



# **MEASURE C CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE Application Package**

The Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee was created in 2006 with the Measure C Extension Expenditure Plan's passage by voters. The Citizen Oversight Committee is tasked with informing the public regarding Measure C's progress and expenditures, and to ensure that the Measure C funding program revenues and expenditures are spent as promised to the public.

The Measure C Expenditure Plan states that the COC shall be composed of thirteen (13) members, comprising the following:

- Six at-large public members who respectively reside in each one of the five Fresno County Supervisorial Districts.
  - Three of the six must reside in the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area
  - Two must reside in the unincorporated rural area of the county (east and west).
- Seven members must be representatives drawn from a diverse mix of interested community organizations

Members serve 4-year terms, with a maximum limit of eight years on the committee. Appendix G of the Measure C Extension Expenditure Plan (attached) states the Committee's duties and responsibilities.

There are currently six vacancies on the committee:

- Four positions for community organization representatives (Organization/agency/service clubs/chamber, etc. must provide applicant with a letter of recommendation.)
- Two public-at-large positions representing the following:
  - Unincorporated rural area west of State Route 99 (supervisorial district 1)
  - Unincorporated rural area east of State Route 99 (supervisorial district 5)

Please submit completed applications to the following staff:

Measure C Oversight Committee (COC)  
c/o Brenda Veenendaal  
Fresno COG  
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201  
Fresno, CA 93721  
Email: [brendav@fresnocog.org](mailto:brendav@fresnocog.org)

Should applicants have any questions, please call Brenda Veenendaal at 559-724-9219 or 559-233-4148.

You may also view the Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee's webpage at: <https://www.fresnocog.org/citizen-oversight-committee/>

The Measure C Extension Expenditure Plan's description of the formation and function of the Committee is located at: <https://www.fresnocog.org/citizen-oversight-committee/>

It is also attached beginning on page 6 of this document.

The Measure C website may be found at: <https://www.measurec.com/>



# MEASURE C CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

## Citizen Oversight Committee – APPLICATION FORM

*(Please print legibly or type)*

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

### Residential Information

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ *(Optional)*

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

### Employment Information

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Eligibility Requirements

By signing this application form I hereby certify that:

1. I am a U.S. citizen 18 years of age or older and reside within Fresno County.
2. I am not an elected official at any level of government
3. I am not a public employee from Fresno County, nor of any of the incorporated cities in Fresno County, Caltrans, the Fresno County Transportation Authority (Authority), or the Council of Fresno County Governments (Fresno COG).
4. I have no economic interest in any of the Authority's projects.
5. I will submit an annual statement of financial disclosure consistent with Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) rules and regulations to be filed with the Authority.

**Area or Community Represented**

I wish to be considered for the following position(s) - *Check one or more box(es) below to affirm your interest:*

- Community Organization representative: (See requirement below)  
*Attach a letter of recommendation from the organization you wish to represent on the Citizen Oversight Committee*
- Unincorporated rural area west of State Route 99 (supervisorial district 1)
- Unincorporated rural area east of State Route 99 (supervisorial district 5)

**Additional Information**

Please briefly explain why you are interested in serving on the Citizen Oversight Committee.

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List past/present professional/community affiliations, including any elected positions previously held *(please list dates served):*

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**Required Signature**

I declare under penalty of perjury the above information is true and correct.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

Resume or letters of recommendation may be attached. All Community Organization applicants must provide a letter of recommendation from the organization they propose to represent.

RETURN COMPLETED, SIGNED APPLICATION and other required documentation to:

Measure C COC  
c/o Brenda Veenendaal  
Fresno COG  
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201  
Fresno, CA 93721

Email: [brendav@fresnocog.org](mailto:brendav@fresnocog.org)

Telephone: 559.233.4148 ext. 219

APPLICATIONS WILL BE KEPT ON FILE FOR TWO YEARS.

**OFFICE USE ONLY:**

**DATE STAMP OR DATE RECEIVED:**

## **Measure C Extension Expenditure Plan**

### ***Appendix G - Citizen Oversight Committee***

#### **Committee Purpose**

To inform the public and to ensure that the Measure "C" funding program revenues and expenditures are spent as promised to the public.

#### **Administrative Issues**

##### **Committee Formation**

The Committee will be formed within 6 months upon approval of the Measure "C" Extension by the voters of Fresno County in November 2006. The Citizen Oversight Committee (Committee) shall not be amended out of the Expenditure Plan. Meetings will commence when Measure "C" Extension revenues are recommended for expenditure; including Expenditure Plan updates.

