

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MAY 2024 MEETING MATERIALS

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**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Local Government Advisory Committee
Public Meeting**

Location: Marriott Courtyard Washington Capitol Hill/Navy Yard Hotel
140 L St. SE, Washington, DC, 20003
Microsoft Teams virtual link available by emailing lgac@epa.gov

MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024	
6:45 PM	Major League Baseball Game: Washington Nationals vs. Minnesota Twins ** Must pre-register with EPA separately **
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM EDT	
8:00 AM	*** Coffee and pastries will be available starting at 8:00 AM *** SMALL COMMUNITY ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING <i>LGAC members and members of the public are invited to observe</i>
9:30 AM	PUBLIC MEETING OPENING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms. Paige Lieberman, EPA Designated Federal Officer</i> WELCOME <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Honorable Leirion Gaylor Baird, LGAC Chair</i> • <i>Mr. Mark Rupp, EPA Assistant Deputy Administrator</i>
9:55 AM	ROLL CALL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms. Paige Lieberman, EPA Designated Federal Officer</i>
10:00 AM	UPDATES FROM SMALL COMMUNITY ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Honorable Ann Mallek, SCAS Chair</i>

<p>10:15 AM</p>	<p>CLIMATE COMMUNICATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of ARC-X Platform, <i>Dr. Joel Scheraga</i>, EPA Senior Advisor on Climate Adaptation (15) • Interim Recommendations, <i>The Honorable Darcy Burke</i>, Workgroup Vice-Chair (5) • Discussion on Additional Input, <i>facilitated by Ms. Sarah Fox</i>, Workgroup Chair (20) • Next Steps, <i>Ms. Sarah Fox and The Honorable Darcy Burke</i>, Workgroup Chair and Vice-Chair (5)
<p>11:00 AM</p>	<p>BREAK</p>
<p>11:15 AM</p>	<p>LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND THE LIFECYCLE OF PFAS</p> <p>The Biden-Harris Administration and EPA are taking a comprehensive, whole-of-government approach to understanding and addressing PFAS in the environment. Local and state governments play a pivotal role in moving forward with this work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session Introduction, <i>Zach Schafer</i>, Senior Advisor, EPA Office of Water (3) • Biden-Harris Administration Approach, <i>Jonathan Black</i>, Senior Director for Chemical Safety and Plastic Pollution White House Council on Environmental Quality (7) • EPA Past and Future Actions, <i>Dr. David Cash</i>, EPA Region 1 Administrator and EPA PFAS Council Co-Chair (10) <p>Panel Discussion with EPA and LGAC Members, <i>facilitated by Zach Schafer</i> (25)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Stan Barone</i>, Senior Science Policy Advisor for Chemical Safety, EPA Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention • <i>Mr. Rick Kessler</i>, Senior Advisor for Implementation, EPA Office of Land and Emergency Management • <i>Mr. Ben Grumbles</i>, Executive Director, Environmental Council of the States <p>Open Discussion to All Meeting Participants, <i>facilitated by The Honorable Leirion Gaylor Baird</i>, LGAC Chair (30)</p>
<p>12:30 PM</p>	<p>LUNCH BREAK</p>

2:00 PM	<p>ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Updates from EPA, <i>Ms. Laura Ebbert</i>, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, and <i>Mr. Charles Lee</i>, Senior Advisor, EPA Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights (20) • Community Action Road Map, <i>Alan Walts</i>, Director of EPA Region 5 Environmental Justice, Community Health and Environmental Review Division (15) • Discussion on Road Map, facilitated by <i>The Honorable Christian Menefee</i>, Workgroup Chair (25)
3:00 PM	<p>PUBLIC COMMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Facilitated by The Honorable Lucy Vinis, LGAC Vice-Chair</i>
3:15 PM	<p>PLANNING FOR REMAINDER OF 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative and Policy Updates from EPA, <i>Mr. Tim Del Monico</i>, Associate Administrator, EPA Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs (15) • Workgroup Projections and Looking to Fall Meeting, <i>Ms. Paige Lieberman and Edlynzia Barnes</i>, EPA Designated Federal Officers (15) • Additional Topics to Consider, facilitated by <i>The Honorable Leirion Gaylor Baird</i>, LGAC Chair (30)
4:15 PM	<p>NEXT STEPS AND MEETING CLOSING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Honorable Leirion Gaylor Baird</i>, LGAC Chair • <i>Ms. Paige Lieberman</i>, EPA Designated Federal Officer
5:00 PM	<p>OPTIONAL HAPPY HOUR, The Salt Line, 79 Potomac Ave SE, Washington, DC</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024 9:30 - 10:30 AM EDT</p>	
9:30 – 10:30 AM	<p>Boat Tour of Anacostia River, hosted by Anacostia Watershed Society **Must pre-register with EPA separately – space limited**</p>

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May 2024 Meeting

In-Person LGAC Attendees

1. Mr. Gary Brown, Director, Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, Detroit, MI
2. The Honorable Darcy Burke, Municipal Water District, Lake Elsinore, CA
3. The Honorable Tricia Canonico, Councilmember, Fort Collins, CO
4. The Honorable Rebecca Corran, Councilmember, Las Cruces, NM
5. The Honorable Allison Eckel, Board of Commissioners, Burlington County, NJ
6. The Honorable Dawn Euer, State Senator, Rhode Island
7. The Honorable Jessyn Farrell, Former State Representative, Seattle, WA
8. The Honorable Sarah Fox, Councilmember, Vancouver, WA
9. The Honorable Leirion Gaylor Baird, Mayor, Lincoln, NE
10. The Honorable Evan Glass, Councilmember, Montgomery County, MD
11. Ms. Beth Graham, Mayor's Office, Atlanta, GA – representing Ms. Chandra Farley
12. Ms. Nicole Hewitt-Cabral, Mayor's Office, Newark, NJ – representing Mayor Ras Baraka
13. The Honorable Deana Holiday Ingraham, Mayor, East Point, GA
14. The Honorable Ruthzee Louijeune, City Council President, Boston, MA
15. The Honorable Ann Mallek, Board of Supervisors, Albemarle County, VA
16. The Honorable Christian Menefee, County Attorney, Harris County, TX
17. The Honorable Mary Lou Pauley, Mayor, Issaquah, WA
18. The Honorable Evan Pratt, Water Resources Commissioner, Washtenaw County, MI
19. The Honorable Danene Sorace, Mayor, Lancaster, PA
20. The Honorable Ashley Stolzmann, Commissioner, Boulder County, CO
21. The Honorable Lucy Vinis, Mayor, Eugene, OR

