

MEMORANDUM

TO: Climate Action Steering Committee (CASC)
 FROM: Casey Mauck
 DATE: September 26, 2022
 SUBJECT: Climate Advisory Workgroup Frontline Community Members Recommendation

Requested Action

Review Climate Advisory Workgroup (CAW) applications and appoint members for the frontline community member open slots.

Background

The Climate Advisory Workgroup will serve as the community stakeholder group supporting the Steering Committee in the implementation of local climate action. They will review the Annual Work Program, Annual Report, and other proposals under consideration by CASC. The group met for their first meeting on August 29th.

In June, the Steering Committee appointed four permanent members, eight term members, and one term alternate. Per the staff team’s recommendation, they left two slots open for frontline community members and one for someone with experience in agriculture, workforce development, or rural residence. In August, the Steering Committee appointed Linsey Fields to serve in the slot saved for agriculture, workforce development, or rural residence. Recruitment has continued with focus on finding BIPOC or low-income members, or members with disabilities. The workgroup’s current composition is below:

Permanent Members		
Slot	Affiliation	Name
1	Puget Sound Energy	Kelsey Hulse
2	Thurston Conservation District	Stephanie Bishop
3	Intercity Transit	Jessica Gould
4	Squaxin Island Tribe	Candace Penn
Slots Filled by Applicants		
Slot	Expertise	Name
5	Climate Mitigation, Environment, Growth Management Act, or Community Design	Justin Schmal
6	Climate Mitigation, Environment, Growth Management Act, or Community Design	Tom Crawford
7	Residential or Commercial Builder, Developer, or Realtor	Kim Piper
8	Nonprofit Housing Provider	Carly Colgan
9	Youth	Leila Chavez
10	Youth	Simone Ervin

10b	Youth (Alternate)	Hazel Stephens
11	Government Agencies	Mike Burnham
12	Education	Rachel Hastings
13	Agriculture	Linsey Fields
Vacant Slots		
Slot	Expertise	
14	Frontline Community Member	
15	Frontline Community Member	

New Applicants

TRPC conducted outreach to frontline communities throughout August through the following methods:

- South Sound BIPOC Business Roundtable
- Thurston Climate Action Team Health & Equity Group
- Thurston County Racial Equity Committee
- St. Martins, South Puget Sound Community College, and the Evergreen State College
- Thurston County Food Bank

Seven applications were received. Summaries of recommended applicants are included below, and the full applications are attached.

Recommended Applicants

The Multijurisdictional Staff Team met on September 12th and reviewed the new applications. After a thorough review, the following candidates were recommended for the expertise and new perspectives they will bring to the group.

Tierra Bonds

Tierra has expertise in several areas that will be of benefit to the workgroup, including business development and affordable housing. Tierra works and volunteers with low-income communities and communities of color, and is well-suited for membership in the group in general and as a frontline community member.

Jasmin S. Miller

Jasmin is a student at St. Martin’s University that has experienced firsthand the impacts of poverty and other challenges on folks’ perspectives of and experiences with climate change. Jasmin has built relationships with communities of color, people of low-income, and people with disabilities and can help the workgroup understand how these different identities may impact residents’ needs and priorities related to climate action.

Attachments:

- New Workgroup Applications

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Name *

Tony ray capps

Phone Number *

[REDACTED]

Email *

[REDACTED]

Why are you interested in serving on the Thurston Climate Advisory Workgroup? *

The changing climate is going be the largest factor affecting the social, economic, and environmental landscape during the next 30 years.

What is your connection to the Thurston region (live, work, recreate, etc)? *

I live, work, and recreate in the county. I bike commute much of the year.

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I am employed by WDFW, I've wildlife conservation surveies for Portland Metro in the past.

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I've lived in those communities.

Do you have any previous experience serving on a board, committee, or commission? If so, please describe your experience. *

None

Do you believe you will be able to serve a full three-year term of 4-6 annual meetings? *Youth representatives are allowed to serve one or two-year terms. *

yes

How did you hear about this workgroup? *

email

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Tierra Bonds

Phone Number *

[REDACTED]

Email *

[REDACTED]

Why are you interested in serving on the Thurston Climate Advisory Workgroup? *

To provide a perspective from a woman of color, low income individual so that we have a voice. I am also interested in this workgroup so that I can do my part in researching and doing something about the climate issues we are facing.

What is your connection to the Thurston region (live, work, recreate, etc)? *

Born and raised in Olympia. I also serve clients in Thurston County and it is the county I am based out of for work and live.

Do you have a background or expertise in any of the following areas? Expertise is not limited to formal work experience or education and can include life experience. (Check all that apply) *

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The gov agency I used to work for was Department of Corrections. I am in the process of working with the city to focus on resolutions for affordable housing. My company, Take Charge Consulting specializes in credit repair and business ownership to allow low income families to afford housing.

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I have first hand experience and I also work with people of color and low income families.

Do you have any previous experience serving on a board, committee, or commission? If so, please describe your experience. *

Yes, I am a board officer with a nonprofit called Black Owned Business Excellence which provide resources for people of color to start and grow their businesses.

