



Alameda County Agricultural Advisory Committee Application Packet

This is a packet containing all information and materials needed to apply for a seat on the Alameda County Agricultural Advisory Committee. Any questions regarding the application process or the committee in general should be forwarded to Alison Abbors of the Alameda County Planning Department at (510) 670-5400 or alison.abbors@acgov.org

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Alameda County has had an Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) since 1977. This committee was originally formed to act as a technical advisory committee to the County and other public agencies on agricultural matters. In 2001, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors approved a revised mandate and expanded the AAC's membership roles to better serve the County's growing needs.

Those revisions stem in part from Alameda County Measure D (2000), prompting various actions, one of which was implementation of Section 18 of Measure D. This provision calls for periodic convening of an expert advisory panel to make recommendations "on matters involving the economic enhancement of agriculture and environmental conservation on applicable agricultural lands in Alameda County." The panel is further charged with recommending new County policies, and strategies to strengthen implementation of existing policies.

Member qualifications are as follows: "Members shall be technical representatives of their profession or field and advocates for economically and ecologically viable agriculture and open space in Alameda County. They shall demonstrate expertise by documented work in their field of expertise, by professional association and/or by academic achievement. They shall be able and committed to meet regularly, and should be able to communicate effectively with interested members of the public." (County Government Code Section 2.122.040.A.)

As a result of these revisions, the AAC's membership grew to 19 regular members and 9 ex-officio members, and; the role for each of these positions is explicitly described in the ordinance. At least 4 meetings are held annually and added meetings vary with the committee's workload. The Alameda County Community Development Agency staffs and coordinates AAC meetings.

The 2001 ordinance revisions approved by the Board of Supervisors, directed staff to assist the Board in carrying out the application process through which new members will be selected. The AAC application process is described below, and in the text of the ordinance here:

https://library.municode.com/ca/alameda_county/codes/administrative_code?nodeId=TIT2AD_C H2.122AGADCO.



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MEMBERSHIP POSITIONS

Appointments to the AAC are for three-year terms. There are 19 positions for “regular” members. The 9 ex-officio positions are filled through a separate procedure. Interested parties should carefully review the ordinance link below with particular focus on Section 2.122.040 (Membership). https://library.municode.com/ca/alameda_county/codes/administrative_code?nodeId=TIT2AD_CH2.122AGADCO The two categories of regular members follow:

- 1) Those who are required to be Alameda County residents: (Ordinance position Name and #)
 - Cattle/Livestock Management (large parcel owner) B1
 - Cattle/Livestock Management (small parcel owner or tenant) B2
 - Field/Row Crops Management B3
 - Nursery/Floriculture/Horticulture Management B4
 - Viticulture/Orchards Management B5
 - Equestrian Management B6
 - Cannabis Management B7
 - Young Producer (a high school student) B8
 - Urban Agriculture B9

- 2) Those who may reside outside of Alameda County in the event that the desired candidates cannot be identified within the County:
 - Agritourism C1
 - Agricultural Land Trust C2
 - Agricultural Economics C3
 - Recreation/Parks Management C4
 - Resource Conservation District C5
 - Watershed Ecology/Management C6
 - Water Resources C7
 - Rangeland Ecology C8
 - Plant Ecology C9
 - Wildlife Biology C10



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APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The 19 regular members described in the ordinance are appointed by the Board of Supervisors through this application process. Application for all positions will be received at any time.

1) Application

- a. Individuals interested in applying for AAC membership must fully complete the attached application, which is submitted to the AAC.
- b. Applications may be delivered by email, by hand, or by regular mail to :
Alison Abbors, Senior Planner
Alameda County Planning Department
224 West Winton Ave., Room 111, Hayward, CA 94544
alison.abbors@agov.org
- c. Applicants will receive future meeting agendas and are encouraged to attend meetings before their application is on an AAC agenda.

2) Review by the AAC

- a. The AAC conducts a public process to exclusively assess an applicant's qualifications to meet the criteria described in the ordinance for the position requested.
- b. Following a vote to recommend the applicant, the AAC submits its recommendation for appointment to the Board of Supervisors.

3) At that time, recommended individuals will be asked to complete an online, official application in the County Portal as well. <https://www.acgov.org/bnc/#/vacant-seats>



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APPLICATION

Date: _____

Applicant Information

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Present Occupation _____

Questionnaire

1) Which best describes the position you would like to obtain?

Regular member who resides in Alameda County. (referenced in Section 2.122.040(B) of the ordinance located here: https://library.municode.com/ca/alameda_county/codes/administrative_code?nodeId=TIT2AD_CH2.122AGADCO_2.122.040ME)

Regular member who may reside out of Alameda County (in the event that desired candidates cannot be identified within the county). These positions are referenced in Section 2.122.040(C) of the ordinance located here: https://library.municode.com/ca/alameda_county/codes/administrative_code?nodeId=TIT2AD_CH2.122AGADCO_2.122.040ME

2) Position desired (Name and #) *If you are interested in and qualified for more than one position, please note them in preferred order:*

3) If you have previously served on the AAC, what position did you hold?

4) If you have served on a task force or subcommittee of the AAC, what was it?

5) Are you willing to remain on a waiting list until a vacancy becomes available or should you not be appointed at this time?

YES

NO