In-Person SCAS Attendees

1. The Honorable JoAnn Besich, Mayor, Superior, AZ
2. The Honorable Rebecca Corran, Councilmember, Las Cruces, NM
3. The Honorable Jonathan Godes, Councilmember, Glenwood Springs, CO
4. The Honorable Nicole LaChapelle, Mayor, Easthampton, MA
5. The Honorable Ray Leon, Mayor, Huron, CA
6. Mr. Tyler Palmer, Deputy City Supervisor, Moscow, ID
7. The Honorable Hattie Portis-Jones, Councilmember, Fairburn, GA
8. The Honorable Kimberly Rich, Alderman and Mayor Pro Tem, Willow Springs, MO
9. The Honorable Kyle Shipp, Mayor, Pittsboro, NC
10. Ms. Michele Zolezi, Township Vice President, Manchester, NJ

EPA Attendees

1. Ms. Lynzi Barnes, EPA Designated Federal Officer
2. Dr. Stan Barone, Senior Science Policy Advisor for Chemical Safety, EPA Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention
3. Mr. Jack Bowles, EPA Director of State and Local Government Affairs
4. Dr. David Cash, EPA Region 1 Administrator
5. Mr. Tim Del Monico, Associate Administrator, EPA Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs
6. Ms. Laura Ebbert, Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator, EPA Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights
7. Mr. Rick Kessler, Senior Advisor for Implementation, EPA Office of Land and Emergency Management
8. Mr. Charles Lee, Senior Advisor, EPA Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights
9. Ms. Paige Lieberman, EPA Designated Federal Officer

10. Mr. Mark Rupp, EPA Assistant Deputy Administrator
11. Mr. Zach Schafer, Senior Advisor, EPA Office of Water
12. Dr. Joel Scheraga, EPA Senior Advisor on Climate Adaptation
13. Mr. Frank Sylvester, EPA Designated Federal Officer

External Attendees

1. Jonathan Black, Senior Director for Chemical Safety and Plastic Pollution, White House Council on Environmental Quality
2. Mr. Ben Grumbles, Executive Director, Environmental Council of the States

Expected Virtual LGAC Attendees

1. The Honorable Wilmot Collins, Mayor, Helena, MT
2. The Honorable Jim Donchess, Mayor, Nashua, NH
3. Ms. Miki Esposito, Assistant Director, Los Angeles County Public Works Department
4. The Honorable Heather Kimball, Council Chair, Hawaii County, HI
5. The Honorable Douglas Nicholls, Mayor, Yuma, AZ
6. The Honorable David Painter, Commissioner, Clermont County, OH
7. Mr. Whit Remer, Sustainability and Resilience Office, Tampa, FL
8. The Honorable Satya Rhodes-Conway, Mayor, Madison, WI
9. The Honorable Sharon Weston-Broome, Mayor, Baton Rouge, LA
10. La'Meshia Whittington, Environmental Justice and Equity Advisory Board, State of North Carolina



Climate Communications

Client Office: Office of Public Affairs

The LGAC will interface with the Offices of Public Affairs, Air and Radiation, and subject matter staff from other parts of the Agency, as needed.

Background

Communicating on climate change is about educating and mobilizing audiences to take action to urgently cut greenhouse gas emissions while also addressing the impacts of a changing climate. Often the work to mitigate and adapt to climate change depends on leadership at the state and local government levels. However, between limited resources and messaging challenges surrounding the issue, working at all levels of government to tackle the climate crisis faces real difficulties. Under its statutory authorities (Inflation Reduction Act, Clean Air Act and others), EPA can support local government efforts to explain the benefits of action at a community level, with a strong focus on the opportunity to create healthy and thriving communities for future generations.

Charge

- 1) What are the challenges for local governments to communicate the benefits of addressing climate change? Are there specific climate change impacts and/or interventions that local governments need support in communicating?
- 2) Are there specific programs within the Administration's climate agenda that appeal to specific states or regions of the country?
- 3) What formats are most helpful for local governments to utilize?
- 4) How can EPA distribute tools in an efficient and effective way? Is EPA the best messenger? If not, who is?
- 5) Are there specific regional or urban/rural contexts that should be considered?
- 6) Are there lessons learned from related efforts in the past, including other public health issues like COVID-19, that EPA should know about?

Details of LGAC Workgroup Action

The LGAC will engage the Climate Workgroup to research this charge and develop recommendations. The Workgroup will be comprised of LGAC members, not to exceed a quorum, and will meet monthly via videoconference, starting as soon as November.

The Workgroup will report out on its progress at a public meeting in Spring 2024; a public meeting will be scheduled for the Workgroup to present its final recommendations once they are developed. The LGAC's Small Communities Advisory Subcommittee will also be given an opportunity to weigh in on the recommendations before they are finalized.

The content of Workgroup meetings will include dialogue with EPA staff and other experts. External guests may be consulted as desired by the Workgroup members.

Deliverables

The Workgroup will summarize its discussions on the above topics, highlighting any recommendations, in a written document.

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Interim Recommendations on EPA's Adaptation Resource Center (ARC-x)

May 2024

Positive Feedback

- Clear who is the intended audience
- Good overview and range of resources for environmental professionals
- Intuitive to use

Web Navigation

- Good navigation within the arcX system, but when directed to EPA sites users must dig through information, and it's not intuitive how to get back to arcX
 - o Helpful to have repetitive list of information on every page, to keep from getting lost in information part
 - o Recommend adding graphics for navigation, including a home button to return to arcX
- Add translation button

Scale of Information

- Scale is based on EPA region, would be helpful to add layers for individual states or counties
- Add functionality to indicate what stage of planning you are in (i.e. exploring, planning, etc.), and basics about your community (i.e. rural, small, urban) to tailor the specific tools identified
- Add functionality to self-identify knowledge level (i.e. expert, novice, certain background) to tailor tools and data provided
- Members are interested in what states lack a university or other partner to develop a state-level platform – offer to make connections where possible.

