

**To:** Green Empowerment Zone Governing Board

**From:** Green Empowerment Zone Officers:  
Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia, GEZ Chair  
Assemblymember Lori D. Wilson, GEZ Deputy Chair  
Chuck Leonard, UA Local 342, GEZ Deputy Chair

**Date:** February 9, 2026

**Re:** Recommendations for Appointments to Fill the Seven (7)  
Environmental/Environmental Justice Seats

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The Green Empowerment Zone (GEZ) enabling legislation was amended in 2025 to provide for the appointment of “seven (7) directors who live or work in the Green Empowerment Zone representing environmental or environmental justice organizations or interests, who shall be selected by the board.”

On December 3, 2025, the Green Empowerment Zone staff (Contra Costa’s Department of Conservation and Development) issued a public press release announcing the open recruitment for Seven (7) Environmental/Environmental Justice Seats on the Governing Board. This announcement was publicized throughout the Green Empowerment Zone in Contra Costa and Solano counties. The initial recruitment period was open through January 9, 2026. The application deadline was later extended through January 30, 2026.

16 applications were received by the January 30, 2026 deadline. Full copies of applications and a summary of all applicants is attached to the Board agenda materials. Applications were received from the following individuals (city of residence in parenthesis):

- Nit Ounniyom (San Pablo)
- Pete Srivarom (Pinole)
- Shoshana Wechsler (Kensington)
- Erika Siao (San Francisco)
- Jim Blair (Martinez)
- William Goodwin (Pittsburg)
- Delon Craft, Sr. (Antioch)
- Cecilio Fernando Mills, Jr. (Pittsburg)
- Rosene Nguyen (Oakley)
- Brian Meneghan (Discovery Bay)
- Theresa Hade (Fairfield)
- Lorene Allio (Vallejo)
- Liat Meitzenheimer (Vallejo)
- Paul Thiess (Vallejo)
- Nate Huntington (Oakland)
- Andreana Mevoli (Alameda)

The three (3) officers reviewed the 16 applications. In order to insure a broad cross section of representation from throughout the Green Empowerment Zone and strong Environmental Justice/Environmental community voices on the Governing Board, **the officers recommend the following seven (7) individuals be appointed to fill the Environmental/Environmental Justice seats:**

- Nit Ounniyom (lives in San Pablo, works in Richmond) – Social Security Administration Claims Specialist, APEN member/volunteer and Laotian community leader
- Pete Srivarom (lives in Pinole, works in Richmond) – Planner for the City of Richmond
- William Goodwin (lives and works in Pittsburg) – Serves on the Bay Area Air District Community Advisory Council and other EJ work.
- Delon Craft, Sr. (lives in Antioch, works in Pittsburg/Antioch) – Executive Director of STS, an educational/workforce non-profit in Pittsburg-Antioch area.
- Theresa Hade (lives in Fairfield, works in Pleasant Hill/Martinez) – Contra Costa Community College District Workforce Development Coordinator
- Lorene Allio (lives and works in Vallejo) – Workforce/Non-Profit Consultant
- Liat Meitzenheimer (lives in Vallejo) – Retired Federal Employee, Former Vallejo Councilmember, Fresh Air Vallejo member