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**GO VIRGINIA REGIONAL 9 COUNCIL IS SEEKING BUSINESS LEADER NOMINATIONS**

The GO Virginia Regional 9 Council (Council) is seeking nominations of business leaders to serve on the Council. Nominations are due by Friday, May 15, 2020.

The Region 9 Council is part of Virginia's Initiative for Growth & Opportunity in each Region, referred to as GO Virginia. The Council is responsible for prioritizing and advancing collaborative economic development opportunities identified in the 2019 Region 9 Growth & Opportunity Plan Update by awarding grants. Awarded projects must promote targeted industry growth and create high-paying jobs.

The Council Nominating Committee is requesting nominations of business leaders from regional localities including the Counties of Albemarle, Culpeper, Fauquier, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, Orange, and Rappahannock, and the City of Charlottesville.

The Regional Council must have a majority of private sector members. Business leaders with expertise in Talent Development, Business Ready Site Development, Entrepreneurship, and Growing Existing Businesses or expertise in targeted markets including Light Manufacturing, Food & Beverage Manufacturing, Information Technology, Biotech, and Financial and Business Services are sought in order to support regional growth.

Nominations are being accepted for At-Large Private Sector Member Seats and Chamber of Commerce Nominated Seats and terms would begin July 1, 2020.

Nominations for leaders representing diverse, minority or underserved communities are encouraged.

For information or to download Nomination Packets go to [www.GOVirginia9.org](http://www.GOVirginia9.org).

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