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The White House is seeking nominations for candidates to serve two-year terms on its [White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council \(WHEJAC\)](https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/white-house-environmental-justice-advisory-council%5C) (<https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/white-house-environmental-justice-advisory-council%5C>), which advises the Biden Administration on a whole-of-government approach to address environmental justice (EJ).

The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), which WHEJAC advises, announced last month that it is seeking 15 candidates for a new two-year term. Applicants should submit an [expression of interest form](https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2022-12/Expression%20of%20Interest%20in%20WHEJAC%20Membership%20FormF.pdf) (<https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2022-12/Expression%20of%20Interest%20in%20WHEJAC%20Membership%20FormF.pdf>) and a resume to whejac@epa.go (<mailto:whejac@epa.go>) by the deadline of January 17.

President Biden created the WHEJAC, along with the [White House Environmental Justice Interagency Council](https://www.whitehouse.gov/environmentaljustice/white-house-environmental-justice-interagency-council/) (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/environmentaljustice/white-house-environmental-justice-interagency-council/>), in an EJ executive order issued early in his term. The group is seeking to advise the administration on a host of top priorities, including the [Justice40 program](https://www.whitehouse.gov/environmentaljustice/justice40/) (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/environmentaljustice/justice40/>), which seeks to direct at least 40 percent of the benefits of the administration's infrastructure spending to EJ communities.

EPA also [announced](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/12/27/2022-28078/notification-of-request-for-nominations-to-the-national-environmental-justice-advisory-council) (<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/12/27/2022-28078/notification-of-request-for-nominations-to-the-national-environmental-justice-advisory-council>) it is seeking nominations to the [National Environmental Justice Advisory Council](https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-advisory-council) (<https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-advisory-council>) (NEJAC). NEJAC provides advice and recommendations to EPA on broad, cross-cutting issues related to environmental justice. The Agency aims to fill approximately ten new vacancies for terms through September 2024. Interested candidates can learn more about the nomination process and how to submit nominations through [EPA](https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/nominations-nejac) (<https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/nominations-nejac>).

Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified persons to be considered for appointment to this advisory council. Individuals are also encouraged to self-nominate. Interested individuals should submit the [nomination form](https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/forms/national-environmental-justice-advisory-council-nejac-nomination-form) (<https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/forms/national-environmental-justice-advisory-council-nejac-nomination-form>) with a resume and letter of recommendation by March 17.

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