

June 11, 2021

Mayor and Council
City of Hartsville
Via email to City Clerk Sherron Skipper

Dear Mayor and Council:

Mayor Pennington asked me to look at the applications for the open seat on Planning Commission and make a recommendation for a good fit.

My recommendation is Mallory Hankins for several reasons. Working with family businesses she grew up with, helping her partner get established with his small agricultural business in Hartsville, and a stint with the SC Small business Development Center locally, Mallory has had extensive experience with the type of small businesses that are likely to be our applicants.

Her professional career is primarily in supply chain management, data and market analytics and strategy-related roles. She currently puts these skills into practice at Sonoco, and her systematic and strategic way of doing things will be valuable to the processes that Planning Commission follows.

She chose to live in Hartsville because of its character and walkability. She understands and supports our desire to maintain Hartsville's unique identity while seeking economic growth and opportunities for all our people. Mallory sees the value in human-centered design and informed plans. She looks forward to supporting work related to the Canal District and other initiatives while understanding the burden of making decisions now that must stand the test of time for decades to come.

Further, Mallory and I have talked about the level of training, commitment and engagement that would be expected of her as a commissioner. If selected, she is ready to take on the role with the seriousness it deserves.

Respectfully,

Nancy McGee
Chair, Planning Commission, City of Hartsville