Boards and Commissions Leadership Institute
2017 Priority Seats
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The priority boards and commissions that are best suited to influence equity are described below, arranged geographically as follows: City of Sacramento, County of Sacramento, City/County of Sacramento Joint Authority, and Other. Some of these entities allow youth to apply, or have reserved seats for youth.

An organization may nominate candidates toward one or more seats on this list. An organization may also nominate:

- A candidate to a seat not on the list, as long as the organization can articulate its interest in the seat and the ability to support the candidate if appointed to the seat. The organization should, in its nomination letter, articulate how the seat fits in with the issue areas of land use/built environment, housing, transportation, health equity, youth opportunity, or a combination of the areas. The seat should be within the six county Sacramento region (El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba counties); if outside the cities and counties listed in the opening paragraph, please also include in the nomination letter how the organization can support the candidate in the appointment process.
- A recently seated commissioner to a board or commission on the list, or not on the list and meeting the above requirements.
- A candidate that your organization is already assisting to apply for a seat on this list, or not on the list and meeting the above requirements.

If you have any questions or would like more information on any of the priority seats listed, please contact Katie Valenzuela Garcia at katie@vgconsulting.org. This document provides a snapshot of priority seats at the time of publication, and is subject to change.

City of Sacramento

City of Sacramento Parks and Recreation Commission
- Meetings are held monthly no fewer than 8 times a year. Time and place TBA. Meets monthly on the first Thursday at 6:30 PM in the 2nd Floor Hearing Room of Historic City Hall at 915 I Street.
- Contact: Kimberly Rhodes, krrhodes@cityofsacramento.org or (916) 808-6316
- There are 11 seats. Terms are 4 years.

The commission provides recommendations and advice to the City Council and the Department of Parks and Recreation on policies, projects, and other matters pertaining to parks, recreation, trees, and human services affecting the City of Sacramento referred to the Commission by the City Council, the Director of Parks and Recreation, the community or members of the Commission.
City of Sacramento Planning and Design Commission
- Meets twice monthly on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers at New City Hall, located at 915 I Street.
- Contact: Nancy Bennett, NBennett@cityofsacramento.org or (916) 808-8684
- There are 13 seats. Terms are 4 years.

This commission is charged with the following tasks: develop and maintain the General Plan and specific plans as may be necessary; make recommendations to the City Council on zoning ordinance amendments, zone changes, tentative subdivision and parcel maps; make environmental impact report recommendations and determinations on various projects; act upon applications for special permits and variances, and other functions the city council provides.

Measure U Advisory Committee
- Meets twice a year in the City Council Chambers at New City Hall, located at 915 I Street.
- Contact: Dennis Kauffman, dkauffman@cityofsacramento.org or (916) 808-5843
- There are 5 seats. Terms are 2 years.

For each fiscal year in which Measure U half-cent transactions and use tax is collected, the committee shall review the City’s independent audit report, prepare and submit to council a report recording revenue generated and how the revenue was allocated. This committee will sunset on June 30, 2020.

Sacramento Community Police Commission
- Meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers at New City Hall, located at 915 I Street.
- Contact: Francine Tournour, ftournour@cityofsacramento.org or (916) 808-7345
- There are 11 seats. Terms are 4 years.

The commission is established for the purpose of providing recommendations to the mayor and city council on bias-free policing and the implementation, evaluation, and sustainability of efforts intended to strengthen community-police relations.

Sacramento Youth Commission
- Meets twice monthly on the 1st and 3rd Monday at 6:00 PM at the 2nd Floor Hearing Room at New City Hall, located at 915 I Street.
- Contact: Kriztina Palone, kpalone@cityofsacramento.org or (916) 808-2260
- There are 22 seats. Terms are 2 years. Eligible applicants must be between 14 and 19 years old.

The Sacramento Youth Commission is a youth led commission/advocacy group whose mission is to protect, preserve, and enhance the quality of life for Sacramento youth by advising the City Council and the public on issues relating to youth policies, programs, and opportunities.

County of Sacramento

Children’s Coalition
- Meetings are monthly on the 3rd Wednesday at 4:00 PM at the DHHS Office at 925 Del Paso Blvd, Suite 500.
- Contact: Abigail Nosce, noscea@saccounty.net or (916) 875-1415
There are 30 seats. Terms are three years, and one year for youth. There are two youth seats.

The purpose of this Coalition is to serve as an advisory board to the Board of Supervisors on matters related to the needs of children and families in Sacramento County.

