

LADWP Community Advisory Board

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Better World Group (BWG) has prepared the following FAQ to help interested applicants navigate the Community Advisory Board (CAB) application process.

After March 12, 2026, please direct any additional questions or requests to ladwp-cab@betterworldgroup.com.

1. What is the expected time commitment for members on the CAB?

The CAB will meet quarterly for two years beginning Spring 2026 and as needed. Members are expected to prepare in advance for each session by reviewing provided materials and may be asked to attend additional meetings outside of the quarterly cadence. On average, CAB members will spend approximately 15-20 hours per quarter to engage in the Board's activities.

By applying to join the CAB, you are confirming your ability to fully participate, which includes committing 15-20 hours per quarter and serving a minimum of one year.

2. When do meetings begin?

An in-person kick-off for the CAB will take place on Wednesday, April 8th between 8:30 – 11 AM at the La Kretz Innovation Campus (525 S Hewitt St, Los Angeles, CA 90013). Attendance at the Advisory Board's kick-off is mandatory.

Following kick-off, LADWP plans to host two virtual CAB meetings and two in-person meetings (with hybrid capabilities) each year. The in-person meetings are meant to support knowledge exchange and deeper connection among CAB members, facilitators, and LADWP staff. In-person meetings will be held hybrid at LADWP's offices in the La Kretz Innovation Campus. *Attending in person is optional but highly encouraged.*

3. What role will the CAB hold in LADWP's programs and policies?

The CAB will provide equity and environmental justice expertise to help LADWP incorporate solutions that protect and benefit the communities most vulnerable to harm in the event of loss of electric power while reaching its goal of supplying 100 percent clean energy for Los Angeles by 2035 and 80 percent renewable energy by 2030. ***All feedback and recommendations by the CAB are advisory.***

Example priorities to be vetted and confirmed jointly by LADWP and the CAB include:

- Elevate the energy needs and priorities of communities in Los Angeles to help ensure equitable implementation of the LA100 plan and additional program or policy priorities that build resilience to climate change, are responsive and culturally relevant, and lead to equitable and resilient outcomes for communities.
- Advise on goal setting, implementation, evaluation and reporting of LADWP energy equity priorities across policies and programs to support the advancement of meaningful and measurable community benefits.
- Strengthen networks and partnerships with community members, environmental justice leaders, advocates, community-based organizations, and tribal communities to support inclusive outreach, participation, and meaningful engagement.
- *Additional priorities to be identified and confirmed by LADWP and CAB as needed.*

In practice, the CAB may support LADWP in advancing energy equity in the following ways:

1. Participate in an annual review of the LA100 equity strategies and activities and report to the LADWP Board of Commissioners (Board) on progress, outcomes, and gaps.
2. Provide equity-focused guidance and recommendations to LADWP staff, leadership, and the Board through meetings, presentations, and written report. Recommendations may cover the following areas and will be further refined based on the CAB's priorities:
 1. Rate setting and rate affordability
 2. LADWP's new and existing programs and investments (e.g. debt relief, charter reform, metrics development, low-income incentives, shared solar expansion, EV charging access, grid infrastructure)
 4. Advise on and support LADWP community engagement efforts to improve transparency, strengthen relationships, and build trust between LADWP and its customers.
 5. Form working groups to collaborate with LADWP staff on specific equity issues.
 6. Engage regularly with LADWP staff, leadership, and the Board to provide ongoing equity feedback, input, and support.

4. Who can apply?

The CAB is open to community organizations that serve residents and businesses throughout LADWP's service area within the City of Los Angeles, in addition to California Native American Tribes. Eligible community organizations include: Native American organizations, business interests, trade associations, community-based organizations, and non-profit organizations.

City employees and representatives are not encouraged to apply given it would not meet the intended purpose of increasing community engagement.

At this time, the CAB is open to community organizations rather than individual applicants. As this is an inaugural body, DWP seeks to maximize the scale of impact and input by leveraging the years or decades of expertise and leadership LA-based community organizations provide to the communities they serve.

5. Will my organization be compensated for our participation?

BWG will receive funding to develop and facilitate the work of this CAB. The funding authorizes BWG to pay stipends to CAB members to compensate them for their participation and travel costs. CAB members will receive bi-annual stipends for a total of \$6,000 per year per organization.

Such stipends are between the member and BWG, and LADWP is not responsible for such payments. Members and BWG are responsible for declaring this income as appropriate on taxes and with the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC).

6. Can I assign a proxy?

Members of the CAB participate on behalf of their organizations, not as individuals. Member leads should participate in a majority of the scheduled quarterly sessions and must notify the facilitation team in advance of any absences. Members of the CAB are welcome to have up to two (2) representatives of their organization participate in any given session to facilitate knowledge exchange and engagement.

7. What if I can't serve the full two years on the CAB?

CAB members commit to serving for a minimum term of 12 months and can choose to continue their service after that time for an additional 12 months. By applying to join the CAB, you are confirming your

ability to fully participate, which includes committing 15-20 hours per quarter and serving a minimum of one year.

A member's term of service begins once they have accepted the invitation to join the CAB. In the case of resignation, member removal, or the need for additional expertise, facilitators will seek to fill any vacancies among high-scoring applicants from the previous application period or by conducting a new search through a public solicitation and application process.

8. Will I be required to complete a Form 700?

Form 700 does not apply to members for their participation on the CAB.

9. What is the timeline to hear back about my application?

The CAB application will close on Thursday, March 19, 2026. CAB members will be notified of selection by Thursday, March 26, 2026.

10. Where can I learn more?

Please review the [application form](#) to learn more about CAB priorities and our scoring rubric. Direct any additional questions and requests to ladwp-cab@betterworldgroup.com.