Topics and Tools To Add

- Need to add wildfire as a standalone topic (rather than under air quality) given its increase in frequency and location
- Need to add land use planning as a way to reduce GHG emissions
- Highlight how IRA/BIL money can be used on home page for users who want to determine how this funding can support their community
- Lots of case studies for the Northeast, but need to increase in other regions
- Need for fillable templates and infographics on common actions
- Information is very text heavy. Recommend adding more links to short videos of information. These could be existing videos or something EPA creates themselves
- Create new section on communication resources/tools.
 - o Focus on evaluating risk and looking at a menu of options for response. Use an issue or event as an opportunity to educate about the issue while also empowering people with choices to minimize the disruption/cost/etc.
 - o Highlight the visceral impacts of these crises (e.g. road damage, property damage or cost increase) rather than the more abstract impacts (e.g. gradual sea level rise or

temperature increase). Template communications to use following common extreme weather events, highlighting how it relates to climate change.

- Communications should highlight the climate-health nexus and engage with people's personal values around safety.

Sharing and Marketing Platform

- Engage with municipal leagues through national organizations of policymakers (e.g. National League of Cities, National Association of Counties, African American Mayors Association, Association of County Supervisors, Association of Towns and Townships) that are involved in climate but not necessarily attending climate conferences or learning details about climate issues and opportunities.
- Engage with state organizations similar as above, like state municipal leagues, or state-specific groups like Accelerate Indiana Municipalities, as well as climate-focused groups like the Colorado Communities for Climate Action. LGAC members offer to make connections where possible.
- Engage with skilled workers that do home improvements, as has been successful in New Hampshire.
- Recommend changing name of platform to something more easily identifiable, less bureaucratic, like localenvironmentalplanning.gov

Related Challenges to Consider

- In some locations, mentioning climate immediately shuts some people down, either for political reasons or because it seems too complicated. Is there a way to create an entry point for this resource that is simple and plain language? For example, I want to tell you that I'm from a small town on the West Coast and get a list of climate hazards I should be aware of, with links to learn about and act on each.
- This could be an excellent tool for newly elected officials that have limited experience in climate programs and policies. If they are in a smaller community or district, they probably don't have the staff resources to help get up to speed, but still have mandates to get this work done.
 - Recommend sharing this resource in a targeted way with CPRG recipients

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Member Biographies

May 2024



Leirion Gaylor Baird, Chair

Mayor, Lincoln, NE

Leirion Gaylor Baird was elected Mayor of Lincoln, Nebraska in 2019, after serving two terms on the City Council. The mayor's vision of leading Lincoln toward a more successful, secure, and shared future drives her administration's agenda. Upon taking office, she launched the Resilient Lincoln initiative and commissioned the development of a Climate Action Plan – a first of its kind in the state of Nebraska. She currently serves on the Advisory Board of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and as Chair of their Mayors and Metro Universities Task Force. Mayor Gaylor Baird has been Chair of the LGAC since 2021.



Lucy Vinis, Vice Chair

Mayor, Eugene, OR

Lucy Vinis has served as Mayor of Eugene, Oregon for 5 years. She has worked across the government and non-profit sectors to address equity, land use, natural resources, agriculture, housing, and homelessness. She previously worked as a consultant in Washington, DC, and co-authored studies on sustainable farming, land use, and development impacts on ground and surface water in the Chesapeake Bay. Vinis is a member of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and a Climate Mayor, bringing Eugene's leadership and experience into the national discussion about the role of cities in responding to climate change. Vinis is the Vice Chair of the LGAC.



Ras Baraka

Mayor, Newark, NJ

Ras J. Baraka is currently serving his third term as Mayor of Newark, New Jersey. A Newark native, he has received accolades from grassroots organizations to the White House, for his ability to reduce crime to its lowest levels in five decades, address affordability while maintaining growth, lower unemployment, and nearly complete the replacement of all 23,000-plus lead service lines in the city. As the President and Chair of the New Jersey Urban Mayors Association, and through his involvement in the New Jersey DEP Environmental Justice Advisory Council, he is addressing climate change and environmental justice inequities.



Sharon Broome

Mayor, Baton Rouge, LA

Sharon Broome was sworn in as the Mayor-President of Baton Rouge in 2017, but has a long history of public service and leadership. She is the first female to hold her position and was also the first female to hold the leadership positions of Speaker Pro Tempore in the Louisiana State House and President Pro Tempore in the State Senate. Broome is focused on uniting her city around the common goals of equality in education, economic development, justice, housing, and other quality ways of life.



Gary Brown, Water Workgroup Vice-Chair

Water and Sewerage Department Director, Detroit, MI

Gary Brown is Director of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD), which is the largest water and sewerage system in the United States. Service has been a constant in Brown's life, starting with the U.S. Marines, and including 26 years in the Detroit Police Department as a patrol officer, precinct commander and deputy chief. Since taking the helm of DWSD in 2016, Brown has transformed its operation by focusing on compassionate customer care and addressing the evolving needs of the community.



Darcy M. Burke

Board of Directors, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District, CA

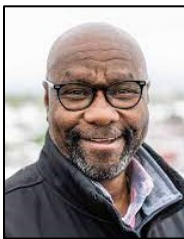
Darcy M. Burke was elected to the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District, Lake Elsinore, California in 2018 and then re-elected in 2022. Her professional career has focused on water quality and small water system assistance. Since joining the Board, she has led a five-year strategic planning effort which included creating a cohesive regional water resiliency planning group, focusing on securing new long-term water supplies for fast-growing Southwest Riverside County. She currently serves on the Urban Water Institute's Board of Directors, the California Nevada Section, American Water Works Association's Communications and Customer Service Committee, and Associated California Water Agencies Water Quality PFOS Working Group.



Tricia Canonico

Councilmember, Fort Collins, CO

Tricia Canonico serves as Councilmember for Fort Collins, Colorado, where she acts as a representative on the Board of Directors of the Colorado Coalition on Climate Action as well as a member on the Policy and Legislative Committees. Throughout her career, she has demonstrated a commitment to community advocacy and engagement. In 2020, Tricia organized a campaign to support frontline healthcare workers in the initial months of the COVID-19 pandemic. She has also worked to ensure all voices in her community can be heard, even before holding elected office. In 2018, she worked to garner support for her local immigrant community through her work with the Family Center, where she also created fundraising plans for children's education.



