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# Fresno EOC Seeks Board of Commissioner Nominations

(Fresno, CA) – Community members who want to make a difference and serve their neighbors have the opportunity to apply and serve on the Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission. Fresno EOC is currently accepting nominations for select seats. The deadline is quickly approaching, and applications will be accepted now until Friday, October 4, 2024.

Candidates must file a Candidate Nomination Form (forms can be access at <https://fresnoeoc.org/board-of-commissioners-application-form/>).

Fresno EOC one of the largest community action agencies in the country with a goal to fight to end poverty. The agency is governed by a 24-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.

All board members serve on a voluntary basis. To qualify, you must be 18 years or older, a Fresno County resident and have a strong awareness of poverty in the community in which they live and a desire to implement solutions to address poverty. They cannot be an employee of Fresno EOC nor a member of the immediate family of an employee of Fresno EOC.

This year, we are seeking nominations for four Community Representative seats and holding elections for Low-income Representatives of Target Areas B, C, F, G, & H. The term will be from January 2025 to December 2027 and Target Area candidates must be a resident of their area.

The community can vote in the Target Area Commissioner election, by turning in a mail-in or in-person ballot only. If registering to vote in this year's election your paperwork must be in by Friday, November 1, 2024. Ballots will be mailed starting in October as registration forms are received and validated. Completed ballots must be postmarked by November 22, 2024. Results of the election will be posted after December 16, 2024

Visit <https://fresnoeoc.org/board/board-of-commissioners-nomination/> for details.

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. They also help develop public and institutional understanding of, and support for, the programs and the positive effects those programs can have on the community.



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**About Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (Fresno 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 30 programs dedicated to getting people the help they need to achieve their goals.

For more details or video opportunities click here <https://fresnoeoc.org/board/commissioner-elections/>

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