; Community Bike Works (led development of deep mentoring program); Citizens Climate Lobby; Community Foundation Board of Associates; Pro Bono litigation

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