Wilmot Collins

Mayor, Helena, MT

As a refugee fleeing the First Liberian Civil War, Collins arrived in Helena in 1994 and began his life in America working at a home for abused children and as a school janitor. As spending two decades as a U.S. Navy reservist and working as a child protection specialist with the Montana Department of Health, Collins was elected the first black mayor of any city in Montana since statehood. His platform included a commitment to increasing funding for firefighters, police officers, and other first responders and reducing teenage and veteran homelessness.



Becky Corran

Councilmember, Las Cruces, NM

Becky Corran has served as a City Councilmember for Las Cruces, New Mexico since 2021. As part of that role, she chairs the Transportation, Sustainability, and Infrastructure Policy Review Committee, where she provides key perspectives from her twenty years of experience in public health and education. As a Councilor and community college professor, she works with diverse communities with a focus on access and equity.



Jim Donchess

Mayor, Nashua, NH

Jim Donchess has served as Mayor of Nashua, New Hampshire since 2016. Since taking office, Mayor Donchess has focused on economic growth, affordable housing, building stronger, greener municipal infrastructure, and education. His accomplishments include adding 700 units of housing, expanding full-day kindergarten across all public schools, and launching Nashua Community Power. A longtime advocate for justice, Mayor Donchess draws on his many years of experience as an attorney representing plaintiffs in discrimination lawsuits to build a stronger community. Aside from his present mayoralty, Jim also served two terms as the 51st Mayor of Nashua.



Allison Eckel

Commissioner, Burlington County, NJ

Allison Eckel is a dedicated community activist who currently sits on the Burlington County Board of Commissioners in New Jersey. She has committed herself to local involvement through her work with the Lenape Regional High School District Board of Education as well as being a Scoutmaster with the Boy Scouts of America's first all-girl troop in New Jersey. Allison is also an outspoken advocate on a host of environmental topics, including water quality and environmental justice land preservation.



Miki Esposito

Associate Director of Public Works, Los Angeles County, CA

Miki Esposito is responsible for leading the Los Angeles County public works department, which serves nearly 10 million people. Esposito began her career as an attorney for the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, specializing in Environmental and Natural Resources Law. She also worked in the Lincoln City Attorney's Office on civil litigation, contract negotiation and legislation, and as Senior Policy Advisor to the Mayor of Lincoln, where she supported a range of policy issues.



Dawn Euer

State Senator, State of Rhode Island

Dawn Euer is a Democrat representing Newport and surrounding areas. Euer has helped advocate for marriage equality, environmental issues, economic justice, women's rights and more. She was the lead sponsor of 2021's historic Act on Climate, which is the most comprehensive climate legislation in Rhode Island history. As the representative of a district on the front lines of climate change, she continues to advocate for substantial investments in renewable energy and resiliency. In 2022, Sen. Euer was named USA TODAY's Women of the Year honoree for Rhode Island. Euer has served on the boards of a range of organizations. She is currently studying marine affairs and is a practicing lawyer.



Chandra Farley

Sustainability Director, Atlanta, GA

With a passion for elevating the connection between environmental justice, strong communities, and our daily lives, Chandra's perspective on built and natural environments is informed by a career foundation in the design and construction industry. Her career includes working at Southface Energy Institute and Partnership for Southern Equity, focused on forming national partnerships and advancing community-centered strategies that advance energy equity, climate justice and utility accountability.

She has served in leadership roles on a range of boards and committees. As Atlanta's Chief Sustainability Officer, she is charged with developing a comprehensive climate resilience strategy that will address energy insecurity, healthy housing, local food systems, waste diversion, building decarbonization, workforce training, and fleet electrification while advancing the City's goal to achieve 100% clean energy for 100% of Atlantans by 2035. Chandra is also developing the strategy to leverage the historic federal investment in clean energy in alignment with the Justice40 Initiative.



Jessyn Farrell

Director of Sustainability, Seattle, WA

Jessyn Farrell is a leader in building public consensus on difficult issues related to the environment, housing, transportation, and the economy. Farrell has more than 20 years of experience in the public, private, philanthropic and non-profit sectors, including serving as a member of the Washington House of Representatives from 2013 to 2017. In the legislature, she focused on transportation, education, and labor issues.

Farrell is a longtime transit and environmental advocate, and emphasizes listening, creative-thinking and data-based decision-making to find solutions that meet community objectives.



Sarah Fox

Climate Program Manager, State of Washington

Sarah Fox is a Climate Program Manager for the Washington State Department of Commerce, where she guides local governments in planning for climate change impacts. She was also elected to Vancouver, Washington's City Council, where she is serving her second term. She has more than 18 years of experience in long-range and current planning, including advocating for urban development and affordable housing, land use, transportation, fossil fuel regulations, and climate action policies.



Jacob Frey

Mayor, Minneapolis, MN

Jacob Frey was elected Mayor in 2017 and has championed an agenda during his tenure centered on increasing access to affordable housing throughout the city, strengthening community-police relations, and fueling economic growth through inclusive policies. He has successfully secured record-setting investments for the city's affordable housing work, boosting efforts to expand and preserve affordable housing. Prior to his role as Mayor, he served on Minneapolis City Council Member from 2014 to 2018. As an employment and civil rights attorney, Frey became an active community organizer, including fighting for gay rights and supporting those experiencing homelessness.



Evan Glass

Councilmember, Montgomery County, MD

Evan Glass is an At-Large member of the Montgomery County Council, where he has served since 2018. He is the first openly LGBTQ+ individual to serve on the Council. He also serves as Chair of the Transportation & Environment Committee and as a board member of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. Glass is committed to addressing issues of housing affordability, transit equity, achieving Vision Zero, addressing the climate crisis through meaningful environmental legislation and clean energy initiatives, and ensuring that Montgomery County is

economically competitive. Prior to serving in elective office, Glass spent 12 years as a CNN journalist, where he covered Congress, presidential campaigns, and national politics.



Evan Hansen

House Delegate, Morgantown, WV

Evan Hansen is serving his third term in the West Virginia House of Delegates, representing Monongalia County. Hansen owns an environmental and economic development consulting firm that strengthens economies, sustains healthy environments, and builds resilient communities. Before his election, Evan worked with legislators to respond to the Freedom Industries chemical leak, and provided testimony regarding attempts to increase the amount of cancer-causing chemicals in the state's rivers. Hansen's work has also included consulting on water and energy issues across Sub-Saharan Africa, and in China and Egypt.



