



Advisory Committee Open Positions Announcement

Livable Communities Advisory Committee (LCAC)

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VACANCIES

There are eleven LCAC openings with two-year terms beginning August 2023

- **Local Government** (2)
- **Development Finance** (2)
- **Transportation** (1)
- **Environment** (2)
- **Site Design** (2)
- **Community Engagement** (2)

ABOUT THE COMMITTEE

[The Livable Communities Advisory Committee](#) (LCAC) reviews and recommends funding awards to the Council under the Livable Communities Demonstration Account and Transit-Oriented Development grant categories. This is an application review group with broad expertise that scores development and redevelopment proposals against the program's criteria for project that create more housing choice, support living wage job creation, and connect jobs, housing, and regional amenities to create a more equitable region. The committee typically meets Thursday mornings from September-December.

WHO IS ON THE COMMITTEE?

The LCAC has 15 members who are appointed by the Metropolitan Council. There is a priority for members who represent identities historically excluded from government process or those who work directly with historically underrepresented communities, for representatives with perspectives from across a range of community types, and for representation across Council districts.

Members represent one or more specific areas of expertise, with the intention of having at least two members with primary expertise in each of the following areas:

- **Local Government:** Planning, economic or community development
- **Development Finance:** affordable housing finance, private banking, real estate, mixed-use development; public finance
- **Development:** Equitable development strategies, new development, redevelopment
- **Transportation:** Development relationship, transportation specialty, multimodal transportation
- **Environment:** Integration of natural and water resources in development, climate mitigation and adaptation, environmental justice
- **Site Design:** Landscape architecture, land planning specialty, urban design, public space design
- **Community Engagement:** Community organizing, arts-based engagement, engagement strategy

IMAGINE YOURSELF IN THIS ROLE

You will review, score, and make the final funding recommendations for applications in the [Livable Communities Demonstration Account](#) (LCDA) and [Transit Oriented Development](#) (TOD) grant programs. Your expertise is valuable in determining which projects best advance [Livable Communities Act](#) (LCA) goals of creating more housing choice, supporting living wage job creation, and connecting jobs, housing, and regional amenities to create a more equitable region.

MEETING INFORMATION

Frequency: Meetings are held Thursday mornings from early-September to mid-December. The exact dates can vary depending on the number of applications to review. Meetings are typically 8:30am-12:30pm.

Location: Meetings are currently being held virtually to accommodate flexible work schedules and for maximum participation. Typically, meetings have been hosted in downtown St. Paul at the Metropolitan Council, 390 Robert Street North.

Approximate time commitment annually: 40-70 hours. This can vary depending on the number of applications to review and the length of each application.

BENEFITS

Serving on this commission is a volunteer role without compensation. Members are reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties including transit fare or local parking and mileage for meetings. Food is provided during in-person meetings.

WHAT WE DO AT THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

The Council provides the following services for the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan region:

- **Plans for Future Growth of the Region:** As the Metropolitan Planning Organization the Council plans for future growth and makes strategic, efficient public investments to support the region's high quality of life and economic competitiveness.
- **Operates Metro Transit:** Every day, Metro Transit serves bus and rail passengers with award-winning, energy-efficient fleets (nearly 85 million in 2014 or nearly 90% of all regional transit rides). These strategic investments support a growing network of bus and rail transitways, and transit-oriented development.
- **Collects and Treats Wastewater:** This region collects and treats wastewater at rates 40% lower than peer regions, while winning national awards for excellence.
- **Protects and Monitors Clean Water:** The Council works to ensure adequate clean water for the future through water supply planning and lake and river monitoring programs.

- **Develops Regional Parks and Trails:** The Council plans and develops a world-class regional parks and trails system made up of more than 50 parks and park reserves and more than 340 miles of interconnected trails.
- **Provides Affordable Housing:** The Council creates and supports affordable housing opportunities throughout the region by providing affordable housing for 6,500 families in 100 communities through the Metro Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) and establishing regional housing policies and planning.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Complete and submit an online application to join the Livable Communities Advisory Committee on the Metropolitan Council website by the priority deadline June 30, 2023.

Applicants can expect the following steps in the recruitment process:

1. Applicant completes and submits application online.
 - a. Optional cover letter, resume, and/or work samples
2. Selection Committee reviews your application.
3. Recommendations are made to the Metropolitan Council Chair.
4. Committee members will be appointed by the Metropolitan Council.

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about the board or the application process, please contact the following Metropolitan Council staff:

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