

Air and Climate Public Advisory Committee
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2021 MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

DESCRIPTION OF RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is recruiting individuals to serve on its [Air and Climate Public Advisory Committee \(ACPAC\)](#). COG is looking for residents in the metropolitan Washington region with knowledge and expertise in air quality and climate issues to serve on the committee.

ACPAC advises COG's policy committees – the [Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee \(MWAQC\)](#) and the [Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee \(CEEPC\)](#) - on air quality, climate, and energy issues. At this time COG is conducting a second round of recruitment for new members with knowledge and expertise in air quality planning to join the other members of ACPAC. The materials in this document are intended for use in promoting and recruiting members for ACPAC during 2021.

CAMPAIGN DURATION:

The first round of recruitment campaign was conducted between November 9, 2020 and December 18, 2020. The second round of the recruitment is scheduled for February 15, 2021 and March 19th, 2021.

TO APPLY

To apply, fill out the ACPAC Interest Form by Friday, March 19th, 2021 [here](#). Additional details can be found online [here](#) or by contacting Leah Boggs (lboggs@mwkog.org, 202-962-3336).

ABOUT ACPAC

ACPAC is a group of 18 people that represent diverse viewpoints on regional air quality and climate change issues. ACPAC provides a meaningful opportunity to provide input to local elected officials on environmental planning and policy issues, share your knowledge and expertise, learn and stay informed of local and regional plans related to improving the region's air quality and address the climate and energy challenges. ACPAC's members represent diverse community interests and opinions. Members represent communities across the Metropolitan Washington region and have various backgrounds including business/industry, education/scientific, environmental/health and civic organizations. Read more on ACPAC's bylaws and meeting procedures [here](#).

Specifically, ACPAC advises [MWAQC](#) on air quality planning and [CEEPC](#) on climate and energy initiatives. MWAQC and CEEPC promote public involvement and seeks independent, citizen advice on their work activities.

MWAQC has been established to conduct interstate air quality attainment and maintenance planning for the Washington, D.C. area on behalf of the District of Columbia (D.C.), the State of Maryland (MD) and the Commonwealth of Virginia (VA), as the area may be designated or re-designated as an area not in attainment of federal ambient air quality standards for certain pollutants in the air. MWAQC coordinates air quality planning activities of the environmental departments in D.C., MD, and VA, resolves policy differences and develops a unified regional air quality plan. For more information, visit MWAQC's [committee website](#).

ACPAC MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT MATERIALS

CEEPC is the principal policy adviser to the COG Board on matters related to climate and energy. Its areas of responsibility include climate change, energy, the built environment, alternate fuels/alternative fuel vehicles, solid waste, and recycling policy issues. CEEPC facilitates implementation of the COG National Capital Region Climate Change Report and periodically advises the COG Board on the success of the Report's recommendations and the need for modification. For more information, visit CEEPC's [committee website](#).

ACPAC meets bi-monthly. In accordance with COG COVID-19 protocols, all COG committee meetings are currently held virtually.

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