Deana Holiday Ingraham

Mayor, East Point, GA

During her first term as mayor of East Point, Georgia, Deana Holiday Ingraham has championed implementation of livable wages for City employees, financial literacy for youth, developing public arts and agricultural master plans, and using Brownfields grant funding to develop unused land. Prior to her role as mayor, she had a successful legal career, including serving as a trial court law clerk, managing member of her own law firm, and an advocate for senior citizens. Ingraham serves on several organizations, including as a board member for the National League of Cities (NLC) and Georgia Municipal Association.



Heather Kimball

County Commissioner, Hawai'i County, HI

Heather Kimball is in her second term as Commissioner, representing the rural and economically disadvantaged district of Hawai'i County. During her tenure she has supported legislative projects on affordable housing, electric vehicle charging infrastructure, and climate change targets. Outside of elected office Kimball manages a consulting firm focused on environmentally sensitive land management planning and creating public communication materials and policy support tools. She has technical expertise in the zero-waste movement, Extended Producer Responsibility, and has written for several relevant academic publications.



Ruthzee Louijeune

City Council President, Boston, MA

The daughter of Haitian immigrants, born and raised in the city of Boston and its public schools, Ruthzee has the passion and conviction to meet the urgency of this difficult moment and lead us to a better Boston. As a lawyer and advocate, Ruthzee fights for working people— in particular Black and Latinx communities— on issues of housing and homeownership, education access, and civic participation. When the political process ignores the needs of her community, Ruthzee and her family have joined and led protests against unfair immigration practices and police brutality.



Ann Mallek

Supervisor, Albemarle County, VA

Ann Mallek was first elected to the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors in November 2008. She has over 40 years of experience in public service, including Committees on tourism, agriculture, forestry and historic preservation. She is also an active member of the Virginia Association of Counties (VACO) Board of Directors and the National Association of Counties (NACo) Environment and Land Use Committee. In 13 of her 14 years on the Board of Supervisors, she has held 6 town halls annually to meet with constituents, going online with Covid.



Christian Menefee

County Attorney, Harris County, TX

Christian Menefee was reared in an environmental justice community, living near the largest petrochemical company in the world. In 2020 he was elected as Harris County Attorney, as the youngest person and first African American to hold the position. During his tenure he has engaged in legal action against the Texas highway agency for infrastructure projects with detrimental impacts on underserved neighborhoods, as well as with Texas environmental regulators failing to follow permit laws, and a company responsible for creosote contamination in a predominantly Black neighborhood that resulted in cancer clusters.



Douglas J. Nicholls

Mayor, Yuma, AZ

Currently in his third term as Mayor, Nicholls believes that quality communities provide opportunities for success to all residents through jobs, superior education, and a robust quality of life. His vision to make higher education more accessible culminates in plans for the Yuma Multiversity Campus (YMC), a brownfields redevelopment project that will utilize the academic programs and specialties offered by state universities and local community colleges. Nicholls has also spearheaded efforts to enhance and grow the Yuma community, including founding [4FrontED](#), an economic development-focused governing board of mayors from binational locations near the U.S.-Mexico border.



Ron Nirenberg

Mayor, San Antonio, TX

Ron Nirenberg is currently serving his third term as the mayor of San Antonio, which has the 7th largest population in the United States and is one of the nation's fastest growing cities. Nirenberg is the first San Antonio Mayor of Asian Pacific Islander descent. Through his personal experiences, Nirenberg developed a core commitment to civic participation and the universal values of liberty, justice, and equal opportunity for every person. Under his leadership as mayor, the city has adopted an equity framework in budgeting to reduce poverty, improve public health, and overcome historical socioeconomic inequality.



David Painter

County Commissioner, Clermont County

David Painter is currently serving his second term on the Clermont County Board of Commissioners and is a strong advocate for market competition and government efficiency. Painter is committed to reducing the impacts resulting from the Ohio opiate crisis. He represents the people of Ohio on several regional and national organizations, including the National Association of County's (NACo) Energy, Environmental and Land Use Steering Committee and NACo Board of Directors.



Shawyn Patterson-Howard

Mayor, Mount Vernon, NY

Shawyn Patterson-Howard has served as Mayor of Mount Vernon since 2020, where she has been on the front lines of fighting for social justice in her city. She has maintained a strong focus on developing systemic solutions that help marginalized groups and creating partnerships that serve disenfranchised voices. During her time in office, Mayor Patterson-Howard has helped to secure funding for multiple infrastructure redevelopment projects, including funding to upgrade Mount Vernon's aging sewers and a cultural arts district. Mayor Patterson-Howard is also the first woman elected mayor in her city and is the first woman of color elected mayor in Westchester County. She has leveraged this position to strengthen relationships within her city and create new networks for community development.



Mary Lou Pauly

Mayor, Issaquah, WA

Mary Lou Pauly has served as Mayor of Issaquah since 2017, following 19 years on the City's Development Commission and four years on City Council. During her time as a public servant, she has implemented a City Climate Action Plan, provided electrification incentives, and worked with regional partners to evaluate PFAS contamination and remediation. She is an active member on several national organizations, including the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the Mayors Water Council, and the National League of Cities. Prior to elected office she worked in environmental consulting and civil engineering.



Evan Pratt

Water Resources Commissioner, Washtenaw County, MI

Evan Pratt has served for 11 years as Water Resources Commissioner for Washtenaw County, Michigan. In this role, he oversees EPA-funded projects and collaborates with regional working groups to help improve the state's water standards. Prior to this, he worked for 24 years as a municipal consulting engineer, including as a Board member and Corporate Treasurer for a large consulting firm. Based on his extensive knowledge of water infrastructure and leadership in his field, Evan was appointed to the Governor's 21st Century Infrastructure Commission in 2016.



Whitford E. Remer

Sustainability and Resilience Officer, Tampa, FL

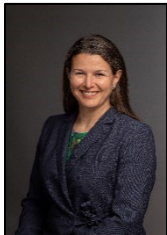
As the first Sustainability and Resilience Officer for the City of Tampa, Whitford Remer is guided by three core principles: Go Green, Be Fair, and Keep Safe. Remer is responsible for developing the Resilient Tampa Roadmap and secured major financial commitment in his first few months on the job to develop the city's first Climate Action and Equity Plan to reach 100% renewable energy. His drive towards equity and inclusion comes from living in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.