**County of Sacramento Human Services Coordinating Council**
- Meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM at the Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance located at 2700 Fulton Avenue, Sacramento in Room 58.
- Contact: Jerri Thompson at (916) 875-1250.
- There are 22 seats. 4 seats are set aside for community members. Terms are 3 years.

This council serves as an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors on matters relating to health and human services planning and policy issues.

**County of Sacramento Planning Commission**
- Meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 5:30 PM in the Board Chambers (Suite 1450) of the County Administration Building, located at 700 H Street.
- Contact: Cyndi Lee, Clerk of the Board, at boardclerk@saccounty.net or (916) 874-5411.
- There are 5 seats. Terms are 2 years.

The Sacramento County Planning Commissions is a five-member commission appointed by the Board of Supervisors to hear land use, zoning and related policy issues. Some actions taken by the County Planning Commission are final unless appealed to the Board of Supervisors. This typically applies to smaller or single-entitlement applications such as rezones, use permits and variances. Some actions are sent as recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for final deliberation; these would include land use policy issues such as community plan amendments, general plan amendments and multi-entitlement applications.

**County of Sacramento Public Health Advisory Board**
- Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month from 12:00 to 1:30 PM in the Community Room at the Primary Care Clinic located at 4600 Broadway.
- Contact: Cherisse Thomasson, (916) 875-5483
- There are 15 seats. Terms are 3 years.

Sacramento County Public Health Advisory Board has as its primary role advising the Board of Supervisors and/or the Human Services Coordinating Council in all major policy matters concerning the nature, scope and extent of public health. In that role the PHAB identifies local needs and priorities, encourages the development of appropriate services, and acts as a forum for issues regarding public health and primary care.

**County of Sacramento Recreation and Park Commission**
- Monthly on the 4th Thursday at 6:30 PM at the Effie Yeaw Nature Assembly Building in Ancil Hoffman Regional Park, 2850 San Lorenzo Way, Carmichael
- Contact: Sylvia Smartt, smartts@saccounty.net or (916) 875-6170
- There are 5 seats. Terms are 4 years.

This commission advises the Board of Supervisors in the promotion of public recreation, including development of park and recreation facilities and fish and game propagation.
Sacramento County Mental Health Board
• Contact: Stephanie Dasalla, (916) 875-6482
• There are 16 seats. Terms are 3 years.

This board reviews and evaluates the community’s mental health needs, services, facilities and special problems.

Sacramento County Youth Commission
• Contact: Alma Munoz, (916) 874-9547
• There are 15 seats.

The purpose of this commission is to advise the Board of Supervisors on matters relating to youth issues.

Sheriff’s Outreach Community Advisory Board
• Meetings are every other month at 7000 65th Street, Sacramento.
• Contact: Sheriff Scott Jones, (916) 874-7146
• There are 20 seats. Terms are 2 years.

The purpose of the Advisory Board is to provide collaboration and communication in the establishment and implementation of programs that identify and seek to eradicate conflict, concerns and issues regarding the Department and the community it serves.

South Sacramento Area Community Planning Advisory Council
• Contact: Tonya Gillen, (916) 874-5397
• There are 11 seats. Terms are 2 years.

The purpose of this council is to participate in the planning process and to review and propose community goals and objectives.

Steering Committee on the Reduction of African American Child Deaths
• Contact: Kindra Montgomery-Block, (916) 922-4755 ext. 3323
• There are 32 seats. Terms are 2 years.

The purpose of the Steering Committee is to provide coordination and oversight of efforts, create a strategic plan, monitor implementation, evaluate and report on progress toward reducing in disproportional number of African American child deaths in Sacramento County.

City/County of Sacramento Joint Authority

Sacramento City/County Bicycle Advisory Committee
• Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM at the County Office at 906 G Street, Suite 510, Conference Room B.
• Contact: Dan Klinker (County) at klinkerd@saccounty.net or (916) 874-3926 or Jennifer Donlan Wyant at jdonlanwyant@cityofsacramento.org or (916) 808-5913
• There are 12 seats. Terms are 3 years.
The committee is charged with overseeing the implementation of the adopted 2010 Sacramento City/County Bikeway Master Plan. The duties of BAC will include advise staff and Council/Board on implementation of bicycle facilities included in the Bikeway Master Plan; assist in program development in areas of bicycle safety, education, registration, law enforcement, etc.; review and discuss current bicycling issues and advise staff and Council/Board; determine need for periodic updates of Bikeway Master Plan and assist in preparing updates and presentation; and provide for public participation and involvement with respect to bikeway implementation, programs and other bicycling matters addressed by the Committee.

