

# 2026 – 2028 Interagency Equity Advisory Committee Member Recommendations

January 2026



# Criteria for Membership

- Reside in California
- Clearly demonstrate a history of equity-centered personal or professional experience or community leadership
- Be actively engaged in
  - transportation equity policy or programming,
  - advocacy, or
  - related fields such as health, air quality, climate, housing justice, or community and/or socioeconomic development

# Recruitment Overview

- Application period: September 8 – October 19, 2025
- 4 open seats
- 39 applications received
  - Applicants included 3 individuals from the 2024-2026 EAC
- Applicants represented a broad array of identities, geographies, and professional and civic backgrounds

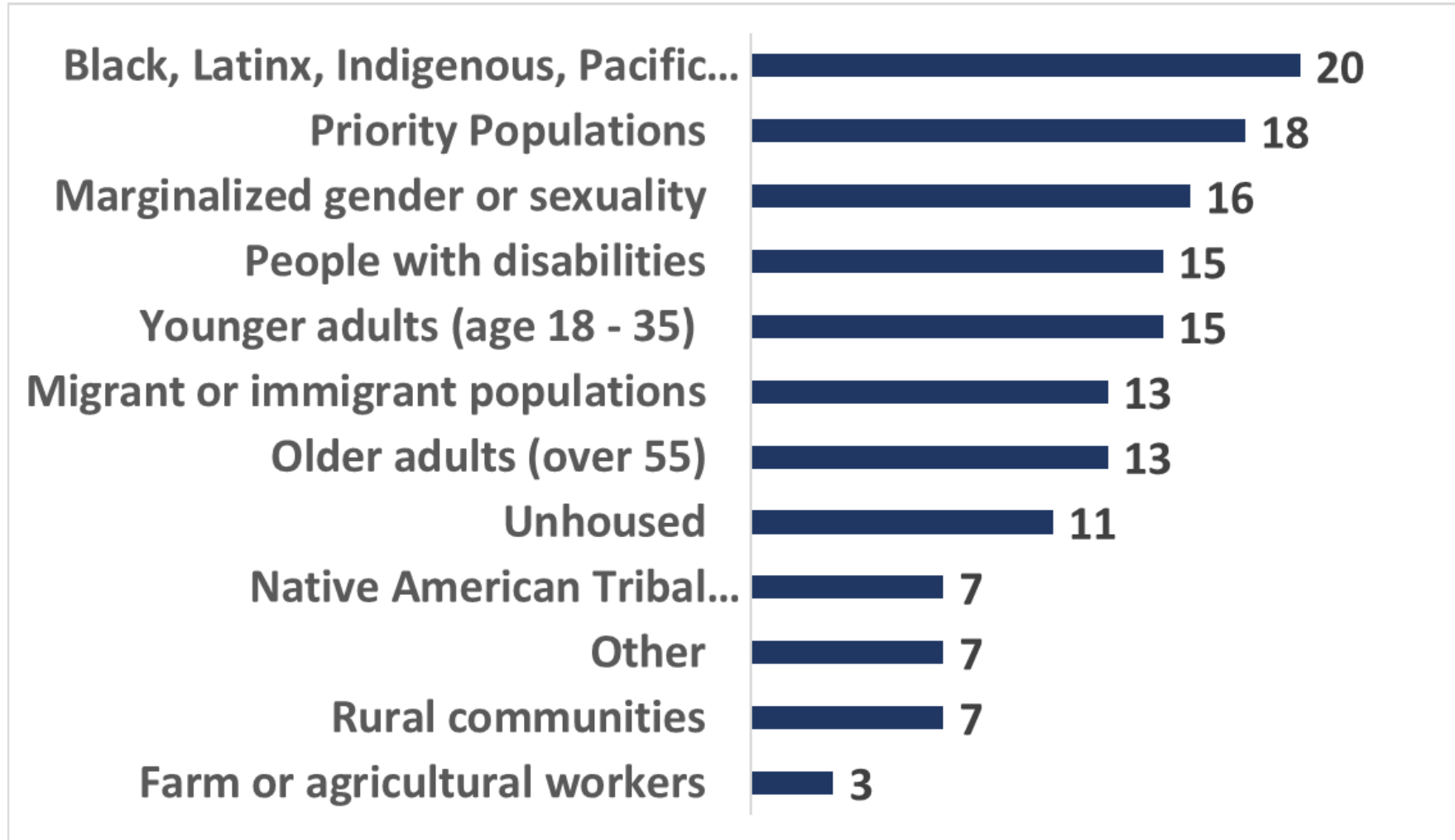
Caltrans District	Number of Applications Received
District 1	1
District 2	0
District 3	11
District 4	11
District 5	0
District 6	4
District 7	4
District 8	1
District 9	0
District 10	2
District 11	3
District 12	2

## Geographic Distribution of Applicants



# Demographic Distribution of Applicants

Candidates can either identify with these demographics or represent communities that do.



\*Demographics were self-identified by applicants

# Selection Process

- The interagency team collaborated with two external regional transportation agency staff to review applications.
  - To achieve a balanced committee, the review panel assessed applicants based on geographic, demographic, and professional or civic experience.
- 30-minute interviews were conducted with 15 top-ranked candidates
- Reference checks were conducted for top 9 candidates

# Recommended 2026-2028 EAC Member Profiles

## **Anthony Gittens**

- Public Health Strategist for US Navy
- Extensive experience in program planning, patient education, and disease prevention
- Collaborated in the creation of sustainable healthcare systems around the world, including Ukraine, Angola, Honduras, and Thailand

## **Gloria Huerta†**

- Chief Operating Officer for Miocar, a nonprofit, equity-focused, carshare in rural and underserved communities
- Partners with community stakeholders to advance climate justice, workforce development and transportation access

## **Andres Ramirez†**

- Executive Director, People for Mobility Justice
- Member of Metro Policy Advisory Council

## **Michelle Rousey†**

- Aging and Disability Advocate
- Has served on East Bay Paratransit Advisory Committee and Disability Aging Community Living Advisory Committee

# Geographic Distribution of Members



**District 1 (Eureka):** Peggy Martinez

**District 2 (Redding):** Keri Akemi-Hernandez\*

**District 3 (Marysville/Sacramento):** David Azevedo, **Gloria Huerta\***

**District 4 (Bay Area/Oakland):** Keri Akemi-Hernandez\*, **Gloria Huerta\***, **Michelle Rousey**, Florence Simon, Howard Wong

**District 5 (San Luis Obispo/Santa Barbara):** **Gloria Huerta\***

**District 6 (Fresno/Bakersfield):** Lisa Marie Alvarado, **Gloria Huerta\***

**District 7 (Los Angeles/Ventura):** **Anthony Gittens\***, Naomi Iwasaki, **Andres Ramirez**

**District 8 (San Bernardino/Riverside):** **Anthony Gittens\***, Ana Gonzalez

**District 9 (Bishop):** No applications received

**District 10 (Stockton):** Martha Armas-Kelly, **Gloria Huerta\***

**District 11 (San Diego):** Randy Torres-Van Vleck, Pualani Vazquez

**District 12 (Orange):** **Anthony Gittens\***

\* Represents multiple Districts