Satya Rhodes-Conway, Air, Climate and Energy Workgroup Chair

Mayor, Madison, WI

Elected in 2019, Satya Rhodes-Conway is the second female and first out LGBTQ person to serve as mayor of Madison, Wisconsin. She has extensive experience in local policy and practice, having served three terms on the Madison Common Council, and worked with mayors and organizations across the country to implement innovative policy that promote environmental economic sustainability and build democratically accountable communities. As co-chair of the Climate Mayors, Rhodes-Conway recognizes the need for whole-of-government approach to climate change, including public budgets, capital investments, and a focus on equity.



Danene Sorace

Mayor, Lancaster, PA

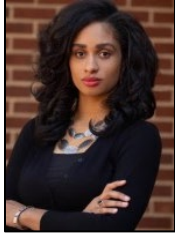
Danene Sorace serves as the 43rd Mayor of Lancaster. Mayor Sorace brings her experience as a non-profit leader, environmental advocate, and City Councilor to the role of mayor. She has set forth a vision of building a stronger, more equitable Lancaster block by block underscored by four strategic priorities: strong neighborhoods, safe places, sustainable economy, and sound government. Mayor Sorace serves on the U.S. Conference of Mayors Water Council and is the former president of the Pennsylvania Municipal League. In her time as Mayor, Lancaster launched the Department of Neighborhood Engagement to elevate neighborhoods and empower residents, secured record grants to remediate lead and promote safe streets, and made historic investments in affordable housing. Mayor Sorace's first taste of local government was creating Lancaster's first green infrastructure plan.



Ashley Stolzmann

Commissioner, Boulder County, CO

Boulder County Commissioner Ashley Stolzmann is committed to serving the Boulder County community in a way that protects the environment and allows every person the opportunity to thrive. Stolzmann has served as an elected official since 2013, including chairing the regional Council of Governments, comprised of 58 different governmental agencies responsible for regional planning, transportation, and aging services for the broader region. Stolzmann believes that tackling climate action is the most important issue facing Boulder County and the world, and that the actions we take in the next decade will determine our path for the future. She led her community through both the COVID-19 pandemic and a devastating wildfire. Stolzmann also has a background in engineering and manufacturing.



La'Meshia Whittington

State of North Carolina

Professor La'Meshia Whittington is a NC state appointed official, professor, the Principal and CEO of Whittington & Staley Consulting Group, LLC and the Founding President of Democracy Green, and environmental justice and pro-democracy reform nonprofit birthed in Hurricane Florence's floodwaters. She created the nation's first research on racial gerrymandering and pollution hotspots in marginalized communities and then again on the intersection of PFAS and environmental justice.



Jeff Witte

Secretary of Agriculture

Jeff Witte has served with New Mexico's Department of Agriculture since 1994, and as Secretary since 2011. He has been a member of both the LGAC and SCAS since 2015, including serving as Vice Chair from 2018 to 2020. During his tenure he created the New Mexico Agricultural Leadership Program, represented New Mexico ranchers and farmers on state legislation, and started the Southwest Border Food Safety and Defense Center at New Mexico State University, which brings together law enforcement and the agricultural industry to develop plans that will protect New Mexico agriculture as part of a homeland security strategy.

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Mark Rupp

EPA Assistant Deputy Administrator

Mark Rupp serves as the Assistant Deputy Administrator where he oversees agency policy, management, and operational priorities. Prior to rejoining EPA in September 2023, Mark worked at the Environmental Defense Fund and, subsequently, the Georgetown Climate Center where he led a team in support of resilience, equity, and community-based solutions at the local, state, and federal levels. He is also an Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center.



David Cash

EPA Region 1 Administrator

David W. Cash has spent his career in public service harnessing science, innovative policy and participatory decision-making to solve challenges and seize opportunities at the intersection of environment, economy and equity. Prior to coming to EPA, Dr. Cash was in senior leadership positions in Massachusetts state government as well as academia. He has collaborated across government and with communities and the private sector to craft and implement innovative science-based policies around climate, environmental justice, energy, job creation, water, land use, waste management, and grid modernization. Dr. Cash holds a Ph.D. in public policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, a science teaching degree from Lewis & Clark in Portland, OR, and a BS in biology from Yale.



Theresa Segovia

Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, EPA Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights

Theresa Segovia coordinates implementation of environmental justice and external civil rights priorities across the agency's national programs, regions, and across partnerships with other federal agencies and coregulators in state, tribal, and local government, and communities. Before joining the EPA, Segovia worked for fifteen years at the US Department of Justice (DOJ), first as a human trafficking investigator in the Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division, then as National Program Manager for the Criminal Section, before becoming the Associate Director of Operations for DOJ's Community Relations Service. There, she led teams that responded to civil rights violations related to race, color and national origin, as well as hate crimes related to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, and disability. She led teams that responded to some of the country's most critical environmental crises, including the DAPL pipeline conflict at Standing Rock, the Flint and Jackson water crises, and the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey in Houston and Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico.



Tim Del Monico

Associate Administrator, EPA Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs

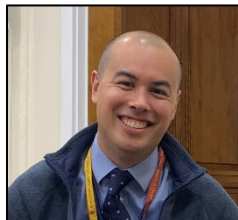
Tim Del Monico is the Associate Administrator for the U.S. EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, which serves as the Agency's principal point of contact with Congress, states, and local governments. Tim has over 20 years of political, legislative, and executive-branch experience. Prior to joining EPA, he was Chief of Staff to Congressman Raul Ruiz (CA-36), the former chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and a senior member of the Energy and Commerce Committee and Veterans Affairs Committee. Before that, he was Legislative Director to Senator Robert Menendez (NJ), appointed by President Obama to serve as business liaison at the Department of Homeland Security, and held senior legislative roles with Reps. Frank Pallone (NJ-6) and Linda Sanchez (CA-38). A proud native of the Garden State, Tim was born and raised in North Jersey. After beginning his academic career at Bergen Community College, Tim transferred to Stockton State College, known as the Harvard of Atlantic County, NJ, to major in political science.



