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**TO:** Michael Hanlon  
City Clerk

**FROM:** Matt Tuerk  
Mayor

**DATE:** November 20, 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>
Christina DiPierro	Commission on Homelessness	12/5/2027
Sherry Brokopp Binder	Commission on Homelessness	12/5/2027

DiPierro will be filling a vacant seat on the Commission. Binder will be filling the seat of Ellen Denizard, whose term has expired. Their resumes are attached.

**SHERRI BROKOPP BINDER, PHD**  
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### Professional Experience

- 2015-present Executive Director, Ripple Community Inc., Allentown, PA
- 2014-2016 Client Services Consultant, Concept Systems Incorporated, Ithaca, NY
- 2003-2008 Sustainable Cities Division Director, Urban Ecology Institute, Newton, MA
- 2006-2008 Chair, Boston's Urban Forest Coalition, Boston, MA
- 2007 Interim Executive Director, Urban Ecology Institute, Newton, MA
- 2002-2003 Natural Cities Program Assistant, Urban Ecology Institute, Newton, MA
- 2007-2008 Research Associate, Environmental Studies, Boston College, Newton, MA
- 2002 Research Consultant, Verite, Amherst, MA
- 2001-2002 Research Assistant, Stockholm Environmental Institute, Boston, MA
- 2001 Geographic Information Systems Operator, Law Engineering and Environmental Services, Kennesaw, GA

### Education

- 2014 University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI  
Ph.D., Community and Cultural Psychology
- 2012 University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI  
M.A., Community and Cultural Psychology
- 2012 University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI  
Certificate, Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance
- 2003 Brandeis University, Waltham, MA  
M.A., Sustainable International Development
- 2001 Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA  
B.A., International Affairs, Summa Cum Laude
- 2001 Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA  
Certificate, Geographic Information Systems

### Professional Affiliations

- Society for Community Research and Action (American Psychological Association Division 27)
- American Evaluation Association