

## **Seeking Nominations for Members of the Mayor's Community Advisory Committee on Climate Action By Friday June 26, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.**

The Earth's climate is changing, and human activity is the primary cause. The effects of climate change on Boston will be dramatic, if we don't change the trends. There's a lot we can do to avoid the worst outcomes and make a better future for our city and region. And it's going to take creative thinking, tough decisions, and real commitment from all of Boston's residents, businesses, and organizations to make it happen.

We're looking for Boston residents to serve on the Climate Action Community Advisory Committee. You don't have to be a climate expert. You just have to be willing to be an active player on a diverse team that will work together from July 2009 to March 2010 to provide feedback to the Climate Action Leadership Committee and develop plans to involve all Bostonians in climate action. You can nominate yourself or someone you know.

***What will the Leadership Committee do?*** On March 30, 2009, Mayor Thomas M. Menino appointed a Climate Action Leadership Committee to:

- Review the City's Climate Action Plan
- Set goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and recommend actions to meet those goals
- Evaluate the risks to Boston from rising sea-levels and other likely consequences of climate change, and recommend ways to reduce these risks
- Develop strategies to engage all residents and sectors of the community in reducing energy consumption and addressing climate change
- Identify economic and job opportunities associated with climate action and clean technology

***What will the Community Advisory Committee do?*** The Community Advisory Committee will ensure that the ideas and concerns of the broad range of Boston residents, businesses, and institutions are fully considered in the City's updated Climate Action Plan. The Committee will meet at least four times between July 2009 and March 2010, provide the Mayor and the Leadership Committee with input on climate issues and proposed actions, and help to develop a plan for engaging all Boston residents, businesses, and institutions in climate action. The Community Advisory Committee will be made up of 20-30 members representing the diverse neighborhoods and businesses of Boston, and its meetings will be facilitated by consultants with expertise in running public meetings on scientifically complex issues. The first meeting will be in July or August.

Community Advisory Committee members are not expected to have scientific or technical expertise. (A Technical Advisory Panel is also being formed.) However, they should live in Boston, be active in the community, be concerned about climate change, and have:

1. A willingness to make a year-long commitment involving about 40 hours of work, including meetings and follow-up activities
2. A willingness and ability to work well in a diverse team
3. An ability to consider ideas and strategies objectively, to think beyond one's own experience, to be an active listener, and to generate creative ideas and solutions
4. An appetite for healthy debate and an eagerness to be part of a dynamic process

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The Climate Action Leadership Committee Co-Chairs will select Community Advisory Committee members so the committee has a diversity of experience and knowledge from a wide range of Bostonians, including:

*People from different demographic groups, such as:*

- Residents of different Boston neighborhoods, participants in neighborhood or tenant associations
- Children, teens, young adults, seniors, and families
- Individuals from a variety of racial, ethnic, and immigrant communities
- Participants in a variety of faith/spiritual traditions
- Commuters (people who work, but do not live in Boston)
- People who work in the tourism industry

*People in different sectors, such as:*

- Business sector—small, medium, and large business owners, managers and employees
- Public and nonprofit sector—public agencies, nonprofit organizations, universities, hospitals
- Renters and landlords—commercial and residential

*People who work on different issues, such as:*

- Environmental protection, open space, and environmental justice
- Housing, smart growth, transportation
- Workforce development, green jobs, access to employment
- Public health/community health
- Civic engagement, national service
- Public safety, violence prevention
- Education
- Youth development

To nominate yourself or someone else to the Community Advisory Committee, please complete and return the attached form to Carl Spector.

Email: [Carl.Spector@cityofboston.gov](mailto:Carl.Spector@cityofboston.gov)

Fax: 617-635-3435

Mail: Boston City Hall, Environment Department, City Hall Room 805, Boston, MA 02201

You may also complete the form on line at <http://www.cityofboston.gov/climate/committee.asp>.

Carl Spector may also be reached at 617-635-3850, if you need more information.

# Mayor's Community Advisory Committee on Climate Action Member Nomination Form

To nominate (suggest) yourself or someone else for the Community Advisory Committee, please complete and return this form to Carl Spector at [carl.spector@cityofboston.gov](mailto:carl.spector@cityofboston.gov); 617-635-3435 (fax); or City Hall, Environment Department, Room 805, Boston, MA 02201.

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## Section 1: The person filling out this nomination form

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Neighborhood: \_\_\_\_\_

Your connection to the nominee: (You may nominate yourself.) \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 2: Information about the person you are nominating/suggesting for the Community Advisory Committee (It could be yourself.)

Person you are nominating: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone numbers: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Home information*

*Business information (if applicable)*

Name of business: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

Neighborhood of Boston: \_\_\_\_\_ Neighborhood/City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:

I have checked with this person. The person is interested and can make the necessary commitments.

I have not checked with this person about whether the person is interested or able to participate.

1. Describe below how the nominee's interests, knowledge, experience, and any roles the person plays in the community, a business, or an organization could benefit the Community Advisory Committee on Climate Action.

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2. Why does this person stand out to you as a strong nominee for the Advisory Committee?

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3. List community or volunteer organizations with which the nominee is affiliated (for example, religious organizations, parent-teacher organizations, merchants associations).

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**Section 3: References (Optional)**

Please list a couple of other people who could describe the person’s ability to serve on this committee:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred language: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred language: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 4: Additional Nominee Information (Optional)**

What is the nominee’s racial or cultural identity (or identities)? \_\_\_\_\_

What languages does the nominee speak? \_\_\_\_\_

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If the nominee would need translation during meetings, please indicate the language preferred: \_\_\_\_\_

**For more information, and to submit nominations (by email, fax, or mail):**

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