Ben Grumbles

Executive Director, Environmental Council of the States

Ben Grumbles has been ECOS Executive Director since June 2022 but served as an officer and active member of the association for almost a decade. From 2015 to May 2022, he was Secretary of the Environment for Maryland, serving as Chair of the Governor's Chesapeake Bay Cabinet and the Maryland Climate Change Commission and Executive Committee Member of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. Ben has also served as President of the US Water Alliance, Director of Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, U.S. EPA Assistant Administrator for Water, and Senior Staff and Counsel for the Transportation and Infrastructure and Science Committees in the U.S. Congress. He is an appointed advisor to the Division of Earth and Life Studies within the National Academies (Sciences, Engineering, Medicine) and a graduate of Wake Forest University, Emory University Law School (JD), and The George Washington University Law School (LLM).



Jonathan Black

Senior Director, White House Council on Environmental Quality

Jonathan Black is the Senior Director for Chemical Safety and Plastic Pollution Prevention at the White House Council on Environmental Quality, a component of the Executive Office of the President. He previously served as a Special Assistant to the President & Senate Legislative Liaison from January 2021 to October 2022 where he worked on some of President Biden's signature legislative achievements, like the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act. Prior to that, Jonathan served nearly twenty years in the U.S. Senate working on energy and environmental issues, including chemical safety and plastic pollution issues. He was a Senior Policy Advisor for Senator Tom Udall (D-NM) and a Senior Professional Staff Member on the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources for Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM). He is originally from Long Island, New York.



Jack Bowles

EPA Director of State and Local Government Affairs

Jack has been in public service for 35 years, with 30 of those at EPA. He has served as the EPA Region 8 (Rocky Mountain) Director of State Programs, and for the last 14 years as EPA's national director of state and local government relations. He has spent much of his career at the nexus of federal and state environmental policymaking and government relations, including shorter term stints at the White House Office of Management & Budget, on Capitol Hill, at the White House Council on Environmental Quality as the Deputy Executive Director of the President's Council on Sustainable Development and then as the Deputy Director of the White House Task Force on Livable Communities. Jack received his B.A. in International Political Economy and his M.A. in Public Administration from the University of Virginia, where he completed his thesis on "Regulatory Federalism under President Reagan." Jack lives in Great Falls, Virginia, with his two sons and dog, where he has served on the Boards of the Great Falls Citizen's Association and the Friends of Riverbend Park, in addition to being active in Great Falls sports, scouting and church. He also currently serves as Board Secretary for the Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions.



Joel Scheraga

Senior Advisor, EPA Office of Climate Adaptation

Dr. Joel Scheraga is the Senior Advisor for Climate Adaptation in the Office of Policy at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). He leads EPA's work on climate adaptation to ensure the agency continues to fulfill its mission of protecting public health and the environment even as the climate changes. Since states, tribes, and local communities are essential partners with the EPA, a central focus of this effort is supporting them as they prepare for and increase their resilience to the impacts of climate change. Dr. Scheraga led the development and deployment of EPA's Climate Change Adaptation Resource Center (ARC-X). Launched in October 2016, the ARC-X was designed to help all 40,000 communities across the nation anticipate and prepare for climate impacts. This online system supports local government officials in every community, regardless of their level of expertise or experience dealing with climate impacts. In December 2015, Dr. Scheraga was honored with a Presidential Rank Award, the highest honor given to career members of the federal Senior Executive Service. Dr. Scheraga was a Lead Author for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which was awarded the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize.



Zach Schafer

Senior Advisor, EPA Office of Water

Zach Schafer is Director of Policy and Special Projects to EPA's Office of Water. The Office of Water works to ensure that drinking water is safe, wastewater is safely returned to the environment, and surface waters are properly managed and protected. Prior to joining EPA, Zach served as the founding Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director at United for Infrastructure and Senior Policy Director for the Council on Competitiveness. Zach also worked on water and climate policy at the White House Council on Environmental Quality during the Obama Administration. He holds a B.A. in economics, international affairs, and history from the University of Delaware and an M.A. in Energy and Environmental Policy from the Biden School of Public Policy at the University of Delaware.



Stan Barone

Senior Science Policy Advisor for Chemical Safety, EPA Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention

Dr. Barone has a M.S. in endocrinology and Ph.D. in neurobiology from East Carolina University School of Medicine. He came to EPA in 1990 as a developmental neurotoxicologist in the neurotoxicology division and joined the National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) in 2004. Dr. Barone led an effort to develop and implement a framework for Assessing Health Risks of Environmental Exposures to Children (2006), served as Assistant Center Director for Human Health Risk Assessment at NCEA in ORD and National Program Director for Human Health Risk Assessment Program, and has led and provided scientific contribution to numerous IRIS assessments. Since 2012, Dr. Barone's leadership in human health and ecological assessment activities has extended to over 30 hazard and risk assessments and numerous methodologies and approaches to support risk assessment. He has led the TSCA prioritization and scoping efforts of the 20 high priority substances and efforts to revise general protocol for conducting systematic reviews to support the TSCA risk evaluation. He has also played a leading role in the development of the PFAS National Testing Strategy, a key contribution to the Agency's PFAS Strategic Roadmap. In addition, he has published over 75 peer reviewed papers, technical reports, and book chapters. Dr. Barone has served on peer review panels for numerous government and nongovernmental funding organizations, as well as numerous government advisory panels.



Rick Kessler

Senior Advisor for Implementation, EPA Office of Land and Emergency Management

Rick Kessler works with the Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator and the Deputy Assistant Administrator to ensure the success of OLEM's programs and regulatory agenda, as well as facilitate the efforts of the OLEM teams leading those efforts. From 2015-2023, he served as Staff Director for both the Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change and the Subcommittee on Energy of the US House Energy and Commerce Committee and its Chairman and Ranking Member Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ). While there, he oversaw development and enactment of key legislation including the environment and energy provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act, the AIM Act, the Energy Act of 2020 and the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act. Prior to returning to Capitol Hill in 2015 for his second stint on the committee, Rick last served in the House of Representatives as Chief of Staff to former Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman John D. Dingell (D-MI) from 2003 through 2006. Rick also served as the Director of the State of New Jersey's Washington, DC Office during the Administration of Gov. Jon S. Corzine. All told, he has spent 35 years in and around federal and state government and campaigns, beginning as driver to Senator Frank R. Lautenberg (D-NJ) in early 1988.



