

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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CALL for AT-LARGE COMMISSIONERS (2019-20)

TO: Mayors; Community Groups in the SRPEDD Region;
At-Large SRPEDD Delegates; SRPEDD Commissioners
FROM: Deborah Melino-Wender, SRPEDD Chair
DATE: April 1, 2019
RE: NOMINATIONS FOR SRPEDD AT-LARGE COMMISSIONER(S)

We are seeking representatives of minority and low-income community groups to serve on the Commission of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD). These appointments will take effect on May 22, 2019 at SRPEDD's Annual Meeting and continue through May 22, 2020. SRPEDD (pronounced sir-ped) is a regional planning agency established by the Legislature to provide regional planning and related planning technical assistance in transportation, land use, economic development, housing, and environmental concerns to the 27 municipalities (4 cities and 23 towns) that SRPEDD serves.

The Commission is SRPEDD's governing body and consists of municipal and community representatives who oversee the activities of the agency and address regional issues. The Commission meets approximately eight to ten times per year on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Meetings are held at SRPEDD's office in Taunton and begin at 6:30 pm.

The position of At-Large Commissioner, per the agency's bylaws, is a unique opportunity for individuals who represent and speak for traditionally disenfranchised minority and/or low-income populations in housing and economic development planning processes, as well as area transportation investments, among other important areas. The opportunity is all the more significant because At-Large Commissioners are also official voting members of the Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG), the advisory group to the Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO) for all transportation related issues. The JTPG is the forum for citizen involvement in transportation planning, and usually meets the second Wednesday of each month, likewise at SRPEDD, beginning at 2:00 pm.

Commission bylaws provide for up to six At-Large delegates representing low income and minority group interests: **2 for the New Bedford area; 2 for the Fall**

River area; 1 for the Taunton area; and 1 for the Attleboro area.

The attached sheet outlines the eligibility criteria for At-Large Commissioner Appointees and the communities included in each subarea.

You or your organization may propose a person to sit on the Commission, who will be nominated by a member of the Commission and confirmed by the body as a whole.

If interested, kindly fill out the attached Qualification Statement, and forward your completed form to: Stacy Royer at ssousa@srpedd.org or 88 Broadway, Taunton, MA 02780. Questions? Please call Stacy at (508) 824-1367

We hope to see a full complement of six At-Large Commissioners serving for the 2019-20 term so that low-income and minority community groups are well represented on the board. If you are aware of other qualified or interested community groups who may not have received this mailing, please notify us so we may contact them or pass along a copy on to the appropriate party. Thank you!

The **NOMINEE** must be a resident within one of the following subareas, as appropriate:

Taunton Subarea

Taunton
Berkley
Carver
Dighton
Lakeville
Middleborough
Raynham

Attleboro Subarea

Attleboro
Mansfield
North Attleborough
Norton
Plainville
Rehoboth

Fall River Subarea (2)

Fall River
Freetown
Seekonk
Somerset
Swansea

Westport

New Bedford Subarea (2)

New Bedford

Acushnet

Dartmouth

Fairhaven

Marion

Mattapoisett

Rochester

Wareham

CURRENTLY SERVING AT-LARGE COMMISSIONERS (2018-2019)

Attleboro Subarea: No appointment

Fall River Subarea: No appointment

New Bedford Subarea: Patrick Sullivan, Community Development Director; Corinn Williams, (CEDC) Community Econ Development Center

Taunton Subarea: Michael Ferreira, (OECD) Off of Econ & Community Development

The NOMINEE must be certified as a representative of a qualified low-income or minority community group in writing.

COMMUNITY GROUPS are defined as one of the following:

- a legal non-profit corporation or association whose members are minority and/or low income; or
- the governing body or advisory board of a public agency whose goals are reflective of the needs of minority and low-income people.

MINORITIES are those defined by the Economic Development Administration as:

- Black or African American – American Indian and Alaska Native
- Hispanic - Mexican, Puerto Rican, Other Hispanic or Latino
- Native American - persons known by virtue of tribal associations
- Asian - Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Filipino, Indian, Thai, Cambodian, Vietnamese
- Other Races including Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islanders

LOW-INCOME is defined according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics'

minimum standard of living.

QUALIFIED COMMUNITY GROUPS are those organizations, associations, or bodies which were formally established on or before July 1, 2013.

Please click here for the [At-Large Commissioners Qualification Statement Form](#).

PLEASE RETURN BY APRIL 26, 2019

Email or fax the completed form to [mailto: ssousa@srpedd.org](mailto:ssousa@srpedd.org) or 508-823-1803
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