##### **Selection and Duties of Committee Chair and Vice Chair**

The Committee shall select a Chair and Vice Chair from the members, each of whom shall serve a one (1) year term. The duties of the Chair will be to call meetings, set agendas, and preside over meetings. The duties of the Vice chair will be to perform the same duties described above in the absence of the Chair.

##### **Committee Meetings**

The Committee will hold one formal meeting annually, with additional meetings scheduled as needed by the Committee. All Committee meetings must be held in compliance with the Brown Act. All meetings will be conducted as per "Robert's Rules of Order."

##### **Subcommittee Requirements**

Subcommittees: The Committee may elect to form subcommittees to perform specific parts of its purpose. All subcommittees shall have an odd number of members so that tie votes are less likely.

##### **Committee Membership and Quorum**

Membership - The Committee shall be composed of thirteen (13) members including: Six (6) at-large public members: Five (5) who must each respectively reside in each one of the five Fresno County Supervisorial Districts; and Three (3) must reside in the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area (FCMA); and two (2) must reside in the unincorporated rural area of the county, one from the east side and one from the west side of the county. One (1) must reside in an incorporated city outside of the FCMA. Seven (7) members who must each be representatives drawn from a diverse mix of interested community organizations. The members are expected to provide a balance of viewpoints.

##### **Quorum**

A Quorum will be no less than seven (7) members of the Committee. An action item of the Committee may be approved by a simple majority of the quorum present.

#### **Membership Selection**

##### **Selection Committee**

Oversight Committee members will be selected by the Fresno County Mayors' Selection Committee (the 15 mayors within Fresno County) and the Chair of the Fresno County Board of Supervisors.

### **Recruitment Process**

Each year as terms of various members expire or as vacancies occur, annual postings of membership openings will be noticed 60 days in advance of the application process pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 99238. Potential members must submit an application to the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee will screen all applications and approve candidates for membership on the Committee.

### **Term of Membership**

Terms of membership will be for four (4) years. No member may serve more than eight (8) years. Members will not be compensated for their service on the Committee. In an effort to maintain Committee member consistency, during the first four (4) years of the Committee, terms will be staggered with six (6) of the members to serve a four-year term, seven (7) of the members to serve a two-year term. Such assignment of terms shall be made by the Selection Committee at time of appointment. Members who are not in attendance for two (2) consecutive meetings or are not present at 50% of the Committee meetings over a 12-month period shall be replaced with a new member selected by the Selection Committee. If a member position on the Committee becomes vacant, the Selection Committee will fill the vacant position within 90 days of the date when the position became vacant. No proxy voting will be permitted.

### **Eligibility**

U.S. citizen 18 years of age or older who resides in Fresno County. Not an elected official at any level government. Not a public employee from Fresno County, nor of any of the incorporated cities, in Fresno County, Caltrans, the Fresno County Transportation Authority (Authority), or the Council of Fresno County Governments (Fresno COG). Restricted to individuals without economic interest in any of the Authority's projects. Must submit an annual statement of financial disclosure consistent with Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) rules and regulations and filed with the Authority.

### **Staffing**

Fresno COG will staff the Committee and provide technical and administrative assistance to support and publicize the Committee's activities, with the staff assignment subject to approval of the Committee. Fresno COG services and any necessary outside services will be paid using the Fresno County Transportation Authority's Measure "C" Extension Administration Program revenues. Expert staff may be requested to provide information and make presentations to the Committee, as needed. The cities and County of Fresno shall each provide to the Citizen Oversight Committee, on an annual basis for a specific time period prescribed, and in a timely fashion at least two weeks prior to the meeting of the Citizen Oversight Committee, a specific report on the local jurisdiction's planned budget for Measure "C" fund expenditures and financial report on the use of those funds. The precise format of the report may be based on similar report formats for other jurisdictional monitoring, but must be separate from the comprehensive agency budgets and general and enterprise fund financial reports of the cities and the County of Fresno and will be prescribed by the Citizen Oversight Committee.

### **Responsibilities**

The Committee may receive, review and recommend any action or revision to plans, programs, audits or projects that is within the scope of its purpose stated above. Specific responsibilities include:

- Receive, review, inspect, and recommend action on independent financial and performance audits related to the planning and implementation of the Measure "C" Extension program.

- Receive, review, and recommend action on other periodic reports, studies and plans from responsible agencies including the Authority, Fresno COG, the Cities, the County or other agencies. Such reports, studies and plans must be directly related to Measure "C" Extension programs, revenues, or expenditures.
- Review and comment upon Measure C; Extension expenditures to ensure that they are consistent with the Expenditure Plan.
- Annually review how sales tax receipts are being spent and publicize the results.
- Present Committee recommendations, findings, and requests to the public and the Authority in a formal annual report.