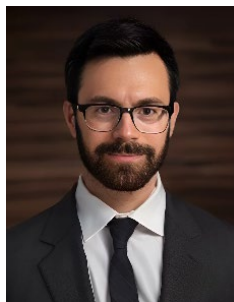
Paige Lieberman
EPA Designated Federal Officer

Paige Lieberman has 15 years of experience supporting environmental partnerships. Most recently, Lieberman has led the Local Government Advisory Committee – the EPA’s only group representing the views of local elected and appointed officials. Through this work Lieberman has developed technical and policy recommendations on the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, Climate Pollution Reduction Grants, PFAS and lead drinking water regulations, and communicating the impact of climate change and PFAS exposure. Prior to this position Lieberman led the EPA’s National Tribal Caucus, oversaw implementation of the EPA Consultation Policy, and held several speechwriting and communications positions across the Agency. Before joining the EPA Lieberman worked for several nonprofit agencies and was a community newspaper reporter. She has a Master of Public Policy from George Washington University, a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, and was a Presidential Management Fellow from 2011-2013. Beginning this May, Lieberman is supporting the EPA’s relationship with state co-regulators as the Agency’s liaison with the Environmental Council of the States.



Edlynzia Barnes
EPA Designated Federal Officer

Lynzi Barnes serves as the Designated Federal Officer for EPA’s Small Community Advisory Subcommittee (SCAS). She is also an intergovernmental liaison for small communities with a population size of less than 30,000. Prior to joining EPA’s Office of Community Revitalization in 2021, Lynzi worked for EPA’s Region 5 Great Lakes National Program Office leading the Great Lakes Advisory Board and was a State and Tribal Coordinator for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. Over the course of her 9 years with EPA, Lynzi has led and coordinated efforts with environmental justice and cumulative impacts, PFAS risk communication for local governments, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law support for small communities, Reports to Congress and the President, and more. Lynzi is a graduate of University of Illinois at Chicago, with a degree in Public Health.



Frank Sylvester
EPA Designated Federal Officer

Frank Sylvester has over a decade of experience working with communities, local governments, and the U.S. EPA. He served as an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer in the Capital Region of New York where he worked on environmental initiatives in underserved communities. He worked for Onondaga County, New York on environmental law issues and the EPA’s Office of Regional Counsel in New York before joining EPA’s Office of Wastewater Management for the last 10 years. Sylvester spent several years in the Clean Water Act National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program before serving as the special assistant to the Office of Wastewater Management for the last 5 years, helping form and implement significant policies and other actions related wastewater pollution and infrastructure funding and financing. Sylvester holds an M.S. in natural resources management from the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry and a J.D. from Syracuse University.



U.S. EPA Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC)

February 2024

Client Office

EPA's Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights (OEJECR)

Context

Executive Orders 13985 and 14091¹ call for comprehensive approaches to advancing equity for all, including people of color and others who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and the inequitable distribution of pollution. Executive Order 14096² calls for a whole-of-government approach to ensure that all people are “fully protected from disproportionate and adverse human health and environmental effects (including risks) and hazards, including those related to climate change, the cumulative impacts of environmental and other burdens, and the legacy of racism or other structural or systemic barriers.”³

EPA's FY23 Equity Action Plan puts forth a strategy to reduce cumulative environmental and health impacts in communities with EJ concerns by, among other things, addressing fragmentation in government programs and building a toolkit of methods including assessment of disproportionate impacts, health disparities and social determinants of health. The EPA Office of Inspector General has recommended better coordination and collaboration to address cumulative impacts and their disproportionate health effects. As a result, EPA is seeking opportunities and approaches for stronger partnerships with communities and governmental partners to advance cumulative impacts practice in a manner that engenders collective engagement and co-learning.

EPA Region 5 has developed and is implementing a Community Action Roadmap to serve as a comprehensive cross-program community-based approach to address multiple, disproportionate, and cumulative impacts in overburdened communities. Region 5 has also adopted a set of Standard Operating Procedures to implement this approach. The Community Action Roadmap builds on EPA's EJ collaborative problem-solving model and draws heavily from Health Impacts Assessment phases and practice standards. OEJECR wishes to explore the potential for a national version of Region 5's Standard Operating Procedures.

¹ EO 13985: Advancing Racial Equity and Support For Underserved Communities; EO 14091: Further Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities

² EO 14096: Revitalizing Our Nation's Commitment to Environmental Justice for All

³ Ibid.



Charge

Provide recommendations on how to improve and implement the Community Action Roadmap.

- (1) How can the Community Action Roadmap be a vehicle to advance EPA's overall strategy to assess and address the multiple and cumulative impacts which disproportionately affect historically marginalized communities?
- (2) How can EPA utilize the Community Action Roadmap to promote local government partnerships with their communities, other federal agencies, and state governments?
- (3) What input does LGAC have to refine Region 5's Community Action Roadmap Standard Operating Procedures?
- (4) How can local governments partner with EPA to advance implementation of the Community Action Roadmap in site-specific situations?
- (5) How can EPA promote national use of the Community Action Roadmap across its programs and regions?

Details of LGAC EJ Workgroup Action

The Workgroup will be comprised of LGAC members, not to exceed a quorum, and will meet monthly via videoconference, starting in February.

The Workgroup will report out on its interim progress at a public meeting in May; a public meeting will be scheduled for the Workgroup to present its final recommendations once they are developed. The LGAC's Small Communities Advisory Subcommittee will also be given an opportunity to weigh in on the recommendations before they are finalized.

The content of Workgroup meetings will include dialogue with EPA staff and other experts. External guests may be consulted as desired by the Workgroup members.

Outline/Scope of Workgroup Meetings:

- February: EPA Region 5 to present the SOP and provide detailed information on the Community Action Roadmap
- March: Invite examples that have used the Community Action Roadmap, and/or can inform further development and implementation of the approach.
- April: Hear from NEJAC Rep and their thoughts on the Community Action Roadmap and review draft recommendations.
- May: consolidate final comments and final draft recommendations. present final during in person meeting.

Deliverables

The Workgroup will summarize its discussions on the above topics, highlighting any recommendations, in a written document. Additional deliverables may be developed as the workgroup progresses.