

Update: Constance G. Post is Not an AICP Certified Planner

May 26, 2026

Since publishing this piece on May 19, I contacted the American Planning Association to inquire about Constance Post's AICP certification status.

On May 26, I spoke directly with Ralph Willmer, FAICP, the APA's AICP Ethics Officer. Mr. Willmer confirmed that Constance Post is not an AICP certified planner and has not been since 2010. Later that same day, Mr. Willmer followed up with written confirmation via email.

Recall that at the May 11 City Council work session, Post stated the following in her own words, on the public record, at approximately 1:28:50 of the council video:

"I am a professional planner, with an AICP certification."

That statement was false.

In his email of May 26, 2026, Mr. Willmer wrote:

"Ms. Post has not been a member of the American Planning Association or the American Institute of Certified Planners since 2010. Therefore, she does not hold the AICP certification since she has not met the criteria for maintaining it."

A screenshot of Mr. Willmer's email is attached below.

To be clear about what happened: Constance Post stood before the Mount Vernon City Council — the same body that appointed her to the Economic Development Task Force — identified herself as a credentialed planning professional and invoked a certification she has not held for sixteen years. She did this while advocating on behalf of a developer seeking a zoning amendment from that same council.

The question of whether Post's misrepresentation of her credentials before the City Council any legal or professional consequences has is one the council — and the city's corporation counsel — should now be asking. So is this one: does the City Council consider misrepresenting professional credentials before a municipal body to be disqualifying conduct for a city advisory appointee?

Residents are waiting for an answer.

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From: Ethics <ethics@planning.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2026 5:10 PM
To: Christopher McDonough
Subject: Constance "Gerry" Post

Hello -

Per your request, we checked the membership status of Constance "Gerry" Post. According to our records, Ms. Post has not been a member of the American Planning Association or the American Institute of Certified Planners since 2010. Therefore, she does not hold the AICP certification since she has not met the criteria for maintaining it.

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Sources

1. Email from Ralph Willmer, FAICP, AICP Ethics Officer, American Planning Association, to Christopher McDonough, May 26, 2026. ethics@planning.org (screenshot attached)
2. Mount Vernon City Council Work Session, May 11, 2026 (Constance Post appears at approximately 1:28:50):
<https://www.youtube.com/live/O3ylzm1YBJ4?si=GrLOWM4ZHN3jeXZX>