

TARGET AREA REPRESENTATIVES PUBLIC NOTICE

This is written notice to announce that Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (Fresno EOC) is hereby holding elections for Board Commissioner Representatives of low-income Target Areas B, C, F, & H. You can view the Target Area map at www.fresnoeoc.org/board. The term will be from January 2019 to December 2020.

Fresno EOC is seeking qualified candidates and voters in this election. Emphasis is given to providing maximum participation and involvement of low-income persons. Qualified candidates must be individuals that are responsible, professional and capable; of good character and reputation; sympathetic to the mission and objectives of Fresno EOC; will act as a representative of the poor; and can govern the affairs of the Agency consistent with its Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

Fresno EOC is governed by a twenty-four member Board of Commissioners. One-third of the board consists of public officials or their representatives, and one-third are members of business and community groups. The remainder must be democratically elected to represent low-income residents and groups. Representatives are a fundamental source of information on conditions and problems of poverty. Their participation and involvement on the Board, on its committees and at neighborhood levels are critical to Fresno EOC's efforts. Also important is their ability to help develop public and institutional understanding of, and support for, the programs -- and the positive effects those programs can have on the community.

CANDIDATES FOR TARGET AREA COMMISSIONERS

To qualify, you must be 18 years or older, a resident of the target area, and neither an employee of Fresno EOC nor a member of the immediate family of an employee of Fresno EOC. Candidates must file a Candidate Nomination Form (you can access the forms at www.fresnoeoc.org/board) and submit documentation of your age and residency. These must be submitted/postmarked by **MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2018**, by mail to "Fresno EOC Target Area Nominations", Post Office Box 992, Fresno, CA 93714, via email to elections@fresnoeoc.org or in person at 1920 Mariposa Mall, Ste. 300 Fresno, CA 93721. Faxes will not be accepted.

ELECTIONS

Elections will be by mail-in or in-person ballot only. Ballots will be mailed out starting in November as registration forms are received and validated. Completed ballots must be **postmarked by WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 5, 2018**. Ballots in signed, sealed return envelopes can be **submitted in person until 4:00pm on Wednesday, December 5, 2018** to the Fresno EOC Internal Audit office at 1920 Mariposa Mall, Suite 300, Fresno, CA 93721. Emails and faxes will not be accepted. Results of the election will be posted after **DECEMBER 19, 2018**. The newly elected Commissioners will be seated at the Board's regular January 2019 monthly meeting.

REGISTRATION TO VOTE

You must register to receive a ballot to vote in this election. To qualify to vote in the Fresno EOC Target Area Representative Elections, you must be 18 years or older and a resident of the target area in which you wish to vote. To register, complete and return the Voter Registration Form to “Voter Registration”, Post Office Box 992, Fresno, CA 93714. It is your responsibility to return your form in a timely manner to receive a ballot. Registration forms can be returned up **until Wednesday November 21, 2018** as indicated on the voter registration form.

BACKGROUND

Fresno EOC is a 501(c)(3) private non-profit corporation established in 1965 as a Community Action Agency. Its purpose is to serve low-income persons throughout Fresno County. With an annual budget of over \$110 million and staff of 1,200, Fresno EOC operates over 30 various human services and economic development programs aimed at providing a variety of resources to low income families, disabled persons, senior citizens, women, youth and children. The programs provide services to approximately 150,000 persons on an annual basis with a staff of over 1,200 persons. Please visit our website at www.fresnoeoc.org for more information.

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