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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Fresno EOC Seeks Board of Commissioner Nominations**

(Fresno, CA) Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (Fresno EOC) is currently accepting nominations for select seats on the Board of Commissioners. 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.

This year we are seeking nominations for four Community Representative seats and holding elections for Low-income Representatives of Target Areas A, D, E, & G. The term will be from January 2022 to December 2023. Visit <https://fresnoeoc.org/board/board-of-commissioners-nomination/> to view Commissioner Job Descriptions, nomination and voter registration forms as well as a large Target Area Map.

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.

"I feel the impact Fresno EOC has on the community speaks for itself. I am honored to serve as a Commissioner, and will continue to be a voice for my community," Linda Hayes, current Board Chair.

#### **Candidate Qualifications 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 (forms can be access at <https://fresnoeoc.org/board/board-of-commissioners-nomination/>) and submit documentation of your age and residency. These must be submitted/postmarked by FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2021, by mail to "Fresno EOC Target Area Nominations", Post Office Box 992, Fresno, CA 93714, via email by 11:59 pm to [elections@fresnoeoc.org](mailto:elections@fresnoeoc.org) or in person by 5:00 pm at 1920 Mariposa Street, Ste. 300 Fresno, CA 93721. Faxes will not be accepted.

#### **Election Information for Target Area Commissioners**

Elections will be by mail-in or in-person ballot only. Voters may register to vote at any time during the year by filling out and mailing, emailing or hand delivering the registration form by 5 pm on the due date. If registering to vote in this year's election your paperwork must be in by Wednesday, November 10, 2021. Ballots will be mailed starting in October as registration forms are received and validated. Completed ballots must be postmarked by December 1, 2021. Ballots in signed, sealed return envelopes can be submitted in person by 5:00 pm on December 1, 2021 to the Fresno EOC Internal Audit office at 1920 Mariposa Street, Suite 300, Fresno, CA 93721. Emails and faxes will not be accepted. Results of the election will be posted after December 15, 2021.

### **Candidate Qualifications for Community Sector Commissioners**

Community Sector Commissioners are representatives of business, industry, labor, religious, law enforcement, youth, education, social services, and/or multicultural organizations that can contribute or mobilize economic and human resources, ethnic and racial diversity and balance to the Commission as a whole, and is supportive of the mission and objectives of the Agency. Nominees must be individuals that are responsible, professional and capable; of good character and reputation; and have the understanding of and ability to perform board governance consistent with the agency's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. Selection priority may be given to those with expertise in early childhood education, fiscal management or accounting, a licensed attorney and a representative of Head Start.

### **Nomination and Selection Process for Community Sector Commissioners**

Interested nominees must complete the Community Sector Nomination Form (forms can be access at <https://fresnoeoc.org/board/board-of-commissioners-nomination/>) The form must be accompanied by a resolution from the organization, agency, or group that is authorizing the nomination of the candidate dated within 60 days of the nomination form. If the organization is a public entity, a letter from an authorized official is required. The form and resolution/letter must be submitted/postmarked by FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2021, by mail to "Fresno EOC Community Sector Representative Nominations", Post Office Box 992, Fresno, CA 93714, via email by 11:59 pm to [elections@fresnoeoc.org](mailto:elections@fresnoeoc.org) or in person by 5:00 pm at 1920 Mariposa Street, Ste. 300 Fresno, CA 93721. Faxes will not be accepted.

The Selection Committee of the Fresno EOC Board of Commissioners shall review and screen all eligible nominations and forward the most qualified candidates to the Board to be ratified.

### **About Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (EOC)**

Established in 1965, Fresno EOC is a non-profit Community Action Agency that provides opportunities, strengthens self-sufficiency, and offers support for all people. We listen to the needs of the communities we serve to create effective programs and services. Fresno EOC is at the forefront, continuing the war on poverty with over 35 programs dedicated to getting people the help they need to achieve their goals.

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