Sacramento Environmental Commission
- Meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:00 PM in the main conference room at 10590 Armstrong Avenue in Mather, CA. The meetings in January, April, July and October are held in the County Board of Supervisors’ Chambers at 700 H Street at 6:30 PM.
- Contact: Jill Koehn, koehnjill@saccounty.net or (916) 875-8584
- There are 9 seats. Terms are 3 years.

The commission advises the City Council and the Board of Supervisors with respect to needs for effective implementation of an environmental management program; aids and advises the Sacramento County Environmental Management Department in the formulation and implementations of its programs, including consideration of air quality, environmental health, and hazardous materials control within the boundaries of Sacramento County; assesses the impact of state and federal requirements and regulations; reviews and approves contents of proposed ordinances, rules and regulations.

Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Commission
- Meets twice monthly on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 6:00 PM in the Commission Room at SHRA, located at 801 12th Street.
- Contact: Vicki L. Smith, vsmith@shra.org or (916) 440-1363
- There are 11 seats. Terms are 4 years.

The commission acts as a community redevelopment commission under the Community Redevelopment Law of the State of California, and as a community housing commission under the Housing Authority Law of the State of California, serving as an advisory panel to the Sacramento City Council and County Board of Supervisors on matters related to redevelopment and Housing Authority projects, programs and activities.

Sacramento Regional Transit District Mobility Advisory Council
- Meets the first Thursday of every month, at 2:30 p.m. in the Regional Transit Auditorium, at 1400 29th Street, Sacramento.
- Contact: RT’s Accessible Services Department at (916) 557-4685 or TDD (916) 557-4686.
- There are up to 21 seats, 15 representing organizations/ agencies which provide services to or advocate for persons with disabilities or older adults, and 6 representing individuals with disabilities and older adults. Terms are unspecified.

The object and purpose of the Mobility Advisory Council is to advise RT on system accessibility features and improvements, provide communication between RT and key stakeholder groups whose interests are representing persons with disabilities and older adults, and represent public transportation interest areas for persons with disabilities and older adults. The Council’s annual work plan links accessibility issues with larger customer-oriented decisions, such as fare changes, customer information, and service plans.
Other

Continuum of Care Advisory Committee
- Contact: info@sacstepsforward.org or 916.577.9770

The Continuum of Care Board is responsible for advising the Sacramento Steps Forward Board of Directors and the community on policy around the issue of homelessness. The goal of this Board is to ensure Sacramento Steps Forward a broad representation of constituents in the community, allowing our organization to establish a more efficient method of community planning and evaluation, which is key in our mission to end homelessness.

Neighborhood Association Boards
There are several neighborhood associations in the BHC area that would welcome new adult and youth board members. Contact association presidents to learn more. For a map of neighborhoods visit http://www.cityofsacramento.org/ParksandRec/Neighborhood-Services/Maps.

- Avondale Glen Elder Neighborhood Association: Nailah Pope-Harden, nailahph@gmail.com
- Colonial Heights Neighborhood Association: Rose Cabral and Rosette Nguyen, colonialheightsneighborhood@gmail.com
- Fruitridge Manor Neighborhood Association: Stephanie Francis, stephanie.francis@csus.edu
- Maple Neighborhood Association: Kenneth Duncan, kduncan@bgcsac.org
- MLK Neighborhood Association: Monti Hall, montihall@gmail.com
- Oak Park Neighborhood Association: Tamika L’Ecluse, president@oakparkna.com
- South Oak Park Community Association: Michael Blair, michael.blair@yahoo.com
- Southeast Village Neighborhood Association: Faye Kennedy, fayek@springmail.com
- Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association: Terrie Barron, president@tahoe-park.org

Nonprofit Boards
There are several nonprofit organizations that serve our communities. Look up http://sacbhc.org/partners/grantees/ for a partial list. Contact organizations directly to learn more about potential board membership.

Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education
- Meets monthly on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 6:30 PM at the Community Conference Rooms at the Serna Center located at 5735 47th Avenue.
- Contact: Board of Education Office, (916) 643-9314
- There are 8 seats. Terms are 4 years. Student member selected from the High School Student Advisory Committee, serves 1 year.

The Board of Education is elected by the community to provide leadership and citizen oversight of the district’s 47,900 students. Among its many responsibilities, the Board establishes a long-term vision for the district and sets district policies and goals, while the Superintendent carries out the policies and manages the day-to-day operations of the district. The Board also appoints several advisory committees each year.

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