Do you believe you will be able to serve a full three-year term of 4-6 annual meetings? *Youth representatives are allowed to serve one or two-year terms. *

Yes

How did you hear about this workgroup? *

SSBIPOC - Laurel

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Grace Ramos-Cartagena

Phone Number *

[REDACTED]

Email *

[REDACTED]

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I am hoping to work with other members of our community to identify the most effective and equitable action steps to reduce Thurston's imprint on Mother Earth.

What is your connection to the Thurston region (live, work, recreate, etc)? *

I am raised in Thurston County, a North Thurston Graduate. I now have a son enrolled in our K-12 system, work at the local community college & am completing my MPA at Evergreen.

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As a young mother I've struggled with affordable housing and have had to navigate our Thurston County resources. I also graduated locally and have spent my entire adult career working in community colleges throughout WA state.

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I have committed most of my life to DEI work. Currently I work at providing community and support services to underrepresented students enrolled at SPSCC. Through this work I have learned leading with understanding & fostering inclusivity creates the best lines of communication with 'frontline communities'.

Do you have any previous experience serving on a board, committee, or commission? If so, please describe your experience. *

Yes, I sit on the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee as well as the Student Engagement Advisory Council at SPSCC.

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Co-worker

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STEPHEN ANGOVE

Phone Number *

[REDACTED]

Email *

[REDACTED]

Why are you interested in serving on the Thurston Climate Advisory Workgroup? *

Just want to help keep Thurston County a great place to live

What is your connection to the Thurston region (live, work, recreate, etc)? *

Have lived, worked and played in Thurston County for 30 years

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Working on my own property

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I have been a volunteer over the years to help

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Yes

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Yes

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Received email

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Kathy Burrell

Phone Number *

[REDACTED]

Email *

[REDACTED]

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I feel that it is crucial that we all take steps to respond to climate changes and reduce the impact as much as possible.

What is your connection to the Thurston region (live, work, recreate, etc)? *

I have lived in Thurston County for over 20 years, and also work here.

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I work at Providence and have experience with the unsheltered, farm workers, low income, and people with disabilities.

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none

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on line

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Kelly Prodromides

Phone Number *

[REDACTED]

Email *

[REDACTED]

Why are you interested in serving on the Thurston Climate Advisory Workgroup? *

Would like to keep informed, and contribute ideas.

What is your connection to the Thurston region (live, work, recreate, etc)? *

I have lived in the Olympia area since 2007. I am retired. I love to garden, play golf and listen to good music.

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None.

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I participated in a diversity committee back in my college days.

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Yes.

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I picked up a flyer at Tumwater H.S.

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Jasmin S. Miller

Phone Number *

[REDACTED]

Email *

[REDACTED]

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I would love to connect with community leaders and collaborate with members of the Thurston community. I feel that my experiences as an individual could be valuable, and I would enjoy attending and listening in on public meetings.

What is your connection to the Thurston region (live, work, recreate, etc)? *

Currently attending Saint Martin's University for school and work.

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- Other
- None

Please describe your experience with the categories you selected. *

I have lived in Bellingham Washington where homelessness has become a growing issue over the years. From 2019 up until 2021 I was homeless with my grandma whom is disabled. During that time I was her sole caregiver. I am very familiar with the Opportunity Council and the Bellingham Housing Authority, which supports low-income individuals. I have experienced and seen the effects of how poverty specifically impacts frontline communities and their access to climate-conscious ways of living, and surviving day to day (waste management, access to public services, and more).

What is your experience living, working, and interacting with frontline communities? Frontline communities are those that are disproportionately impacted by the effects of climate change, and include communities of color, people of low-income, and people with disabilities. *

While I was homeless I had formed many connections with frontline community members, as well as services that supported us. I have attended meetings alongside my grandma, as both her interpreter and case manager (she is both disabled and has dyslexia). Often I have spoke with students and young adults at Bellingham's Northwest Youth Services, for youths 13-24. I am very familiar with communities of color, Hispanic/Latino community members, people of low-income, and those with disabilities.

Do you have any previous experience serving on a board, committee, or commission? If so, please describe your experience. *

I have never attended a meeting or served on a board, or committee. However I am currently taking a class on Environmental Social Issues where we will be attending a public meeting this semester.

Do you believe you will be able to serve a full three-year term of 4-6 annual meetings? *Youth representatives are allowed to serve one or two-year terms. *

I would be very interested!

How did you hear about this workgroup? *

Dr. Coby, whom is the dean of Environmental Studies, forwarded an email from Casey Mauck to students.

When are you generally available for meetings? (Check all that apply)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning (7am -12pm)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Afternoon (12pm - 4pm)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Evening (4pm - 7pm)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Demographic Questions

The following information is optional to submit, but will help us know if we have reached a diverse applicant pool that represents all members of the community. We will not report out individual responses but instead will provide a general summary of all responses (for example, how the demographics of applicants compares with the population of Thurston County). Information about your race, ethnicity, age, income, and/or gender that is provided voluntarily through this form may be used to monitor Thurston Regional Planning Council's Title VI program.

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