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

The GO Virginia Region 9 Council (Council) is seeking nominations of business leaders to serve on the Council. Nominations are due by May 15, 2021.

The Council is one of nine regional councils formed to advance 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. Through June 2022 grants are also available for economic recovery and resiliency from the economic impact of Covid-19.

The Council Nominating Committee is seeking nominations of experienced business leaders from localities in the Region 9 footprint including: the Counties of Albemarle, Culpeper, Fauquier, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, Orange, and Rappahannock, and the City of Charlottesville.

The Council must have a private sector member majority. Business leaders with expertise in Talent Development, Business Ready Site Development, Entrepreneurship Ecosystems, and Growing Existing Businesses or expertise in target sectors including 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 one At-Large Private Sector Member seat and one Chamber of Commerce Nominated Seat. Terms are for three years and service would begin July 1, 2021.

Nominations for leaders representing diverse or underserved communities are encouraged.

For details or to download nomination forms go to [www.GOVirginia9.org](http://www.GOVirginia9.org).

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