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December 3, 2010

The Honorable Francis (Frank) C. Jones  
Mayor  
City of Manassas Park  
City Hall  
One Park Center Court  
Manassas Park, VA 20111-2395

Dear Mayor Jones:

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) requests that you review your 2010 appointments to COG's policy boards and committees and make reappointments or new appointments for 2011.

Information on City of Manassas Park 2011 appointments is requested by January 7, 2011 so that each board and committee is fully constituted and able to commence its work as quickly as possible.

Please select individuals who have a strong interest in the subject matter covered by the policy board or committee and who are able to make a commitment to actively participate. Policy boards and committees generally meet monthly or every other month.

COG is an association of more than 250 local, state and federal elected officials in the National Capital Region. Each COG board or committee is largely comprised of local and state elected officials. Timely action on this appointment request will help ensure that program and technical committees, comprised of senior managers from area governments, and the COG staff receive clear and early guidance from elected officials on policy direction and priorities for 2011.

COG's effectiveness depends on engaged members. Your continued leadership and support are deeply appreciated.

Please contact Nicole Hange at 202-962-3231 or [nhange@mwcoq.org](mailto:nhange@mwcoq.org) if you have questions or need additional information. I may be reached at 202-962-3260 or [drobertson@mwcoq.org](mailto:drobertson@mwcoq.org).

Sincerely,

David J. Robertson  
Executive Director

Cc: Lana Conner, City Clerk

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
2011 SOLICITATION FOR APPOINTMENTS**

<b>INDEPENDENT POLICY BOARDS</b>	<b>Current 2010 Appointment</b>	<b>2011 Appointment</b>
<b>COG Board of Directors</b> Meets monthly from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m.	Frank Jones <i>Suhas Naddoni</i>	
<b>National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board</b> Meets monthly 12 noon to 2:00 p.m.	Suhas Naddoni	
<b>Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee</b> Meets monthly 12 noon to 2:00 p.m.	Vacant	
<b>POLICY COMMITTEES</b>	<b>Current 2010 Appointment</b>	<b>2011 Appointment</b>
<b>Metropolitan Development Policy Committee</b> Meets bi-monthly 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Vacant	
<b>Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee</b> Meets bi-monthly 12 noon to 2:00 p.m.	Vacant	
<b>Climate Energy and Environment Policy Committee</b> Meets bi-monthly 9:45 a.m. to 12 noon	Vacant	
<b>Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee</b> Meets bi-monthly 9:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.	Vacant	

Notes:

- (a) Alternates are shown in italics.

**Instructions:**

- 1. Review current appointments.**
- 2. Refer to the enclosed policy board and committees list for a description of each policy board and committee for which we are requesting an appointment.**
- 3. Appoint or reappoint an elected official for each policy board and committee.**
- 4. Send approved appointments to Nicole Hange by January 7, 2011.**

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202-962-3208 (fax)**

*Please keep the following in mind when making an appointment/reappointment:*

- An individual's interest and/or experience in the committee subject matter.*
- An individual's ability to actively participate given the noted committee schedule.*

## **MWCOG POLICY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

COG is comprised of three independent policy boards and various supporting advisory and technical committees.

### **INDEPENDENT POLICY BOARDS**

#### **COG Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors is COG's governing body and is responsible for its overall policies, functions, and funds. The Board takes action on committee or staff recommendations; discusses current and emerging multi-jurisdictional problems; and receives briefings on issues facing the region as a whole. Policy items on the agenda are normally generated from COG's policy and technical committees; business or administrative items are usually generated from staff.

#### **Transportation Planning Board**

The National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the region, and plays an important role as the regional forum for transportation planning. With participation from the District of Columbia and State Departments of Transportation and the region's local governments, the TPB prepares intermediate-range and long-range plans and programs that permit federal transportation funds to flow to the Washington region.

#### **Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee**

The Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) is the entity certified by the mayor of the District of Columbia and the governors of Maryland and Virginia to prepare an air quality plan for the region and insure compliance with the Federal Clean Air Act. MWAQC coordinates air quality planning activities among COG and other entities, including the Transportation Planning Board; reviews policies; resolves policy differences; and forges a regional air quality plan for transmittal to the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia and, ultimately, to the Environmental Protection Agency.

### **POLICY COMMITTEES**

Policy committees are advisory committees of the COG Board.

#### **Metropolitan Development Policy Committee**

The Metropolitan Development Policy Committee (MDPC) advises the COG Board on coordinating and integrating planning policies for land use, transportation and the environment. Annually, the MDPC produces reports and forecasts on regional population and economic growth including the Economic Trends and Commercial Construction Indicators Reports. It was also instrumental in the development and implementation of the Greater Washington 2050 Initiative.

#### **Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee**

The Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee (HSPSC) advises the COG Board on a variety of issues including affordable housing, homelessness, child welfare, crime control and prevention, and traffic safety. Recent actions have included reports on homelessness and crime trends in the region as well as a foreclosure summit to address the significant increase in home foreclosures across the region.

#### **Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee**

Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC) advises the COG Board on climate change, energy, green building, alternate fuels, solid waste and recycling policy issues, and other environmental issues as necessary. The CEEPC is responsible for managing implementation of the COG Climate Change Report adopted by the COG Board on November 12, 2008. This responsibility includes development of a regional climate change strategy to meet the regional greenhouse gas reduction goals adopted by the Board.

#### **Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee**

Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee (CBPC) advises the COG Board on Bay-related policies and tracks developments under the federal-state Chesapeake Bay Program for implications to local governments. It also considers questions of potable water supply and waste water treatment. The CBPC regularly prepares position statements in response to state and federal legislation affecting the Bay.