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Belette, Solomon	5	No	Martinez	MBA in Strategic Leadership at JFKU/National University	RCF Connects	Manager	East Contra Costa Community Alliance	Community Group Seat	Served as a member of the Core Committee that helped create the Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice (ORESJ). Currently the President of the Antioch Community Foundation, also serve as Regional Advisor for the Northern California Grantmakers. Has been an active member of the CC Budget Justice Coalition and leading the East Contra Costa Community Alliance.	Climate Equity	Community Group
Duran, Jamie	3	No	Brentwood	MBA, SF State, Bachelor's in Agricultural Economics, UC Davis	Solar Harmonics	President	Not specified.	Commercial/Business Seat	Solar contractor with unique perspective on balancing the environmental benefits of renewable energy, financial constraints and the cost/benefits of environmental sustainability. Experience as a Solar Contractor, CFO, Controller, etc. Certified Green Business	Clean and Efficient Built Environment (BE)	Commercial/Business Seat
Foster, Sarah	5	Yes	Pittsburg	MPA- Public Administration, San Francisco State University. B.S., Communications-Public Relations, Eastern Connecticut State University	Not specified	Not specified	Three-term planning commissioner for the City of Pittsburg AND currently serve on the Sustainability Commission as the Environmental Justice seat. My past and current contributions helped shape the Climate Emergency Plan, the Climate Action Plan Envision Contra Costa, the City of Pittsburg's first Sustainability Plan, City of Pittsburg General Plan and City of Pittsburg Housing Element.	Environmental Justice Seat	Experience residing in many frontline communities over the years and brings valuable experience of being a current resident of a frontline community.	Climate Equity (CE), and Resilient Communities and Natural Infrastructure (NI)	Environmental Justice Seat
Gomez, Luz	2	Yes	San Ramon	Master in Public Health, UC Berkeley. B.S., Nutrition	East Bay Municipal Utility District	Director	See "EXPERIENCE" Section.	Community Group Seat	Chair, Contra Costa County Sustainability Commission (2 terms) Member, Contra Costa County Sustainability Commission (since 2021) Co-Founder, San Ramon Valley Climate Action Coalition (since 2020) Member, San Ramon Climate Action Task Force (since its inception in 2024) Contributor, "Spare the Air, Cool the Climate", the BAAQMD's first regional climate protection strategy, 2018 Member, 350 Contra Costa Action Member, East Bay Leadership Council's Water, Energy and Environment Task Force Member, Sierra Club's San Francisco Bay Chapter Energy Climate Discussion Group Director, East Bay Municipal Utility District	Resilient Communities and Natural Infrastructure (NI), and Climate Equity (CE)	Community Group Seat

