

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: Selection of Green Empowerment Zone Executive Committee Appointments

The Green Empowerment Zone enabling legislation requires the formation of an Executive Committee to be composed **of up to 10 members** of its Governing Board, including the Chair and the two (2) Deputy Chairs. Currently, the only members of the Executive Committee are the three Officers – Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia (Chair), Assemblymembers Lori D. Wilson (Deputy Chair), and Chuck Leonard, UA Local 342 (Deputy Chair).

The Officers discussed the importance of appointing the additional seven (7) Executive Committee members in a way that insures a broad cross section of representation of the different stakeholder groups that serve on the Board. Consistent with this goal, **the Officers recommend that the Governing Board appoint seven (7) additional members of the Board to the Executive Committee, and that these seven (7) representatives shall be selected from the following stakeholder groups:**

- 3 Local Elected Officials (City representatives)
- 1 Business Representative
- 1 Labor Representative
- 1 Environmental Justice/Community Representative
- 1 Industry Representative

The Officers discussed the importance of insuring that the newly appointed seven (7) Environmental/Environmental Justice representatives on the Board have a vote in the selection of the seven (7) additional Executive Committee members. Consequently, **the Officers recommend that the additional Executive Committee members be appointed at the next meeting of the GEZ Governing Board when the seven (7) new Environmental/Environmental Justice representatives will be present and seated, and eligible to vote.**

The Officers recommend that the Board Chair ask for Board members (in the Local Elected Officials, Business, Labor, Environmental/Environmental Justice, and Industry stakeholder groups) to express their interest in serving on the Executive Committee at the February 13, 2026 meeting or by email to Alyson (Greenlee) Escarzaga at alyson.greenlee@dcd.cccounty.us no later than February 27, 2026.

The Officers recommend that the Officers make recommendations of the proposed seven (7) additional Executive Committee members for discussion and approval by the Governing Board at the next Board meeting.

The Officers recommend that the Executive Committee meet regularly every other month during the month that the full Governing Board does not meet.