



YOUTH CLIMATE COMMISSION APPLICATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

What are the requirements to apply?

You must be age 18 or older, live in Los Angeles County and meet one of the criteria below:

- Demonstrate leadership on climate change, sustainability, environmental issues and/or environmental justice.
- Reside in a community negatively impacted by environmental justice issues and/or disproportionately burdened by pollution or climate impacts.
- Identify as part of an underrepresented Group, e.g. Former foster youth, youth experiencing or who have formerly experienced homelessness, formerly justice-involved youth, LGBTQ+, American Indian and Alaska Native, etc.

I am turning 18 soon. Can I apply?

All applicants must be 18 years old by October 1, 2022.

I am under 18. Can I still participate?

Yes! Even though all Commission applicants must be 18 or older, the Commission's work will include amplifying the voices of residents under 18. Once on-board, Commissioners will develop a community engagement plan for youth under 18, to identify specific ways that residents under 18 can be involved. Additionally, all Commission meetings will be public, so any resident can participate in meetings. Stay tuned!

Do I need to provide proof that I have demonstrated leadership on climate change, sustainability, environmental issues and/or environmental justice; that I reside in a community negatively impacted by environmental justice issues and/or disproportionately burdened by pollution or climate impacts or that I identify as part of an underrepresented Group?

No, we trust that the criteria you select on the application is truthful information. You acknowledge at the end of the application that everything you are stating in your application is true.

Are there tools or resources that can help me in determining if I reside in a community negatively impacted by environmental justice issues and/or disproportionately burdened by pollution or climate impacts?

If you would like to learn more about the tools we will utilize to identify negatively impacted communities you can read up on the State's [CalEnviroScreen here](#) and the [County's Climate Vulnerability Assessment here](#). Applicants are not required to submit any verification of the status of their community.

What are some examples of underrepresented groups?

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What is the application process like?

The County's Chief Sustainability Office will review all of the submitted applications and support the five County Supervisors in making the final decisions. Candidates may be asked to interview. We estimate final decision will be announced in October 2022.

What is the term timeline for the Commissioners?

Commissioners will be appointed to one-year or two-year appointments. We expect appointments to be made in October 2022.

How will I interact with the Board of Supervisors?

Depending on the activities and assignments the Commissioners decide to move forward with they will be presenting their findings to the Board of Supervisors, typically in written format.

What activities should I expect?

Some activities will be predetermined, and others will be decided on once Commissioners come on board.

What level of commitment are you looking for?

We expect a high level of commitment where Commissioners:

1. Participate in at minimum quarterly meetings for the entirety of their term (one or two years),
2. Stay informed on issues related to climate change, via podcasts, articles, tracking city/county policies, tracking CBO/NGO work, etc.,
3. Participate in trainings, including Brown Act training to understand how to conduct public meetings,
4. Actively participate during Commission meetings and activities throughout the year, and
5. Attend an annual retreat

What are other Commission related activities I will need to attend in addition to the quarterly meetings?

You might need to attend subcommittee meetings, County climate-related events, community outreach events or trainings.

Will I be compensated for attending Commission related activities?

Yes, Commissioners will be compensated via a stipend for quarterly meeting attendance at \$300 per meeting. The compensation is intended to pay for the Commissioners time preparing and attending the meeting. Commissioners are also eligible for compensation for other Commission-related activities, such as County related events. Most activities eligible for compensation will require prior approval. We will make sure to go through the process with Commissioners about how compensation works when they are appointed.



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Will meetings be virtual or in person?

Meetings will continue to be conducted virtually to ensure the safety of members of the public and employees as permitted under state law and until such time as deemed otherwise by the County Board of Supervisors.

Will commission-related activities be in person or virtual?

This will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Will I be reimbursed for Commission-related travel?

Yes, the County will pay for Commission-related travel expenses as long as expenses follow County requirements. As mentioned above, we will make sure to go through the process with Commissioners about how compensation and travel-expenses work once appointed.

How long is the commissioners term?

Commissioners can serve a one-year term or a two-year term. The length of appointment will be determined when appointments are made in October.

What is the time commitment?

As of now, we foresee commissioners dedicating 5-8 hours a month.

How will this experience help me?

- You will gain knowledge and understanding of how the County government functions.
- You will network and connect with folks within and outside the County that are working on climate and resilience issues.
- You will learn how to be a leader in the realm of climate change and resilience.

When is the application due?

Thursday, September 15, 2022 by midnight.