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Jackson, Devin	4	No	Walnut Creek	Master of Arts, Teaching, St. Mary's College of California. B.A., Liberal Studies, Mistory Minor.	Mt. Diablo Unified School District (MDUSD)	Teacher - STEM/STEAM/Environmental Sustainability	Northern California Recylcing Association (NCRA) Board Member, Board of Directors for the Altamont Education Advisory Board for Alameda County. Volunteer for Sustainable Contra Costa.	Community Group, Education or Research Institution, or Business/Commercial Seat	11 year Science Teacher, and school Environmental Sustainability Coordinator and the lead "green team" coordinator for the MDUSD district-wide wellness committee, 2021 Contra Costa County Leadership in Sustainability Award Winner from Sustainable Contra Costa, 2022 John Muir Association Conservation Award, Recycle SMART "green" educator, 2018 and 2024 "Bronze" level CA Green Ribbon School Award Winner, certified Climate Change educator with National Geographic Explorers, NASA GLOBE Educator, and sixth year NOAA Ocean Guardian School educator. Teacher leader for Recycle SMART, StopWaste, and CalRecycle.	No Waste Contra Costa (NW)	Community Group or Education and Research Institution Seats
Jones, Kim	1	No	Richmond	Master of Arts, Psychology/Counseling, Golden Gate University. B.S., Telecommunications Management, Golden Gate University	Oakland Adult and Career Education at Oakland Unified School District (OUSD)	Director		Education and Research Institution Seat	Work with a very diverse group of people and in a variety of settings. Educator in the K-12 system, adult education, corrections and community college. Network of leaders is vast throughout the county and the surrounding areas. Has a passion for the community and ability to face challenging situations with viable solutions gives me confidence to serve the people of CC county.	Climate Equity (CE)	Education and Research Institution Seat
Kathrani, Chirag	2	No	San Ramon	Bachelor of Engineering, Computer Science, Pune University	Enterprise Mobility Inc	CEO	Member of San Ramon Climate Action Group. Volunteer for Jeena.org, a 501(c)(3) supporting parents of children with special needs. Nisarg Foundation (Environment non profit focused on funding environmental projects and have funded Climate Education, Forest Restoration, Agroforestery, Skills development to stop rural to urban migration) San Ramon Climate action Network (srvclimate.org) Founder and Advisor. Tech Beat Speaker, (https://techbeatconference.com/TechBeat/techbeat/) AidIndia (aidindia.org) Fundraising for the projects run by AidIndia and active member in evaluating proposals for funds. Deca.org Volunteer to evaluate business proposals by the high school students and providing written advises.	Community Group, Environmental Justice, Education or Research Institution, or Business/Commercial Seat	Entrepreneur and business leader with over 20 years of experience running startups that challenge conventions and compete against large organizations. Committed to fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment, where critics are heard and ideas are transformed into actionable agendas. Proven track record in growing businesses, advocating for environmental sustainability, and driving youth leadership. Dedicated to creating measurable and structured opportunities in the City of San Ramon. Manage/own nonprofit, Lead For Earth, that has made a significant impact on sustainability leadersip by engaging youth in leadership roles.	Climate Equity (CE)	Commercial/Business and Community Group Seats
Kent, Reilly	5	No	Pittsburg	MPA- Public Administration, Keller Graduate School of Management	Caltrans	Associate Governmental Program Analyst	Volunteered at center volunteer to help care for the elderly and Habitat Humanity.	Community Group Seat	9 years of public service experience, primarily in transporation and public transit.	Clean Transportation Network (TR)	Community Group

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Shrestha, Gunkeshari	4	No	Concord	Associate Degree - Computer Science, City College of San Francisco	International Business Machines (IBM)	DevOps Engineer-Advisor	Google Developer Group-North California Chapter	Education or Research Institution Seat	Over 5 years of experience as a DevOps engineer. I bring valuable technical skills and expertise. In today's digital age. I fluently speak three languages (English, Nepali and Hindi) is a significant asset. It can enhance accessibility and inclusivity by catering to a diverse population with varying language needs. This skill can also facilitate communication and outreach efforts to engage with a broader community.	Climate Equity (CE)	Commercial/Business Seat
Yang, Xiping	2	No	Danville	Bachelor of Computer Science, University of Texas at Austin	Workday, Inc	Sr. Software Engineer	Executive board of the Asian Pacific Island for Public Affairs—Tri-Valley Chapter (APAPA-TVC). We actively support and participate in local environmental related events, such as Climate March and Earth Month. Graduated from the San Ramon Leadership Program in 2018 and serving on the San Ramon Library Commission. San Ramon Valley Diversity Collarion Steering Commission member. .	Not Specified for At-Large Seats	Qualifications for serving on the Contra Costa Sustainability Commission include my passion for environmental stewardship, ability to work collaboratively, and experience in addressing sustainability challenges. I understand sustainability concepts, including renewable energy, waste reduction, and climate resilience. I have experience engaging with local communities. As a resident of Contra Costa Country for over 14 years, I am confident I can bring my knowledge, passion, and collaboration to make a meaningful, long-term impact on the county's environmental and sustainability goals.	Climate Equity (CE), Clean and Efficient Built Environment (BE), No Waste Contra Costa (NW)	Community Group or Commercial/Business Seats

* Areas of expertise identified through review of application materials.

** Suggestion for possible designation based on review of application materials; Board may wish to clarify with applicants if they have a preference, if one was not indicated.