

Transform Fresno Outreach and Oversight Committee

Nomination Process

August 13, 2018

The Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) grant requires robust community engagement including stakeholder involvement throughout all phases of the grant process. As part of the community engagement process, a Collaborative Stakeholder Structure was formed in which several key leaders and representatives from the TCC Project Area were appointed to the Outreach & Oversight Committee (Committee).

During the Fresno TCC process, there were several residents who became integral in the process by organizing, representing, and speaking out on behalf of their community. For example, at Community Steering Committee #4, several Southwest Fresno residents, organized a resident only meeting in which they discussed the priorities for Southwest Fresno. It was out of this meeting, and conferring with leaders from Chinatown and Downtown, that a fifth alternative project package was drafted. As partnerships were forming, the people behind the movement shifted from business owners and residents to community leaders. These leaders were appointed to the Committee along with others with the same vision and commitment to the TCC process.

The Committee is an advisory committee that is made up of a total of thirteen Committee Members represented by three members from Chinatown, three members from Downtown, and seven members from Southwest Fresno, plus a Committee Chair. Current and replenishment members of the Committee are required (i) to have held eligible voter status on the former Community Steering Committee, (ii) to not be a Co-Applicant, and (iii) to live, work, or own property in the Transform Fresno Community Area (TFCA).

The Committee acts as liaison between the community and the Implementation Committee (Lead Applicant and Project Leads), and acts as clearinghouse for communication from the Community Engagement Collaborative.

During the June 18th, 2018 Quarterly Community Engagement Collaborative meeting, there were various comments regarding the appointed members of the Committee and the community's willingness and desire to participate on the Committee. As such, the Committee drafted a proposed policy to allow for adding additional members to the Committee and opening up the nomination process. The following represents the revisions to the current process approved by the Committee:

1. Three additional seats will be added to represent each community area for a total of four for Chinatown, four for Downtown, and eight for Southwest Fresno.

2. Vacancies for seats will be filled through nominations submitted to the Committee. Nominations will be reviewed for community leadership with preference given to TFCA residents, community based groups, church organizations, advocates, business owners, and community development corporations.
3. Applicants must live, work, or own property in the TFCA and provide proof of residency, ownership, or employment.
4. Applicants must have held eligible voter status on the former TCC Community Steering Committee.
5. Applicants should commit to attend monthly meetings, quarterly Community Engagement Collaborative meetings and subsequently scheduled meetings for a period of three years consistent with the TCC grant term.

The Committee currently has four vacancies available. Nominees *must* meet the requirements listed above in order to be considered. Please submit a completed nomination form to:

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